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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Karachi Dated: the 22nd June, 2015

To.

The Secretary,
Health Department,
Government of Sindh,
Karachi

The Additional Inspector General,
Sindh Police,
Karachi

The Secretary,
Information Department,
Government of Sindh, Karachi

The Project Director,
People's Primary Healthcare Initiatives Sindh,
Government of Sindh, Karachi

The Administrator,
Karachi Municipal Administration,
Karachi

The Deputy Inspector General,
National Highway & Motorway Police,
Karachi

The Chief Executive Officer(s)

The Director General,
Health Department,
Government of Sindh,
Hyderabad.

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- 6) Pakistan Red Crescent Karachi
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Subject: - **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL HEAT-STROKE CARE UNITS**

As you must be aware, the Sindh province is facing unprecedented heat wave. Hundreds of deaths have so far occurred in various parts of the province, the largest toll being reported in urban cities like Karachi. The wave is likely to continue for few more days.

2. The following authorities are requested to take action as mentioned below:

(i) **HEALTH AND PPHI:**

- a. To act promptly by establishing special heatstroke care units in all the health facilities in the province and activate emergency phone numbers which must immediately be shared with the PDMA, Information Department and general public as well.
- b. Awareness campaign should immediately be started on print and electronic media informing the public to use umbrella or wet towels over head and other relevant precautionary measures should be disseminated.
- c. The Ambulance kiosks at hospitals should be guided that heatstroke patients must immediately be brought to the specially equipped and designated wards / units,

(ii) **INFORMATION:**

- a. Disseminate the information to the general public regarding precautionary measures like use of umbrella and wet towels etc. during the current heatwave and the first aid methods to be adopted for heat stroke patients
- b. Inform the public to call the emergency room of the hospital for first aid instructions, if the ambulance is delayed. The numbers should be obtained from the health department and advertised widely.

(iii) **TRAFFIC POLICE AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY & MOTORWAYS POLICE:** Not to allow, in any case the people to travel on top of the public transport specially during day hours.(iv) **AMBULANCE SERVICES:** directed to attend all calls from heatstroke affected people and carry / transport such affected people to the nearest special heat-stroke unit which are established in government of Sindh hospitals. Furthermore, they should start early cooling treatment as soon as possible.

3. The Provincial Emergency Operation Center(PEOC) has been activated at PDMA for coordination. The contact numbers are as under:

PEOC:

PDMA Ops Wing:

Fax:


Email:

021-99239524, 021-99251458

0333-2633713, 0333-2261561, 0300-9371186

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4. The Secretary Local Government Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Secretary, Rehabilitation Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Commissioner(s) All
7. The Deputy Secretary(Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
8. The P.S to Minister for Rehabilitation, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
9. The P.S to Minister Health Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
10. The PS to Director General, PDMA Sindh, Karachi.