

JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

Rescuing those who were stuck in floods, and providing relief to the affected in Johi

During the flash floods of 2022, the Government of Pakistan estimated that around 33 million people in 81 different districts around the country had been affected by natural calamities, while 23 of the districts affected were from the province of Sindh. The World Food Programme (WFP) estimated that 664,000 people were displaced and are residing in relief camps, with an estimated 87% of them being from the province of Sindh, marking seven districts (Sukkur, Khairpur, Dadu, Larkana, Nawabshah, Khairpur, Sanghar) as most critically endangered.

To contribute, the Legal Aid Society had pivoted its operations towards life-saving assistance for our fellow citizens through the initiation of a dry food campaign which provided a month's ration to over 6,000 families. Following a robust mapping process, by the time the LAS team reached Johi (district Sukkur) to distribute ration bags, most of it was already under water. Most of the areas had to be reached through boats as it was inundated with over 10 feet of water.

The severe flooding in interior Sindh, especially in Dadu district, caused many people to lose their homes and livelihood with no access to food or shelter. At this point of time, security was also a serious concern in the distribution of rations as large crowds gathered outside the distribution

point. This concern, however, was fortunately taken care of by the Rangers team in Dadu, providing security to the LAS team.



Dry ration being loaded in makeshift boats

In such conditions, our teams reached the affected through makeshift boats, tractors, and trolleys. Given the situation, some of the ration bags were sent to a central point in Dadu for delivery. While distributing the ration, we were also able to rescue some people who were being flown away by the floods. The LAS team carried the affected in the boats and took them to safer areas in Dadu. Despite all the hurdles, the LAS team successfully delivered 816 Ration Bags in Johi during the first phase of our flood relief campaign.



LAS staff members loading and delivering dry ration in boats to Johi