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Drought Affected Areas of District Tharparkar

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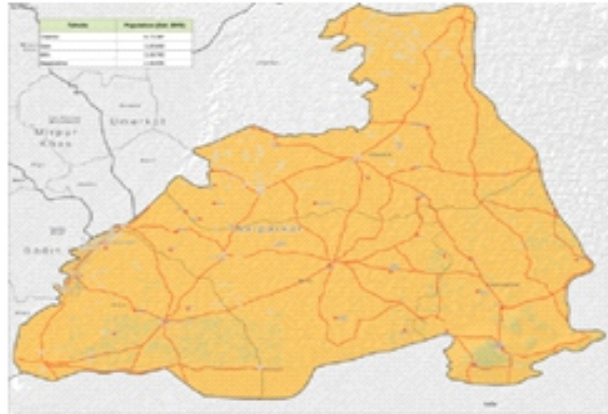
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Background:

Tharparkar District lies in 69° 3' 35" to 71° 7' 47" east longitudes and 24° 9' 35" to 25° 43' 6" north latitudes. The district consists of 6 Talukas 44 Union Councils. The district is mostly desert-like and comprises of barren tracts of sand dunes covered with thorny shrubs. Since the district is a desert, sweet water is scarce and is available only in some areas of Nagarparkar and Chachro while, in rest of the areas, people consume brackish water.



Map source: <http://immap.org/files/maps/419.jpg>

Current Situation:

Tharparkar is facing intense drought situation which has affected livelihood, livestock and population of the district. Federal and Provincial Governments have declared Tharparkar district as a Calamity hit district. According to Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh, till now March 18, 2014 total 168 persons have died; male 44, female 24, children 100. Total 43192 cattle have affected and 2042 have died. World Health Organisation (WHO) reported non-provision of health facilities as core reason of deaths in famine-hit Tharparkar.



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NRDP conducted the rapid assessment through focus group discussions (FGDs), field visits and meetings with affected communities & other stakeholders to examine the extent of the famine-like situation in Tharparkar after severe droughts. In light of severity of the situation NRDP launched a coordinated emergency response in March 2014 to respond the immediate needs of the drought affected communities.

a. Medical Camps:

NRDP organizing health camps in the affected areas of Tharparkar. The mobile health team comprising of male & female doctors with qualified paramedical staff provided todate medical aid to 862 patients in Taluka Diplo.



Table:1

Male above 18 Years	Female above 18 Years	Boys under 18 Years	Girls under 18 Years	Antenatal	Postnatal	No. of Referral Cases	Counseling Cases Men	Counseling Cases Women	Total Patients Beneficiaries
165	271	168	200	21	0	0	12	25	862

b. Health/ Hygiene and Malnutrition Promotion:

NRDP is organizing health / hygiene and malnutrition promotional sessions in the most affected villages of Taluka Diplo. The primary objective of these sessions is to sanitize the drought affected communities in Thar. Totade 196 community members sensitized and educated.

Table:2

Men	Women	Children	Total
57	108	31	196

c. Animal Health Services and Community Awareness:

NRDP team comprising 2 male vatnory doctors providing animal health services in the drought affected areas in tharparkar. The team is organizing broader community awareness on animal disease prevention and cure. So far 329 animals have examined and vaccinated (157 sheeps, 52 Goats, 108 cows and 12 camels). In animals diseases like sheep-pox, foot & mouth disease, peste des petits ruminants(PPR) and anthrax are very common.

Table:3

Sheeps	Goats	Cows	Camels	Total
157	52	108	12	329

