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From 16th June 266 people have died due to storms and excessive rainfall in the Punjab, Swat, Balochistan and Sindh areas of Pakistan, with the worst instance being in Karachi where 228 people lost their lives.

High winds of up to 69mph and rain caused extensive damage, bringing down billboards, roofs, and electricity pylons, leaving parts of the city without electricity, as well as with a shortage of drinking water. The Gadap neighbourhood was the worst hit, with the collapse of around five hundred houses. Five relief camps have already been set up there, as well as in other areas of Karachi and the Sindh region including the coastal districts of Badin and Thatta.

Over 33mm of rain fell again in Karachi on 25th June, followed by warnings that a cyclone, named Yemyin03B, was forming in the Arabian sea, 150km south of Karachi. Although wind and rain pressure is starting to ease along the Sindh coast, the cyclone continues to move towards neighbouring Balochistan, where the Met department predicted winds of up to 80 knots and heavy rainfall that will result in further damage as well as more floods. Omara and Pasni are predicted to be the worst hit areas, with many towns and villages already evacuated until the weather conditions improve.

After a day's assessment in Gadap, CWS-P/A and NCA (Norwegian Church Aid) are preparing their response to this latest disaster to hit Pakistan. The concern is that this marks an early start to the monsoon season, that is predicted to be more severe than in previous years. Cyclone Yemyin is the second major storm of the North Indian Ocean Cyclone season after Cyclone Gonu hit Oman, Iran and parts of southwest Pakistan in early June, killing more than 60 people.

CWS-P/A has a long history of work in the southern districts of Pakistan, and in previous years has been instrumental in providing response and relief to those areas regularly hit by floods and severe weather conditions.