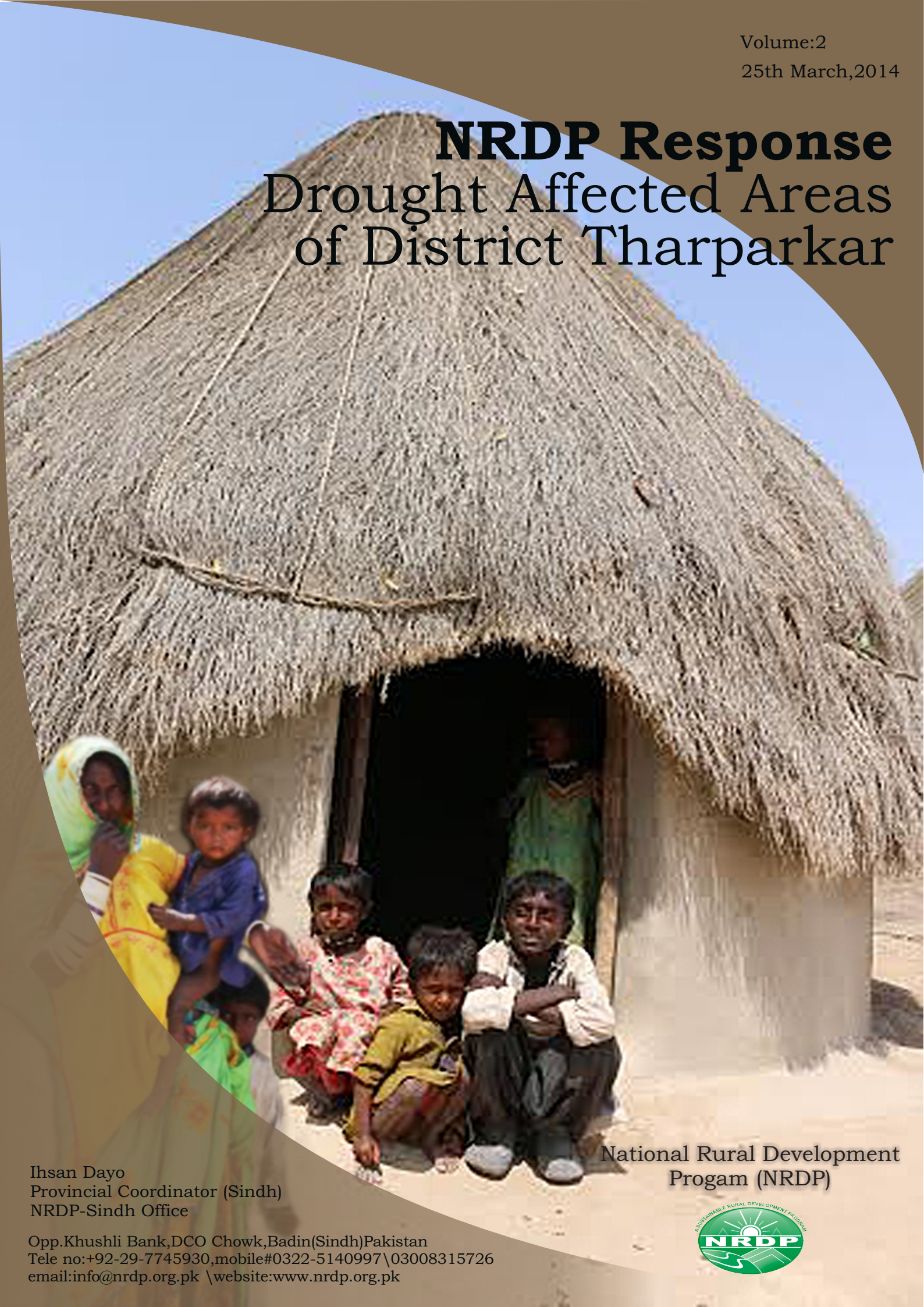


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# **NRDP Response** Drought Affected Areas of District Tharparkar



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# NRDP Response

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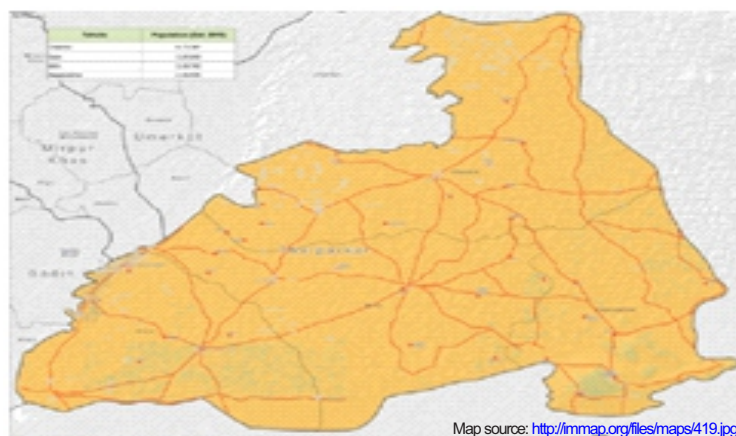
### Background:

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 and 166 Mouzas. 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.

### Current Situation:

The situation is still disturbing in the drought affected Tharparkar as more children are hospitalized due to malnutrition. Hospitals are overburdened, humanitarian partners are engaged in relief and health activities. Reports from the field teams show that the situation is still alarming in the areas. Issues regarding malnutrition and animal health are still prevailing. Mother and child health situation is still intense.

According to Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh, till now March 24, 2014 total 188 persons have died; male 49, female 30, children 109. 66229 cattle have affected and 2044 have perished.



### NRDP Response

NRDP Disaster Preparedness and Management (DPM) teams are engaged in the relief activities in the famine-hit areas of district Tharparkar. So far NRDP has provided MNCH services to 1294 drought affected families, 844 affected animals vaccinated, 135 families provided with dry food and rations, 150 people sensitized through health and hygiene sessions, 105 people educated on livestock management skills with the support of Niamat trust.



### A). Medical Camps :

NRDP organized health camps in the affected areas of Tharparkar. The mobile health team comprising of male & female doctors with qualified paramedical staff provided medical aid to 1294 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		Total Patients Beneficiaries
							Men	Women	
240	389	275	297	29	0	0	16	48	1294



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### Major Diseases Identified

S. #	Name of Diseases	No. of Patients
1	Diarrhea	159
2	Cholera	40
3	Typhoid	177
4	Malaria	104
5	Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI)	184
6	Hypertension (HTN)	48
7	APD (Acid Peptic Disease)	133
8	Scabies	78
9	Anemic	92
10	Others (Body Ache, flu, chronic diseases)	186
11	Counseling	64
12	Antenatal	29
13	Postnatal	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1294</b>



### 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. To date 150 community members sensitized and educated.

Men	Women	Children	Total
17	103	17	150

### C). Animal Health Services and Community Awareness on livestock management:

NRDP team comprising 2 male veterinary doctors providing animal health services in the drought affected areas of district Tharparkar. So far 844 animals have examined and vaccinated (290 sheep, 397 Goats, 243 cows and 13 camels). The team is organizing broader community awareness on animal disease prevention and cure. In animals diseases like sheep-pox, foot & mouth disease, peste des petits ruminants (PPR) and anthrax are very common. Total 105 people were awarded on proper livestock management.



Sheep	Goats	Cows	Camels	Total
290	397	243	13	844

### D). Food Distribution:

NRDP field team conducted detail assessment for the distribution food packs to the most vulnerable families. NRDP distributed food packs to 135 families with the support of Naimat Trust having proportion of 45 men & 90 women beneficiaries.

Men	Women	Total
45	90	135

