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Press Release

Pakistan to Launch National Reconstruction Plan for Flood Affected Areas

Pakistan will launch a National Reconstruction Plan to rehabilitate and reconstruct the flood affected areas in transparent and efficient manner based upon the national priorities and consensus of stakeholders. Pakistan has constituted a National Oversight Disaster Management Council (NODMC) to ensure transparency, accountability and equity in distribution of relief aid to the flood victims.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan while addressing the members of the NODMC in its first meeting held in Islamabad on last Friday(24th Sept, 2010) assured them the fullest support of the Government in discharge of their duties and said that the foremost priority of the government is to rehabilitate and reconstruct the flood affected areas and enable the affected people to restart their livelihood in a transparent, equitable and efficient manner.

The NODMC has also been mandated to set up a system of accountability and monitoring to alienate the concerns of opinion leaders and donors regarding judicious and equitable distribution of aid to flood victims.

Additional measures set in place to ensure transparency and accountability in distribution of aid includes, scrutinizing aid distributing institutions by the existing system of accountability enforced by the Auditor General of Pakistan and Public Account Committee of the National Assembly headed by the leader of the opposition, the media and opinion leaders, besides, placing the entire information on the public domain through a website.

Government of Pakistan has also decided to pay financial compensation of Rs. 20,000 per household as a first installment to enable them to reconstruct their destroyed / damaged houses and will immediately launch a program for revival of the agriculture activities in the flood affected areas to restore the livelihood of the flood victims.

The government was also planning to finance the reconstruction and rehabilitation activities out of its own resources, as far as possible, by reprioritizing the budgetary allocations, redirecting the resources, by saving wherever possible and, mobilizing the additional tax revenues to fund the reconstruction phase.

The 2nd appeal launched by the United Nation for the flood victims in Pakistan was receiving a positive response from International Community. The United Nation is also committed for extending the relief and recovery phase for the next several months but still there are millions of people who are shelter-less and food-less and will needs to be looked after.

World Bank and Asian Development Bank is likely to finalize their reports on Damage Need Assessment by next month which will provide a credible basis for reconstruction planning and mobilization support of the international community.

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