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FLOOD ALERT

Pakistan Medical Association feels distress and grief over the **complete cut off of Quetta city, the capital of Baluchistan**. There is no communication, no electricity and all sort of transportation is non-functioning because of the heavy rains from the last twelve hrs. The massive floods have inflicted devastation across large area of Pakistan since mid-June, leaving 1000 dead and injured 1343. It has affected some 30 million people. It has ruined and damaged at least 700,000 houses that made thousands of people homeless and are now living far away from their inundated villages and towns in tents, even there are many unfortunate who are miserably living without tents. More than 800,00 livestock have been killed. Some 3,000 km of roads and 129 bridges has been damaged causing obstruction to movement around flood-affected areas.

PMA request the government, NDMA and PDMAs to be prepared and vigilant **because God forbid heavy River Flooding is expected in coming days**. **PMA branches are already working at their flood affected areas they have been directed by the last Central Council meeting to enhance the flood relief activity and also requested them to organized medical camps for sick people and also provide them medicine.**

According to the information waterborne (Gastroenteritis, Cholera, Hepatitis A & E, Typhoid) and Mosquito borne diseases, gastroenteritis, skin diseases, problem of eyes (Conjunctivitis), malaria and dengue are rapidly spreading in affected areas along with these diseases patients suffering from sugar, blood pressure, heart diseases, pregnancy and rheumatic diseases are not getting any medicine and treatment. We request PMA branches, our sister organizations, philanthropists, and the government to provide them medicines and other health facilities. It is difficult to reach the affectees due to damaged roads and bridges so we request government to provide boats for the relief activities. Everybody should come forward and put his efforts to help the people in this national emergency.

We request **Pharmaceuticals companies particularly to donate us medicines**, for above mentioned diseases, urgently at PMA House Karachi or can directly provide it to our branches located in different cities of Pakistan. Companies contact us on the given numbers. We have **established a Flood Relief Center at PMA House Karachi.**

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PMA requests all the political parties to suspend their political activities and help the people suffering from the disaster and should visit the affected areas.

Media is playing its vital role; we request electronic media to emphasize on covering the plight and harms of the miserable people facing the flood disaster. Talk Shows should be held on flood devastation.

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