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PAKISTAN: Balochistan

Joint Observatory Mission-District Sohbatpur

as of 22 Aug 2024

Situation

Sohbatpur is one of the nine districts declared as calamity hit by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) following the recent rain spell in the Baluchistan Province. Responding to the emerging situation and to assess the damages and support emergency response, on 22nd August a UN OCHA-led Observatory Mission participated by Islamic Relief, ACTED, CWW, NEEDS and TKF visited multiple villages of the flood-hit Union Councils including Manjoti, Mozai and Sihbatpur Sadar of Sohbatpur District

Key Finding

- Standing water was observed in many areas including villages, adjacent to roads and crops.
- Some families have taken refuge in tents provided by Govt and make-shift temporary shelters near their houses/villages.
- Rains/flooding has damaged community houses in affected villages, Katcha houses were found completely damaged & Pacca houses were also observed partially affected.
- Nonfunctional health facilities as well as education facilities due to standing water.
- The sources of drinking water mostly hand pumps have been contaminated/salty as revealed during discussions with communities.
- The markets were found functional and accessible to the community.
- The crops mainly rice crop has been completely damaged by the flooding.
- The communication lines and networks haven't been disturbed by the rains.
- The Govt and humanitarian actors have provided assistance including tents, ration and have arranged medical camps but the assistance hasn't been up to the needs of the flood-affected community. Furthermore, the community reported that the relief hasn't been inclusive and gender sensitive.
- Floods are undermining the resilience and psycho social well-being of children and their caregivers, leaving many experiencing distress.
- The stagnant water has resulted in skin rashes affecting mostly children.
- Proving fodder for the livestock was shared as a challenge by the community.

Immediate Needs

- De-watring of the stagnant water.
- Unconditional food assistance for the most affected and vulnerable households.
- Drinking water (tankering) and medical camps as the population is prone to contagious diseases.
- Hygiene kits along with mosquito nets should be distributed among the affected families.
- Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance as well as Cash assistance to small farmers & livestock holders for livelihoods restoration.
- Provision of temporary shelters (tents)

Balochistan Map



Losses and damages



42,203
People affected



6,029
Household damages



40,553
Acres crops area affected



212
Livestock perished

People affected by Gender

