Pakistani Tropical Cyclone Biparjoy
Situation Report #1
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SITUATION UPDATE

Cyclone Biparjoy made landfall at approximately 7 p.m. local time on Thursday, June 15, between Karachi, Pakistan, and Mandvi in Gujarat, India. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the storm has been categorized as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (Category 3). The maximum speed of sustained surface wind is 111 km/h, rising to 139 km/h around the center of the system.

Landfall generated a surge storm of about 2 to 3 meters at the coastal belt, which is likely to inundate low-lying areas and settlements. The government of Pakistan has established 75 relief camps in the districts of Badin, Kemari, Korangi, Malir, Sujawal and Thatta. More than 65,000 people already have been relocated or evacuated, either to camps or to public buildings, with plans to evacuate up to 100,000 people.

The Ministry of Climate Change, NDMA and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority for Sindh are leading preparedness efforts, with relevant government institutions, Army/Navy, Rescue 1122, Pakistan Meteorological Department sharing daily briefings with the humanitarian community. The sectors have completed stock mapping and are on standby for any required support needed in the event of a post-landfall emergency.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps, with support from the District Health Department of Hyderabad, Sindh, are responding to the needs of displaced people by providing medical assistance in relief camps established in Sajawal district, in Sindh province. We have deployed two mobile medical teams to the relief camps, with each team consisting of a doctor, a lady health visitor, a pharmacist, a community mobiliser and two facility assistants.

Our medical teams are providing consultations and essential medicines for a range of conditions, including lacerations, blunt trauma and puncture wounds, diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, malaria, skin and eye infections, and snake bites. The mobile medical teams have been equipped with one week’s worth of medical stock.

International Medical Corps’ mobile medical team in Chach Jehan Khan village has already provided consultations and dispensed medicine to 180 displaced people. We have also donated a number of essential medical supplies to the Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments’ cyclone response efforts.

Fast Facts

- Heavy rain and destructive winds hit Pakistan and India as cyclone Biparjoy made landfall.
- More than 65,000 people have been evacuated in Sindh province, with 75 relief camps established by the government.
- International Medical Corps has deployed two mobile medical teams to serve displaced and evacuated communities, and is working closely with government agencies and local authorities to help people in need.

An International Medical Corps mobile medical team delivers medicine to a relief camp established for evacuated and displaced communities.