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Tharparkar District of Sindh province in Pakistan has the lowest Human Development Index in the area. Traditionally the economy of the district population depend on livestock and agriculture. The region experienced lower-than-average rainfall in last three years. Provincial government declared a state of drought in the district.

A rapid assessment was conducted from in March 2014 in four sub districts of Tharparkar to access the drought situation

**Methodology:** Numerators collected information from 637 key informants (322 males and 315 females) in 322 villages. Primary data collection was undertaken using representative sampling. The Key Informants (KIs) were identified through consultations with local community representatives.

Findings indicate that 100% population has been affected by the drought. 35% of the 15,077 families depending on agriculture have been affected and require assistance to restore their livelihoods. 36% of the 15,524 families depending on livestock production need support, as 10,725 heads of livestock were reportedly lost. Some 55% of the communities have no fodder for their livestock, and 42% reported available fodder sufficient for two to four weeks. During assessment, 76% KI's reported that they have no food in their stock, and another 18% reported available food sufficient for two weeks which indicate an urgent need for provision of food to affected families.

It is recommended that Food / Dry ration assistance / equitable supplies be provided by government at the door step till monsoon. Also required is immediate cash compensation on livestock mortalities, smooth veterinary services and cost effective supplies of livestock and fodder.