

Rapid Assessment Report - Rajanpur



Sungi's Assessment Team Rajan Pur

This document contains the Rapid Assessment report of district Rajanpur. District Rajanpur is amongst the worst flood hit districts of South Punjab. The damages and losses details are revealed in the report. The document also reflects the details of humanitarian assistance provided to the flood affected communities till August 8, 2010 by the government and non government organization in district Rajan Pur. Recommendations made by the assessment team are also the concrete part the report.

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Background

Country wide heavy rainfalls caused exceptional and outrageous floods throughout Pakistan especially south Punjab, Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa, Sindh and Balochistan. Initially it had a havoc in eastern part of Balochistan which includes Barkhan, Kohlu, Sibi, Jaffarabad and Naseerabad. The relief operations were not over yet in Balochistan when floods wiped out district Rajan pur, Layya, Muzaffargarh, D.G.Khan and Gujranwala in Panjab. Gacoch, Ghazar, Hunza Nagar in Gilgit are totally washed away by the flood. The connection between District Kohistan and Gilgit is totally blocked as the main bridges on Silk route have been broken by the flood. Silk Route is being blocked from 1st August 2010. Further torrential rains and deadly floods hit Nowshera, Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, Dir, Mangora, Balakot, and Shangla districts of Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa where routine life has come to a complete halt and the affected communities in most parts of KPK are still waiting for rescue. Initial reports reveal that more than 2.5 million people have been affected by the worst floods in Pakistan and death toll has risen to 3000 people. It's a fear that the number of deaths will rise in future. Government Authorities predicted the losses of Floods three times more than the losses faced by the nation in earth quake 2005. The government authorities, armed forces and humanitarian agencies intended to pool in their resources to respond to the disaster situation. Thus the nation is once again passing through the most horrible time of the history.

In order to facilitate the coordinated humanitarian response in the affected areas of Pakistan and play an imperative role in responding to the emergency situation Sungi Development Foundation intended to launch its humanitarian assistance with the objective of alleviate human suffering from disaster in shape of floods in Pakistan and sets its teams for the flood affected areas of Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa, South Punjab and Balochistan to conduct rapid assessment which would be helpful for the organization for further planning a comprehensive humanitarian response. The Rajan Pur assessment team reached D.G Khan on August 7, 2010 and conducted assessment in Rajan Pur on 8th of August 2010. So the details given in the report are as August 8, 2010.

Objectives of the Assessment

- To establish a good understanding of the current situation of affected areas of district Rajan Pur in result of Flood through consultations with locals, district government and humanitarian organizations working in the area.
- To assess the needs of the affected population in the result of deadly flood in the area.
- To provide clear and authentic recommendations for further launching a inclusive humanitarian response.

Methodology

The assessment methodology was designed on qualitative methods, tools and techniques to collect the authentic details for further launching a well coordinated humanitarian response. Team mainly focused on interviewing the affected communities through semi structured interviews with brief visits to the offices of local organizations working in the area, government officials, commissioner D.G Khan division, Flood control office Rajan pur and attending the general coordination meetings in D.G. Khan and Rajan Pur districts. These meetings gave the opportunity to realize the entire perspective in the area in result of disaster situation.

Assessment Tools and Techniques

Due to the panic situation in the affected areas of district Rajan Pur team wasn't able to conduct the structured interviews while team used some of the substantial tools along with meetings with all the

stakeholders including government authorities to collect the information regarding the disaster situation. Some of the techniques used by the team are as follows:

- Transect Walk & Observations
- Semi Structured Interviews

Security and Access

Security and accessibility were no challenges for conducting this assessment in the area while it has been reported that affected people started prowling of relief items in the rural areas. Commissioner D.G. Khan requested all the humanitarian agencies to avoid bringing expatriate staff in D.G. Khan Division. There re also some of the robbery cases reported in the district as the robbers from the area of Kacha also entered district Rajan Pur after the heavy flood in Kacha. Access to some of the areas like Kacha, side areas of Mithan Kot, Jampur, and the villages situated at the river bank of Indus River in Rojhan Tehsil is not possible due to the up level flood in the areas. All the roads leads to Rajan Pur districts are have been washed away by the flood and the roads are closed due to the floods. D.G Khan District is totally disconnected with the other cities of Punjab ad Pakistan except the road from Sukkar, Sindh but that road and bridges are also at stake due to super flood in Indus River.

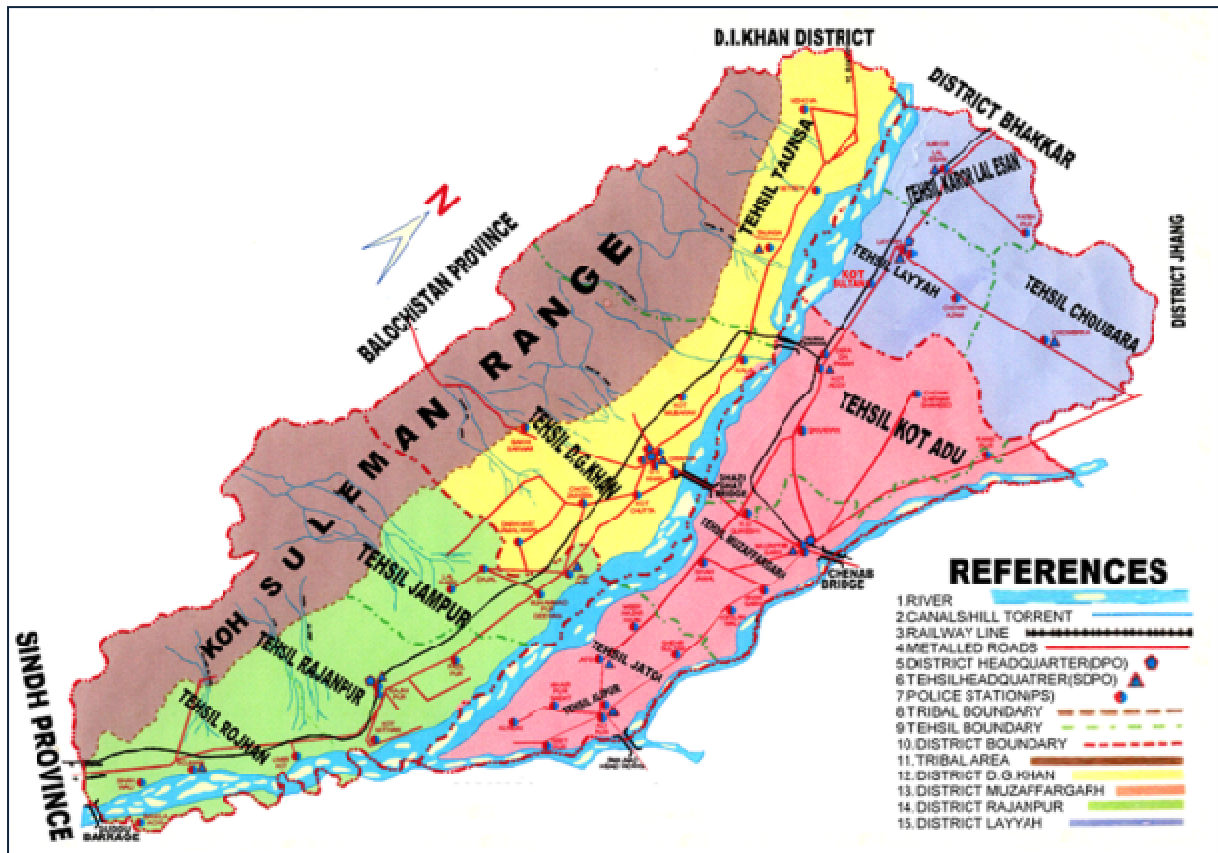
District Rajan Pur

Rajanpur derives its name from the District H.Q Town Rajanpur which was founded by Makhdom Sheikh Rajan Shah in 1731-33 A.D. This District was carved out from DG Khan District in the year 1982. The Rajanpur city is situated on the right bank of River Indus however District it self is situated on both sides of River Indus. Rajanpur District is bounded on the North by DG Khan on the East by Muzafar Garh & Rahim Year Khan Districts lying across the River Indus on the South, lies District Jaccobabad of Sindh Province while on the West are the District Dera Bughti & Barkhan of Balochistan Province. The De-Excluded area of Rajanpur District runs parallel to Suleman Mountains. It comprises 12318 square Km area. 90 persons per sqr Km is the population density of the district. There are 44 union councils in the district.

Tehsil Wise Population

Tehsil	Population	Percentage of the Total Population
Rajanpur	3,95,953	35.95%
Jampur	4,85,051	43.95%
Rojhan	2,08,563	18.90%
Tribal Area	14,051	1.29%

District Map of Rajan Pur



POPULATION

Total population of Distt: as per 1998 census is 11,03,618 urban population is 14.52% while Rural population is 85.48%

LITERACY RATE

The literacy rate of the district is 20.70%.

TOTAL AREA

Total area of the district is 19, 14,834 Acre however the irrigated area is 5, 05,851 Acre. There are 18 union councils and the 217 villages are being identified as flood prone areas. However this year the super flood hit the 85% of the area

Culture

The people follow different tradition/customs. Mostly people living in the rural areas wear Kameez & Dhoti and Urban area Kameez Shalwar. 85% people are engaged with cultivation and remaining in labor, business & employment. In marriage they follow (Rural areas) a tradition of Watta Satta, Which is a big Social evil. And there is another social evil "KALA KALI". There is a Jagirdarana system and four tribes Laghari, Mazari, Dreshak and Gurchani are ruling since long.

Areas Visited

S.No	Tehsil	Areas	Meetings	SSIs
1	Rajan Pur	Main Rajan Pur, Mithan Kot,	EDO Finance and Planning, EDO HRM, DCO Rajan Pur,	Men and women, Local Organizations, HELP Foundation, Lothraan Pilot Project (LPP), Saya Foundation, President Press Club Rajan Pur
2	Jampur	Main City	HELP Foundation, Lothraan Pilot	
3	Rojhan	Main Rojhan	Project (LPP), Saya Foundation, President Press Club Rajan Pur.	

Team also attended the general coordination meeting held at Commissioner Office D.G Khan. The organizations present in the meeting were Sungi, UN-OCHA, Unicef and IOM. The commissioner presented the disaster situation details in the meeting. All the humanitarian organizations including UN agencies just reached D.G. Khan on August 7, 2010. The organizations shared that they are in process of conducting assessments in the flood hit areas of Punjab for further planning their humanitarian response. Sungi team also shared the mandate of the organization and future plans of responding the emergency.

Key Findings

Damages due to recent Flood

It has been reported by the government authorities that 12 lac cusec flooded water from Indus River and 82000 cusec flood water affected more than 10000 mud houses and washed away agricultural crops in the catchment area causing severe damages to standing crops i.e. cotton, sugar cane and rice. The main income generating source of the communities is Agriculture and they totally depend on their Livestock and poultry while due to flood the livestock and the crops are totally being wiped out. The District Government indicated 100% damage to the standing crops and affected more than 160,000 livestock during the recent flood in the above mentioned areas of Rajanpur districts. Total affected area is 719696 acres. Total cultivated area affected by the flood is 323938 acres. Thus the flood washed away the entire district badly and caused wide spread human, infrastructural, economic, livestock damages in the area.

General Observations

Main cities of District named Jampur, Rojhan and Kotmithan are in flood. Majority of livestock affected and are at greater risk of diseases. The influx of IDPs from Rojhan, Mithankot and Jampur has been observed in high numbers.

As there's no shelter available for them and there are no proper camps for IDPs so people are living on roadside in open air with their livestock. Due to this situation there's a risk of secondary disaster in shape of diseases outbreak. There are no proper camps launched by any humanitarian agency or government authorities. Team visited some of the camps of 50 and 100 tents established by Qatar Charity but it has been observed that the component of camp management is totally lacking.



Jampur city huge influx of IDPs



People living on road sides in miserable condition, Rajan Pur

The tents are not even fetched out properly and at a proper distance. There's no proper WASH interventions made by the responders in the camps. The hygiene condition of the camps is severe and alarming. The food distribution mechanism is very poor in the camps. The affected people complained that they have been treated badly in this situation. Team observed that people used to throw breads (Chapati) from the truck among the affected communities which is the worst and poor humanitarian practice. Although government authorities and the local organizations are trying their best in responding the emergency situation but there's a great need of capacity building of government authorities and the local NGO in relief activities and humanitarian practices. The local government has no resources and capacity to overcome the flood problems. The entire administration staff is newly posted in the district. There are no sheds available for livestock as well and people are living with their livestock on road sides and banks of canals. People have no fodder for their livestock which would increase the number of livestock damages in the situation. There's no proper coordination in between the nation building departments, administration and the development agencies. There are also some rumors that the political high up and some fuddles have broken some of the river banks to save their crops and diverted the river flow. Political leaders are also not playing the supportive role in assisting the affected communities. According to the Met department the heavy rainfalls are expected during the next three days which increases the vulnerabilities of the affected communities.



Jampur Tehsil Villages have been washed away by the flood (Picture taken on August 8, 2010)

Women Issues

Rajan Pur comprises a strongly male-dominant society. Women and girls have fewest opportunities for education and there are a number of restrictions imposed on them (i.e. with regard to dress, Parda and ability to talk to any male in the camps or any outsider). Flood severely affected the women and their access to sufficient food, water and other life facilities. Women are involved in handling and rearing of livestock at household level. Moreover before disaster cotton picking was totally done by the women in the district. The trend of open defecation was the practice of the communities in the area but now due

to the standing water in the field yards up to 7 to 10 feet there's no place for people to use for that purpose. Women are the most vulnerable in this critical situation.

Details of Response

The details of the response provided by different individuals, organizations and the government authorities are as follows:

Sr.No	Relief Activities	Total in Numbers	Source of Information
01	No of relief camps	27	The source of this information is DCO Office and the district Press Club Rajan Pur.
02	Helicopter Sorties	16	
03	Fodder for Animals	35 trollies distributed	
04	Livestock treated	338380 animals	
05	Persons Treated	34436 patients	
06	Persons evacuated through boats	82025 persons	
07	Persons in relief camps	29617 persons	
08	Dry Food distributed	5656 bags	
09	Cooked Food (Daigs)	2222 Daigs	
10	Wheat Flour	2986 bags(20kg), 38308 bags(10kg)	
11	Tents	840	

Stakeholders Consulted for Data Collection

- Commissioner Office, Dera Ghazi Khan
- DCO office Rajan Pur
- EDO HRM and EDO Finance and Planning
- Press Club Rajan Pur
- Saya Foundation (Local organization)
- HELP Foundation (Local Organization)

Immediate Needs of the Affected Communities

- Food and NFIs
- Medicines and safe drinking water for more than 500,000 individuals
- Tents for more than 20,000 households
- Establishment of flood relief camps for distribution of medicines for livestock.(more than 30 camps)
- Resources for transportation and establishment of relief and health camps
- The interventions are required in the entire WASH sector

- Fodder and Wheat Straw (Toori) for livestock
- Energy dryfoods
- Shelter for housing and animals

Recommendations

After conducting the rapid assessment the recommendations for providing humanitarian assistance to the flood affected people in Rajan Pur are as follows:

Relief Activities

- Provision of Cash for Choice to the affected communities
- Provision of Shelter kits especially designed for hot weather and including mosquito nets
- Provision of Feed and Vaccination for Livestock
- Free Medical Camp
- Distribution of Kitchen Utensils Kits and Jerry Cans
- Clothes for Children
- The interventions in the entire WASH sector should be made to provide humanitarian assistance as well as minimize the future hazards as there's a critical need of this sector in camps.
- Food Distributions (Potato, onion, garlic and dry peas can also be included in the food package)

Rehabilitation Interventions

- Provision of agriculture inputs (wheat seed, vegetables, tool kits)
- Rehabilitation of irrigation channels & Water Supply Schemes
- Capacity building events for government authorities, Local NGOs and communities to enhance their skills in Disaster management
- Institutional Building Interventions
- Establishment of district Disaster Management Committees including GLAs, Media and targeted communities
- Capacity Building events for communities regarding disaster resistant construction especially focusing on flood as the entire district is the flood prone area

Picture Gallery



Railway Station Kot Mithan, Rajanpur



Arial View of Pul Pathan, Rajanpur



Meeting with HELP Foundation Mithan Kot, EDO F&P, President Press Club and LPP staff is also with the team



Entire "Sohnwa" area of district Rajanpur drowned in Flood