

Provincial Disaster Management Authority

Press Release

Peshawar (): Revamping of Provincial Emergency Operation Center and Establishment of MIS section—an ADP scheme of Provincial Disaster Management Authority Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was inaugurated on 04.05.2017 at PDMA office. The Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Pervez Khattak was the chief guest on the occasion among the other dignitaries Chief secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Abid Saeed also grace the occasion. The inaugurated component consists of establishment of control room in the Commissioner Peshawar's office and revamping of PDMA's PEOC. Establishment of similar control rooms in the remaining 06 Divisional Headquarters is also a part of the same project and will be completed shortly. Secretary Relief and DG PDMA gave the CM a quick round of the provincial emergency operation center and briefed him on the project. The Honorable CM was given demonstration on connectivity between PDMA KP and National Disaster Management Authority office Islamabad via video-link.

The Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) was established in the year 2012 with the support of UNDP, Govt of Japan and European Commission. The Operation center is now being revamped with the KP government's own resources in order to further strengthen response, relief and coordination mechanism among the stakeholders and to enable it to respond better to the ever growing needs of Disaster Management and its reduction. The PEOC is being upgraded as a hub of coordination and also a call center for timely response in times of Natural calamities and man-made disasters. The short code 1700 has been installed for quick response during emergency situation and for grievance redressal to ensure immediate Relief to the affected population.. Under the same project, Corporate SMS service has been acquired from Telenor

having working with PDMA KP to improve early warning system and quick information dissemination in order to mitigate the impact of disasters. All the districts are connected to PEOC and it plays the role of a bridge-- connecting the Provincial Govt with line departments. Disaster Management Information System has been developed and implemented for real time data gathering and analytical report generation. Besides, the project will provide the much needed logistic support in the form of office spaces and allied facilities to the upcoming HR specialists in the field of GIS, MIS, fiber optic based communication experts and satellite communication experts.

This project will also enable PDMA to install Early Warning Systems in coordination with Metrological Department on different source tributary points of rivers in the northern Pakhtunkhwa. It will disseminate live streams of water levels and rain precipitation information in real times and will warn about flash flooding. The Digital Elevation models and satellite imagery will enable decision makers to plan effectively for risk mitigation. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) will be implemented to integrate all the sections of PDMA and a centralized database will be established for data sharing.

The Honorable Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of Relief, Rehabilitation and Settlement Department and Provincial Disaster Management Authority and promised continued support of the provincial government in order to make KP disaster resilient.