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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
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ISLAMABAD**



Subject: **Monsoon Infrastructure Advisory – Pre-disaster Phase**

1. **In 2022, Pakistan experienced devastating flood events** that caused severe damages across the country, with Punjab among the hardest-hit provinces. The region was overrun by floodwaters, severely affecting residential and public infrastructure. **In Punjab, 67,981 houses were damaged and essential transportation infrastructure was also heavily impacted, with 877 km of roads and 15 bridges either severely disrupted, damaged or destroyed.** In particular, the region of Southern Punjab such as DG Khan, Rajanpur and Muzaffargarh incurred major losses. The flood waters inundated the area, leaving millions displaced and causing an estimated \$30 billion losses nationwide. The 2022 floods highlighted the vulnerability of the region's infrastructure, **underscoring the urgent need for proactive measures to safeguard life and property for the anticipated 2025 monsoon season.**

2. **The Infrastructure Risk Atlas (2025), developed by Infrastructure Advisory and Project Development (IA&PD) wing of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA),** provides a comprehensive mapping of infrastructure vulnerabilities. It classifies residential buildings based on construction types and assesses their flood resilience. **The following map highlights the districts of Punjab that are most prone to infrastructure losses against floods.** The Infrastructure Risk Atlas supports data-driven decision-making, prioritization of resources and the planning of structural mitigation efforts.

Based on the Infrastructure Risk Atlas, following districts have been classified as **“Most at Risk”** against flood hazards:

- **Punjab:** DG Khan, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Kot Addu, Taunsa, Gujrat, Wazirabad, Gujranwala, Sheikhupura, Narowal, Sialkot, Jhang, Layyah, Rahim Yar Khan

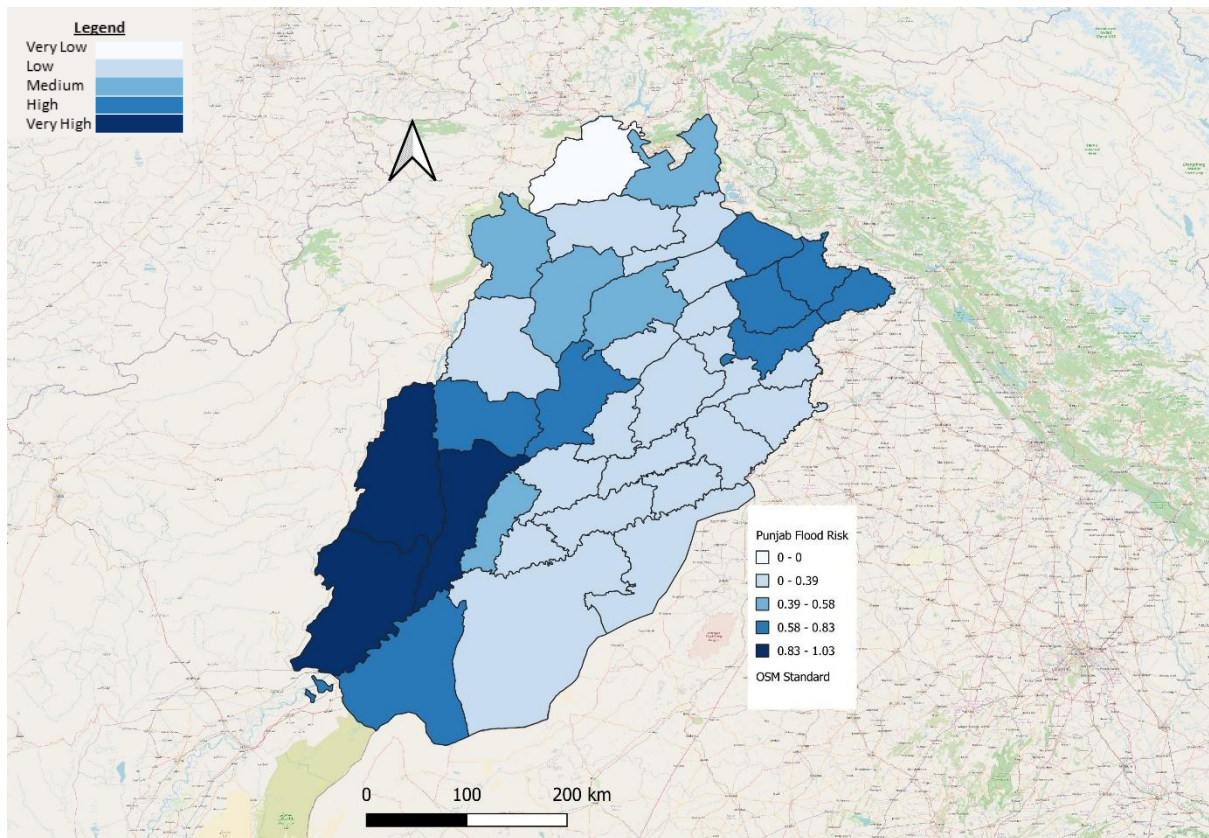


Figure 1: Risk map of Punjab highlighting districts that are most prone to infrastructure damages against floods

3. According to NDMA's assessment and projections, above-normal monsoon activity is expected in north-eastern parts of Punjab from July to September 2025, particularly during the second half of monsoon period (August), significantly increasing the risk of flood-related hazards across the province. The likelihood of urban flooding is particularly high in major cities such as Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad and Gujranwala due to inadequate drainage infrastructure and rapid urban expansion. Additionally, flash flooding poses a serious threat in the foothill regions of northern Punjab, including Murree, where

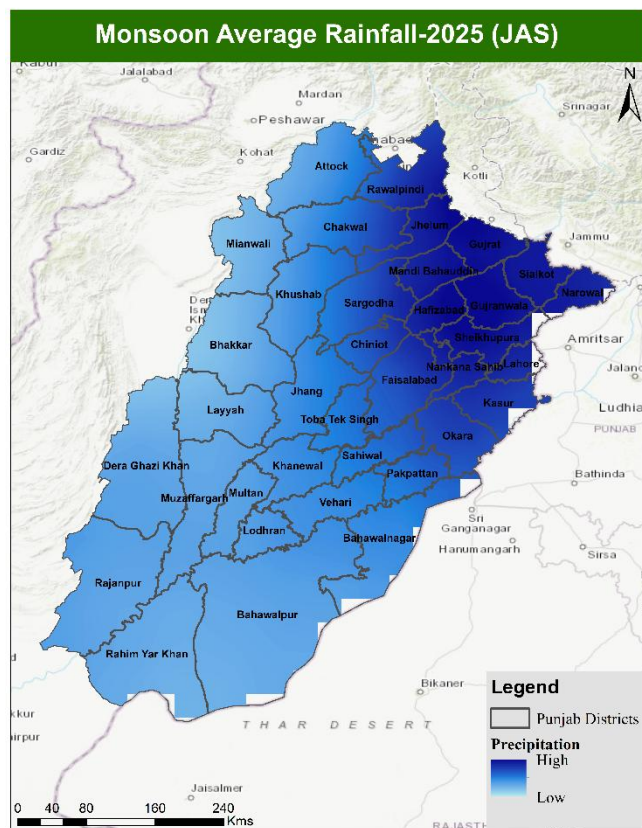


Figure 2: Monsoon 2025 Average Rainfall Projection (Source NEOC, NDMA)

intense rainfall can lead to sudden surface runoff and landslides. Furthermore, **riverine flooding along the Indus and its tributaries may affect low-lying and flood-prone districts in South Punjab, including DG Khan, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Kot Addu and Taunsa**, putting both infrastructure and communities at significant risk. **Figure 2 shows the vulnerable districts that are expected to be affected during the monsoon season**

4. To enhance resilience against future flood events, **it is strongly recommended that concerned departments should initiate Infrastructure Audits in all districts of Punjab which are classified as Most at Risk in the Fig. 1**. These audits should focus on identifying structural deficiencies in public buildings, especially those constructed by using poor quality of materials, unreinforced masonry, or poorly maintained structures. **The findings of these audits will serve as a foundation for retrofitting and reinforcement measures, enabling targeted investments to strengthen key infrastructure ahead of the monsoon season**. By prioritizing retrofitting in schools, hospitals and government offices, the risk of structural collapse and loss of life during flooding events can be significantly reduced.

5. In the light of expected situation, **following actions are to be ensured for Residential and Public Buildings** by all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments and their line departments:

- a. All DDMA's and District Administration to undertake proactive monitoring to identify the Kacha houses (Mud Houses) in their districts and the estimated residents. These structures are expected to be damaged during the flooding. Shelter provision will be required for people occupying such structures.
- b. Elevate the plinth of adobe houses with flood-resistant materials (brick or RCC fill) and reinforce roofs with bracing or metal / wooden trusses to prevent damage from rain.
- c. Apply waterproof coatings, such as bituminous or lime-cement plaster, to the external walls and flood-resistant coatings or sealants to the lower portions of the walls up to a height of 1.5 meters.
- d. Place sandbags around the outer boundary of houses to act as a temporary barrier. This helps stop floodwater from reaching the building and protects the foundation and lower walls as well.

- e. Strengthen the riverbanks using protective methods such as retaining walls, riprap and geotextile reinforcement to stop them from breaching. This helps prevent river water from spilling into nearby low-lying areas, especially in flood-prone regions of Punjab.
- f. Incorporate rainwater harvesting systems in public and residential buildings such as rooftop collection with storage tanks to reduce surface runoff and manage excess rainwater effectively during flood events.
- g. Retrofit public buildings such as schools, hospitals and offices for flood resilience by reinforcing structural elements with steel or concrete. Apply waterproof coatings, elevating critical utilities / equipment and strengthening roof structures.
- h. Incorporate diagonal bracing, shear walls or steel reinforcement for enhancing the structural integrity to prevent collapse under hydrostatic pressure or lateral loads from floodwater.

6. **The following actions are to be ensured for Communication Infrastructure** by all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments and their line departments:

- a. Conduct thorough inspections of roads, bridges and drainage systems before the monsoon season.
- b. Ensure that drainage systems are free of debris and functioning properly to prevent water accumulation on roads.
- c. Strengthen vulnerable road sections and bridges, particularly those in flood-prone areas.
- d. Establish rapid response teams equipped to handle road and bridge repairs during and after floods.
- e. Construct the emergency access tracks or bypass routes particularly in high-risk areas where the roads have higher probability of being washed away or blocked.
- f. Ensure the development of SOPs and contingency plans for re-routing the traffic in the event of road closures.
- g. Install scour protection (such as gabions, riprap, reinforced concrete aprons) at the vulnerable bridge piers and abutments to reduce erosion during high flows. Moreover, retrofitting piers and abutments with RCC jackets or erosion-resistant materials is recommended.

- h. Retrofit and anchor bridge decks to prevent displacement due to high water velocities.
- i. Protect roads in the vulnerable hilly areas of Punjab from landslides, it is advised to carry out slope stabilization through the construction of retaining walls, gabion structures, drainage improvements and the development of catch drains and check dams.
- j. All Administrative Authorities / DDMA's to ensure the cleaning of cross-drainage structures such as culverts, gutters, road drains and manholes to avoid choking and reduce surface runoff.

7. **The following actions are to be ensured for Industrial Infrastructure** by all concerned Federal Ministries / Departments, respective Provincial Governments and their line departments:

- a. Establish clear evacuation routes and protocols for all employees.
- b. Ensure that all drainage systems are clear of debris and fully operational to prevent water-logging.
- c. Elevate critical machinery and electrical installations above potential flood levels and waterproof essential equipment.
- d. Set up reliable communication systems to receive real-time flood alerts from NDMA and other meteorological agencies.
- e. Ensure the digitization and backup of critical operational records, drawings, client related data and other important documents off-site or on secure cloud platforms.
- f. Establish direct lines of communication with local disaster management authorities and emergency services.
- g. Secure hazardous waste and chemicals to prevent contamination during floods.
- h. In case of fire incidents caused by short-circuits during flooding, install automatic circuit breakers and fire extinguishers at key locations and train staff in using firefighting equipment and safe electrical shutdown procedures.
- i. Conduct a structural integrity assessment of industrial buildings before the monsoon season to identify and retrofit weak points, ensuring the facility can withstand prolonged exposure to floodwaters and heavy rainfall.

- j. The concerned departments are instructed to follow the flood alert advisories issued from time to time.
8. Forwarded for information / necessary action by all concerned, please.