# **Disaster Response Committee (DRC):**

The committee aims to strengthen Pakistan's disaster management framework, improve coordination between federal and provincial governments, and ensure effective response to potential monsoon-related emergencies. The DRC meetings involve various stakeholders, including NDMA, PDMAs, federal ministries, and other relevant agencies.

### 1. First Meeting (July 8, 2024):

Chaired by Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ehsan Iqbal Chaudhry

#### **Key Points:**

- Establishment of the DRC as a crucial step in strengthening the national disaster management framework
- Focus on preparing for the upcoming monsoon season
- NDMA's NEOC provided projections about the monsoon season
- Emphasis on reviewing stock positions for monsoon contingencies
- Stress on the need for robust coordination among federal and provincial authorities
- Review of previous disaster response experiences to identify areas for improvement
- Instructions to provincial governments:
  a) Establish shelter spaces for livestock
  b) Take actions against encroachments to mitigate urban flooding
- Directives to relevant ministries to secure costly infrastructure (ICT, roads, communication)
- PDMAs instructed to prepare standardized response plans



## 2. Second Meeting (July 20, 2024):

Chaired by Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada

#### **Key Points:**

- Review of progress on directions given during the first DRC meeting
- Assessment of preparations by provinces and departments for Monsoon 2024
- Updates from NEOC on likely impacts of monsoon in upcoming weeks
- Briefings from NDMA, PDMAs, and other stakeholders on assigned tasks
- Chairman NDMA's directives:

a) Identify reserve deficiencies

- b) Leverage resources from local formations, departments, and humanitarian agencies
- c) PDMA Punjab and Sindh to continue surveillance of river water levels
- d) Eradicate encroachments on waterways and riverbanks
- e) Ensure readiness for potential flood emergencies
- Emphasis on securing critical infrastructure against potential threats
- Instruction to PDMAs/SDMAs to develop standardized response plans
- Highlight on the necessity of a well-coordinated approach to manage climatical hazards

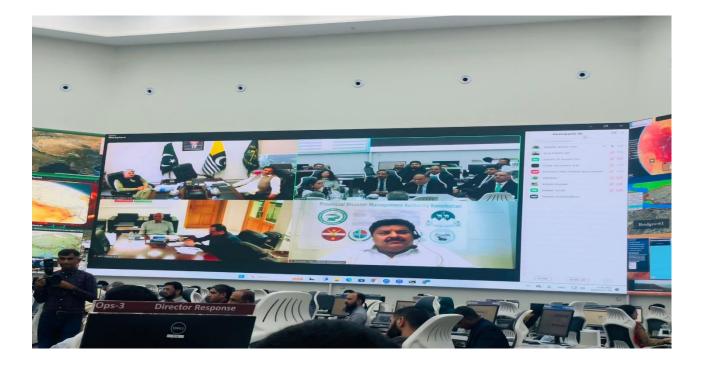


# 3. Third Meeting (July 30, 2024):

Chaired by Federal Minister for Planning & Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal

#### **Key Points:**

- Review of progress on directives issued during previous meetings
- Assessment of preparedness for Monsoon 2024
- NEOC briefing on anticipated impacts of the upcoming monsoon season
- Updates from PDMAs and stakeholders on assigned tasks
- Emphasis on the necessity of a well-coordinated approach to manage climatic hazards
- Highlight on the crucial role of Federal & Provincial Authorities in coordination with NDMA
- Minister's directives:
  a) PDMAs to arrange stockpiles, including snakebite vaccinations
  b) Conduct reinforcement regarding building codes and resilient infrastructure
- Stress on the importance of all stakeholders fulfilling their roles responsibly



### 4. Fourth Meeting (August 06, 2024):

DRC 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be chaired by Prime Minster of Pakistan on August 6, 2024, indicating the committee's commitment to ongoing oversight and coordination of disaster response efforts.

### **Common Themes Across Meetings:**

- 1. Regular monitoring of progress and addressing emerging challenges
- 2. NDMA's role as the central coordinating body
- 3. Emphasis on coordination between federal and provincial authorities
- 4. Focus on preparedness for the monsoon season and potential emergencies
- 5. Development of standardized response plans
- 6. Securing critical infrastructure
- 7. Addressing urban flooding risks and riverbank encroachments

