



District Lasbela (Uthal,  
Lakhara and Bela)

## Baluchistan Rain & Flash Floods - 2<sup>nd</sup> SITREP



## Situation Overview

The monsoons rains started in Pakistan from last week of June, 2022. Above normal precipitation was predicted over most parts of the country during the forecast season. Heavy rain was reported from 2<sup>nd</sup> last week of July, 2022. District Lasbela (Tahsils Uthal, Lakhara and Bela) situated on the coastal belt of Baluchistan faced a lot of damages and losses during this time. This is caused not only by monsoon rains but also by the flash floods from mountains.

Situations got worse with damage of main communication roads. District Lasbela disconnected since 5 days from Karachi after Uthal Bridge was washed out. Roads have been reported damaged from many other locations due to destruction of bridges and both the cities are not accessible by road from Quetta and Karachi. Mobile Communication is also disturbed due to network issues and unavailability of electricity from last 7 days. A map is developed by local activists showing the locations of road damages and network unviability.



Due to damage of RCD National Highway from seven different locations thousands of people with vehicles are stranded on roads. The villages are also disconnected from the district headquarters due to this. Although no major incidents of deaths have been reported till now but 7 deaths and 4 injuries were reported. Out of 7 deaths 3 deaths were reported due to drowning in hub river. Hundreds of shelters were damaged fully and partially in different villages as well as loss of 6,885 livestock were also reported. The complete damages are still unable to be reported due to communication and access issues.

The situation is getting worse as people are in need of relief services on urgent basis. This is critical due to access issues but Pakistan Army and Levis have been reported to restore the road as soon as possible and as per current update received from district administration Lasbela today the road has been open and now people can access till Tehsil Bela.

## Update by Local Youth Organization

These flash floods were sudden and unexpected at this time of the year and affected majority population, in the result three thousand families have been affected including more than 30 casualties reported from different sources however due to network problems we can't access affected places. Whereas more than hundreds have been injured, 1500 complete houses damaged, 2000 houses partially damaged and displaced as per current information. More than 10,000 people rescued by local communities from affected areas to safer places like government schools, cotton factories, BHUs and livestock also affected. Most people depend on livestock for income generation and thousands of people from Uthal and Bela tehsils their source of income. Mostly UCs of District Lasbela had huge loss of property and livelihoods.

The flood has caused further damage to existing infrastructure, and impacted road conditions, transportation, health facilities, livestock and the supply of essential medicines. Already deprived health facilities are facing acute shortages of skilled human resource. This critical situation has placed the poor

communities of affected Union Councils at risk of communicable and water borne diseases. There is a high risk of post flood disease outbreaks such as gastroenteritis, malaria, skin infections, snake bites, leishmaniasis (through sand fly bite) etc

### Losses /damages reported by PDMA Baluchistan in District Lasbela

- Due to flash floods Lunda Pull at Uthal and Gaddani pull at Hub destroyed, restoration work is in progress. Traffic at national highway suspended from last 96hrs.
- About 2200 People stuck at different areas of district.
- NDMA/CM Balochistan sent Heli support for rescue and relief activities.
- NAVY, Pak-Army, F.C, PAF, and Motorway Police are contributing
- Due to inundated situation in Districts i.e. Lasbela, Jhal Magsi, Nuskhi, Kech, Gawadar and Awaran, electric supply and telecommunication services were affected, PEOC Baluchistan is unable to coordinate with district Lasbela.

District	Causalities			Injured			House Damaged		Road (KM)	Bridge (B)	Live Stock	Agriculture/ Crops/ Solar plate	DAMS/ OVER FLOWED
	M	F	C	M	F	C	Comp	Partial					
LASBELA (29 <sup>th</sup> July)	04	01	02	-	03	01	250	650	-	-	6885	-	Hub Dam Overflowed

### Update by Administration Lasbela Regarding Response in Affected Areas

- 150 packets of food items were sent to families waiting for rescue relief on Lakhra Road
- The rescue team of Edhi Welfare Foundation and Lasbela Welfare Trust are also participating in the relief operation.
- Under the supervision of DHO Lasbela, medical facilities are being provided to flood-affected areas in DC Lasbela Iftikhar Bugti.
- Three Rapid Response Teams of the Health Department are working at Oorki Tiara and Kanki Bela Jhao Cross.
- Scabies and a few diarrhea cases have been reported in the affected areas after the floods
- The victims include women, children and the elderly, said DHO Lasbela
- In the flood, the entire village, including the Kabisak Health Unit, is severely affected
- Basic Health Unit staff are providing medical facilities in the affected area
- Medicines have been sent to the affected area through helicopters
- Four helicopters of the Pakistan Army are supporting the district administration in the rescue relief operation

### Immediate Needs

Following are the immediate needs as per currently reported situations;

- Evacuation through boats
- Cooked food
- Food (Ration) Baskets
- NFIs (Kitchen utensils, jerry cans, etc.)

- Provision of safe drinking water
- Hygiene Kits
- Essential Medicines

After the relief phase immediate needs might arise for following;

- Shelter / NFI Kits / Solar Lights
- Mosquito Nets
- Alternate Energy solutions

## About HANDS

HANDS is currently available with district office in Hub and Head office in Karachi for immediate relief and response activities. District Hub office is in continuous coordination with the district administration and community activists in Lasbela, Winder and Uthal. HANDS intends to reach the PoC's as soon as the routes are connected for travel by road.

## HANDS Emergency Response

- HANDS installed O2 water filtration units in flood affected areas of District Lasbela.
- HANDS has handed over food bags for 200 families to Sahil Welfare Organization for distribution in flood affected areas through helicopter.
- HANDS is planning to distribute food bags to 500 more flood affected families at District Lasbela
- HANDS is planning to distribute NFIs, Hygiene Kits and Shelter kits and Cash Transfer for Food, Items to 500 Flood affected families of District Pishin.

## Pictures



**Hub river bridge destroyed cutting off Karachi road access to Balochistan**





**Houses damaged in district Lasbela**



**Food support bags distribution and water filter installation in collaboration with Sahil Welfare Association of Pakistan Navy**

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