



F-2 (E)/2023-NDMA (Winter Hazards/ Preparedness)

Government of Pakistan**Prime Minister's Office****National Disaster Management Authority (HQ)**

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In light of winter season and associated hazards, and the start of snowfall events in mountainous areas of the country, respective disaster management stakeholders are **advised to ensure that Emergency Control Rooms are fully established** and staffed at all times, **especially in vulnerable / at-risk tourist areas** such as Murree, Galiyat, Ziarat, Naran, Kaghan, Chitral, Gilgit Baltistan, State of AJ&K or any other area, **in order to ensure timely coordination of response** against any untoward situation. In this regard, **following measures may also be ensured by all concerned** in addition to any already undertaken: -

- a. Monitoring of weather situation, forecasts and projections for at-risk / vulnerable areas.
- b. Issuance of timely alerts and warnings to at-risk / vulnerable areas through electronic and local means.
- c. Periodic checking / testing of all equipment and protocols / procedures for coordination and response.
- d. Activation of forward tourist / traveler's facilitation centres in respective regions.
- e. LEAs / Traffic Police to ensure proactive traffic control and management measures in at-risk / affected areas.
- f. Full availability / functioning of snow clearance machinery and equipment.
- g. Prioritize and ensure pre-placing of required resources for snow clearance / road restoration and stocking of food commodities of immediate need.
- h. Availability of rescue / paramedic / armed forces personnel, especially during periods of forecasted weather systems.
- i. Medical resources, paramedics, equipment and medicine be deployed as per the vulnerability / risks identified in different regions to meet respective regional requirements.
- j. Engagement of local communities at traditionally dangerous / hazard prone sites to enable round the clock monitoring and feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.
- k. Coordination with local hotel and transport associations for facilitating travelers, tourists and locals in case of emergency.

2. Forwarded for your further necessary action, please.



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