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Chairman's Message

Pakistan has been at the forefront of comprehensively restructuring its Proactive Disaster Management System. By integrating technology and innovative approaches, Pakistan aims to bolster its resilience and preparedness. This transformation is anchored in the establishment of National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), at National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) headquarters.



Building upon the success of Pakistan Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction held last year, NDMA is now gearing up for first ever Pakistan International Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction (PIEDRR), scheduled for April 23-25. PIEDRR will serve as a global platform where participants can engage in discussions related to climate diplomacy, anticipatory actions, practical recommendations and regionalization for disaster mitigation. This collaborative effort aims to enhance resilience and contribute to a safer world.

On our part of efforts to fostering international partnerships, NDMA has actively engaged with Ambassadors and global partners. These strategic meetings have paved the way for collaboration in the field of disaster management.

I commend the proactive involvement of all stakeholders, including relevant Federal Ministries, Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, line departments, donors, and humanitarian organizations. Their collective contributions have significantly strengthened Pakistan's disaster management system and empowered communities to effectively address evolving challenges.

At NDMA, our unwavering focus remains on sustaining our achievements and further elevating our preparedness efforts, thereby reinforcing resilience of people of Pakistan.

NDMA Launches First Ever International Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction (PIEDRR-2024)

Towards a Disaster Resilient Pakistan

Expanding upon the remarkable success of the Pakistan Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction 2023, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is now poised to host first ever Pakistan International Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction (PIEDRR) 2024, which is scheduled to take place at Pak China Friendship Centre in Islamabad from April 23 to 25, 2024. The expo aims to establish a collaborative platform that brings together government representatives, researchers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations (UN) agencies, and partner countries from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The overarching goal is to drive effective global disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives.



Pakistan International Expo on Disaster Risk Reduction will feature a diverse range of activities, including capacity displays, seminars, group discussions, ignite sessions, youth competitions and simulation exercises. Through these engagements, the event seeks to facilitate knowledge sharing, mutual learning, and partnership-building. PIEDRR's mission is to strengthen global disaster risk management, foster resilience, and pave the way toward a safer and more secure future for all.

In February, NDMA dispatches three more tranches of humanitarian assistance for the people of Gaza

NDMA has taken a commendable initiative by leading and sending three tranches of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza in month of February. This effort comes in response to the ongoing aggression, siege, and attacks on Palestine, particularly Gaza. NDMA sent consignments with support of Alkhidmat Foundation which were transported through Pakistan Air Force (10 tons), commercial air (100 tons) and sea cargoes (300 tons) each respectively. The aid consists of medicine and tinned food items, winterized tents, tarpaulins, and blankets as per needs at Gaza.

So far, Pakistan has successfully delivered 630 tons of humanitarian assistance to Gaza which will be continued in future.

Pakistan remains committed to supporting the Palestinian people during difficult times, offering its solidarity and seeking a peaceful resolution.



Two-Day Training of Trainers on multi-hazards simulation exercise (SIMEX) from February 13-14, 2024 at Islamabad

NDMA's Think Tank (NIDM) conducted a two-day Training of Trainers on multi-hazards simulation exercise (SIMEX) from February 13-14, 2024, for the Directing Staff of Balochistan Civil Services Academy (BCSA) at NDMA headquarters, Islamabad. BCSA has recently integrated NDMA's SIMEX model into all its induction and promotion courses for civil servants of Balochistan.

This Training of Trainers by NDMA is a step forward in institutionalizing Disaster Management SIMEX in the civil services academies of Pakistan. Civil servants, after undergoing the Summer Contingencies SIMEX, will be better prepared to deal with disasters in their respective jurisdictions.



Chief of Staff TLF Turkish Army Visited NEOC at NDMA HeadQuarters

Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik met with Lieutenant General Levent Ergun, Chief of Staff, TLF Turkish Army at NDMA HeadQuarters. He briefed the delegation on NEOC's capabilities to deal with hazards and vulnerabilities, disaster management outlook through predictive modeling, early warning alerts and risk communication, and NDMA's role in international relief assistance and global outreach.

CGS commended NDMA's proactive approach to disaster management and the role of NEOC (National Emergencies Operation Center) to mitigate potential hazards in Pakistan. He expressed interest in exploring future possibilities of engagement and cooperation based on mutual learning and experience sharing.



STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

Letter of Agreement (LoA) signed on Feb 1st, 2024, between NDMA's Think Tank NIDM and Kohsar university Murree marks a pivotal step towards fostering collaborative efforts in disaster management, promising innovative solutions and enhanced knowledge exchange for a safer, resilient future.



H.E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan called on Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik followed by brief of newly built NEOC at NDMA Head Quarters Mr. Khazar Farhadov was briefed about the capabilities of Pakistan's new NEOC and its predictive modeling for disaster management. Chairman NDMA briefed the Ambassador on Pakistan's International Expo on DRR in April, highlighting the nation's proactive stance and use of advanced Early Warning Systems.



STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik convened a virtual meeting with Pakistan's Ambassadors to Gulf countries (KSA, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, and Bahrain), briefing them on NDMA's advanced NEOC and proactive disaster response strategies. The Ambassadors pledged full cooperation in coordinating with host countries to enhance disaster mitigation efforts through Pakistan Embassies.



Japanese Ambassador Mr. Wada Mitsuhiro visited NDMA HQs where he was briefed about NEOC capabilities including early warning, proactive preparedness, global outreach and risk communication. The NEOC demonstrated advanced techniques using mobile units, satellite technology, and modern applications for disaster-prone area monitoring.



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Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik convened a virtual meeting with Pakistan's Ambassadors to USA and Canada, briefing them on NDMA's advanced NEOC and proactive disaster response strategies. The Ambassadors assured complete cooperation in facilitating disaster mitigation efforts through Pakistan Embassies in their respective host countries.



On February 22, 2024, a pivotal meeting was convened between the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). During the session, groundbreaking advancements were unveiled in early warning systems and dashboards tailored for forest fires, water irrigation systems, and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF).



STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

NDMA conducted a briefing for International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) in Pakistan on the newly constructed National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC), highlighting its advanced capabilities in early warning systems, proactive preparedness, global engagement, and effective risk communication.



A meeting was held at the National Textile University, Faisalabad, on February 22, 2024, culminating in the signing of a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the university and NDMA, aimed at fostering collaboration in research and disaster preparedness. The agreement entails National Textile University sharing its expertise on the textile industry's response to climate change and water-saving best practices, with a focus on addressing drought and water resource management challenges in Pakistan.



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Special Session of the Board of Trustees, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) was held on Thursday, 27th February, 2024. Chairman NDMA Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik being member of the BOT virtually attended the session.



GLOBAL OUTREACH

Oxford University and CDPR organized a Zoom meeting addressing climate change challenges in Pakistan's textile industry, aiming to strategize on boosting private sector investments for sustainability. Participants explored collaboration opportunities to promote environmental stewardship and ensure the industry's economic resilience.



A meeting took place on February 21, 2024, NDMA's Think Tank NIDM with Dr. Charlotte Kandra, Director of the Ateneo Institute of Sustainability (AIS). AIS, with its ten years of experience in climate change and disaster risk reduction, is poised to join PIEDRR 24, offering expertise in floods, earthquakes, and community resilience research. This partnership signals a strategic alliance to effectively tackle environmental challenges.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

In a Zoom meeting on February 23, 2024, Dr. Nicola Tollin from the University of Southern Denmark led discussions to establish a collaborative research and training framework with NDMA. The meeting focused on cross-cultural perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches to tackle contemporary disaster challenges, emphasizing key themes such as policy analysis and technological solutions.



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