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Government of Pakistan
National Disaster Management Authority
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Subject: **GUIDELINES FOR TOURISTS / TRAVELLERS FOR WINTERS 2022-23**

Reference: NDMA letter No. No. F.2 (E)/2022-NDMA (MW/ Winters Gen-1) dated 1 November 2022.

Considering the past experiences / practices, winter season 2022/23, which will last till February 2023, is expected to attract a large number of tourists to popular tourist destinations such as; Murree, Galiyat, Abbottabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Naran, Kaghan and other Northern Areas. Hence, there is a dire need to adopt pro-active measures apart from fore-warning / guidance against likely developing situation and accordingly to take requisite precautionary measures. Following guidelines are shared for wide dissemination / compliance: -

a. **Travelers / Tourists**

- (1) Regularly check weather forecast for planned destination(s) on Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) and NDMA's website for updated weather information.
- (2) Check NDMA's web portal and social media handles (Twitter and Instagram) for remaining updated on developing situation.
- (3) Also check / consult websites of respective PDMA / GBDMA / SDMA for area / region specific alerts / advisories.
- (4) Before departing, check with National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) on their website or helpline for the status / road condition of intended route.
- (5) Carry basic travel necessities i.e. drinking water and enough snacks / food (especially dry food items) which can suffice for basic needs of all accompanying travelers for a period of at least 24 hours.
- (6) Ensure carrying specific medicine for any ailment / sickness a fellow passenger suffers from and requires medicine on regular basis.
- (7) Check requirement of anti-skid / tire chains and coordinate its availability in case of need.
- (8) Follow guidance arrangements of NH&MP, FWO and traffic police for ensuring safety during travelling.
- (9) Ensure proper checking and maintenance of vehicle from a mechanic. Also carry a spare tire (checked and filled with required air pressure), radiator fluids and lubricants, as advised by the mechanic.

- (10) Carry enough quantity of warm clothing for all passengers to keep warm during extreme weather conditions and provide an option of changing into dry clothes, if required.
- (11) Keep passage for fresh air circulation through air conditioning mechanism or keeping a window slightly ajar.
- (12) Ensure availability of accommodation and seek prior confirmation from hotel / guestroom for reservations before departing on trip, including:-
 - (a) Prevailing situation in the area, such as, on ground impacts of current weather.
 - (b) Road condition and diversions, if any.
 - (c) Traffic flow pattern and busy / rush hours to avoid traffic jams.
 - (d) Availability of medical and health facilities, especially if any member of the family is suffering from chronic ailment / condition which may require immediate medical attention.

b. **Local Administration / Hotel Management**

- (1) Energize existing local administration/ DDMA and line department-based monitoring and reporting mechanism, especially in vulnerable areas.
- (2) Engage local communities at traditionally dangerous/ hazard prone sites to enable round the clock monitoring and feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.
- (3) Prepare general and area/ region specific awareness campaigns and ensure wide spread propagation of likely threats/ hazards.
- (4) In coordination with NHA/ FWO, local C&W and line departments to devise and pre-place appropriate machinery at vulnerable/ choke points.
- (5) Local administration to assess and plan deployment of additional resources and exercise control over vehicle movement leading to and in vicinity of vulnerable/ choke points to prevent losses/ damages and save precious lives.
- (6) Medical resources; paramedics, equipment and medicine be deployed as per the vulnerability/ risks identified in different regions to meet respective regional requirements.
- (7) Prioritize and ensure pre-placing of required resources for snow clearance/ road restoration and stocking of food commodities of immediate need.
- (8) Activate the forward tourist/ traveler's facilitation centers in respective regions.
- (9) Devise city-based snow clearance and traffic management plans especially in snow prone areas likely to face greater influx of tourists.
- (10) Coordinate with local hotel and transport associations for facilitating travels, tourists and locals in case of emergency.

- (11) LEAs along with traffic police to advise travelers regarding likely situations / dangers of road closure/ slippery conditions and use of precautionary measures.
- (12) Travelers and tourists be forewarned about likely risks posed at vulnerable locations.
- (13) Establishment of EOCs at district and province level for continuous monitoring of situation.

2. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.



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