

# RESIDENT LED INFRASTRUCTURE RISK REDUCTION MEASURES



As monsoon rains intensify across Pakistan's urban centers, **all residents are advised to take the following low-cost, practical measures** to protect their homes, communities and critical infrastructure from flooding and damage.

## Secure Household Electrical Systems

• Elevate switches, sockets, and appliances in ground floors to prevent short circuits during urban flooding.



## Apply Low-Cost Waterproofing

 Use affordable waterproof coatings or bitumen sheets on rooftops and walls, especially in informal settlements.



## Protect Water Tanks and Roof Fixtures

• Securely tie down plastic water tanks, satellite dishes, and solar panels to avoid them being blown away in storms.



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## Clean Rooftop and Street Drains

• Clear rooftops, balcony spouts and nearby street drains of plastic bags and debris to avoid rainwater backing up into homes.



### **Raise Door Thresholds Temporarily**

• Use bricks, sandbags, or cement plinths at door entrances during monsoon season to prevent rainwater intrusion.



### Install Low-Cost Sewer Backflow Valves

• Where feasible, install check valves to avoid sewage flowing back into homes during heavy rains.





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# Coordinate Community Drainage Drives

 Form small local groups to collectively clean neighborhood nullahs, culverts and lanes before the monsoon.



Build Neighborhood Sandbag Stockpiles

 Store sandbags in common spaces (like mosques or schools) for quick deployment during flash floods.



### Assess and Repair Wall Cracks

 Inspect walls, roofs and foundation for visible cracks and fill them with cement or sealants to prevent water seepage and structural weakening.



### Promote Soakage Pits and Green Corners

• In homes or mohallas with space, dig simple soakage pits or use plant-covered patches to absorb excess water.



## **Roof Bracing**

• Use jacks, timber ore bamboos to support roofs of kacha houses preventing collapse during heavy rainfall.



#### Document Household Assets

• Keep paper or mobile phone records of household items and house conditions for possible compensation or aid claims.



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