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# Floods in Pakistan

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## **About SDPI**

SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

## **Mission**

To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

## **Vision**

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

## **About Newsletter**

*To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Weekly E-Newsletter on*  
***“Floods in Pakistan”***

*It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point

## **Subjects Covered**

- Aid for Flood Victims
- Disaster Management
- Flood Articles
- National Disaster
- Rehabilitation
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## Floods in Pakistan

### Aid for Flood Victims

#### **Flood affectees will start receiving money from Feb 8, says Sindh CS**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-01

KARACHI-Sindh Chief Secretary Dr Muhammad Sohail Rajput said on Tuesday that the flood affectees will start receiving money from February 8 for the construction of houses. This he said in a workshop organised by Sindh People's Housing Foundation (SPHF) in Karachi regarding construction of houses for flood affectees. World Bank Senior Social Development Specialist Kamran Akbar, CEO Sindh Peo..... [more >>](#)

### Flood Funds

#### **Committee discusses timely utilisation of \$10.9bn pledges**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-02

ISLAMABAD: The government on Tuesday assured the international community to keep a robust check on \$10.92 billion pledges made for flood-related resilience recovery and rehabilitation in the country and ensure transparent utilisation through a third-party audit. At the first meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee (PSC) on Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework (4RF)..... [more >>](#)

### Rehabilitation

#### **Can Pakistan break the flood destruction cycle?**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-03

NEARLY five months after floodwaters swept away his general store, Muhammad Fazal is rebuilding his shop on taller, sturdier foundations in the hope that he will be better prepared the next time floods hit his village. The 28-year-old who borrowed money for the reconstruction work from a nonprofit, counts himself among the lucky ones, despite his 400,000 rupee loss. "I've raised the ..... [more >>](#)

#### **Can Pakistan break cycle of destruction in flood rebuilding?**

Source: [Waqar Mustafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-03

It is nearly five months since floodwaters swept away Muhammad Fazal's general store in southern Pakistan. Today, he is rebuilding his shop on taller, sturdier foundations - hopeful he will be better prepared the next time floods hit his village. Fazal, 28, who borrowed the money for the construction work from a nonprofit organisation, counts himself among the lucky ones - despite his 4..... [more >>](#)

### Storm / Floods

#### **Saudi aid agency to distribute relief items among flood victims**

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-03

ISLAMABAD: King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief) has launched a project to distribute 25,000 non-food items (NFI) kits and 25,000 winter relief kits weighing approximately 3,965 tonnes among the flood victims across Pakistan. The relief assistance will serve 350,000 individuals who are in dire need of the help. According to the Saudi mission in Islamabad, due to critical situa..... [more >>](#)

#### **Over 1,000 rural women from flood-hit areas showcase their handicrafts at Clifton show**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-04

KARACHI: Over 1,000 women artisans from parts of Sindh that have been devastated by the recent catastrophic floods

have been granted the opportunity to showcase their creative skills at a three-day handicraft exhibition at a shopping mall in Clifton. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari accompanied by Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho and Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah inaugurated t..... [more >>](#)

### **KSA launches relief programme for flood victims**

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia that has been at the forefront for aiding the calamity-hit Pakistan on Sunday announced yet another gigantic relief programme for the flood victims under the auspices of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre. It has started a project to provide shelter materials to the most vulnerable and flood-affected families. The launching ceremony of the project was attended ..... [more >>](#)

## **SDPI's Engagement & Publications**

### **Event News**

#### **NAB, SDPI sign MoU to expand cooperation**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD - The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) have signed an important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two organizations. The MoU was signed by Deputy Chairman NAB, Mr. Zahir Shah and Executive Director, SDPI, Dr. Abdul Qaiyum Sulehri at NAB headquarters in Islamabad. The MoU aims to "es..... [more >>](#)

#### **Businessmen for direct trade with India**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-01

Islamabad: Kashif Anwar, President of Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, has said that at a time when the national market lacks alternative raw materials for industries, it is very important to re-initiate direct trade with India to reduce cost of imports from India arriving via Dubai. Mr Anwar was speaking at a webinar on "Challenges facing Pakistan's economy - private sector&..... [more >>](#)

#### **'Pakistan second largest domestic market for plastics'**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-02

Islamabad: Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has said that Pakistan is the second largest domestic market for plastic with very limited recycling potential of 18% and only 3% plastic is recycled in Pakistan. Ms Andersen was delivering a distinguished guest lecture on "Environmental governance in addressing plastic pollution and the role of CSOs..... [more >>](#)

#### **Only 3pc of plastic is recycled in Pakistan: UNEP head**

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-02

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#### **300 mln tonnes plastic ends up in global waste basket every year: UNEP Official**

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD, Feb 1 (APP): Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen on Wednesday said each year 400 million tonnes of plastic products were generated out of which 300 million tonnes ended up in the global wastebasket recklessly, creating a big hazard for the environment. She was delivering a lecture on 'Environmental governance in addressing plastic..... [more >>](#)

### **UNEP official calls upon civil society to play role in reducing plastic wast**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-02

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### **Strict legislative measures crucial to reduce the plastic waste in the environment, say experts**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD, Feb 01 (SABAH): The 7 billion tons of plastic from the aggregate 9 billion tons produced since 1950's is still circulating in the environment in various forms, in landfills, dumps and aquatic bodies making it one of the most pertinent cotemporary challenges, said Ambassador (Retd) Dr. Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute. He ..... [more >>](#)

### **300m tons of plastic ends up in global waste basket every year**

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-02-02

Each year, around 400 million tons of plastic products are generated in Pakistan and out of that 300 million tons end up in global waste basket recklessly, creating a big hazard for the environment. Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen said this while delivering a 'distinguished guest lecture' on 'Environmental governance in addressin..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Faizan Hashmi](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-01

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### **Govt Working To Issue Energy Bonds For Tech Upgradation In Industry: NEECA Chief**

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-03

ISLAMABAD, Feb 3 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 3rd Feb 2023): Managing Director of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA), Dr Sardar Mohazzam on Friday said the government was contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds for the technological upgradation in the industries. He was addressing a public-private dialogue on 'D..... [more >>](#)

### Govt May Issue Energy Conservation Bonds to Encourage Upgradation in Industries

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2023-02-03

The government is contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds to encourage technological upgradation in the industries, Dr. Sardar Mohazzam, the Managing Director of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) said Friday while speaking at a public-private dialogue. The dialogue on "Decarbonizing Pakistan Cement Sector: Pathways t..... [more >>](#)

### Govt working to issue energy bonds for tech upgradation

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-04

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### Govt working to issue energy bonds for tech upgradation in industry: NEECA chief Experts call for shifting to green cement for emission reduction

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### 'Energy consumed by cement sector generates 45pc emissions'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-05

Islamabad: The government is contemplating to release energy saving certificates and energy conservation bonds to encourage technological upgradation in the industries, said Dr Sardar Mohazzam, the Managing Director of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA). Dr Mohazzam was addressing public-private dialogue on 'Decarbonising Pakistan cement sector: pathways to lever..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan considers issuing energy bonds for tech up-gradation in industry: official

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2023-02-04

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 4 (Xinhua) -- The Pakistani government is contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds to encourage technological up-gradation in industry, a Pakistani official said. Sardar Mohazzam, managing director of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority of Pakistan, made the remarks during a seminar on decarbonizing the cement sector or..... [more >>](#)

### For Tech Advancement, Govt Working To Issue Energy Bonds

Source: [Abdul Ahad](#), [Technology Times](#), 2023-02-04

Dr. Sardar Mohazzam, the managing director of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA), said on Friday that the government was thinking about issuing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds for the modernization of industrial technology. He was speaking at a public-private discussion titled "Decarbonizing Pakistan's Cement Sector: Pathways to L..... [more >>](#)

### Govt working to issue energy bonds for tech up-gradation: NEECA chief

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-02-03

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### Experts For 70% Tax Increase On Tobacco

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 6th Feb, 2023 ) :Experts at webinar titled "Tobacco Taxation: Nostrum to the Ailing Economy" on Monday called upon the government to increase tax on tobacco products by 70

percent of their retail price which was crucial to increase revenues in the face of an ailing economy. The webinar was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institut..... [more >>](#)

#### **Experts for 70% increase in tax on tobacco products**

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD, Feb 06 (APP): The experts at a webinar called upon the government to increase tax on tobacco products by 70% of their retail price, which is what they say are crucial to increase revenues in the face of the ailing economy. The webinar on “Tobacco Taxation: Nostrum to the Ailing Economy” was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Monday, a news ..... [more >>](#)

#### **Experts for 70% tax increased**

Source: [F.P. Report](#), [The Frontier Post](#), 2023-02-07

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#### **Experts at a webinar organized by SDPI for 70% increase in tax on tobacco products**

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#### **Official: Pakistan considering issuing energy bonds for tech up-gradation**

Source: [Monitoring Report](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2023-02-06

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## SDPI Articles

#### **Lender of everyone's resort**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-04

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#### **IMF: The lender of everyone's resort**

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## SDPI's Related News

**Experts urge revolutionary economic measures to avert default**

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2023-02-04

Islamabad – Speaking at a webinar on Saturday, the economists warned of historic hard-times ahead for Pakistan even after the bailout package agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that is likely to be approved by the coming week. It would be a milestone that would pave the way for the release of an additional \$1.2 billion in loans and unlock more funding from the IMF and other..... [more >>](#)

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