

Aid for Pakistani flood victims

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Two more U.S. military planes loaded with tons of aid for Pakistanis affected by flooding from deadly monsoon rains landed Sunday in southern Sindh province, one of the worst-affected regions in the impoverished country.

Saif Ullah, spokesman for the country's Civil Aviation Authority, said each plane was loaded with about 35 tons of relief aid that would be distributed in the province by the World Food Program. The aircraft landed at Sukkur Airport in Sindh and Ullah said the U.S. operation that began Thursday would continue until Sept. 16.

Pakistan has suffered under extremely heavy monsoon rains that started early this year — in mid-June.

Multiple officials and experts have blamed the rains and resulting floodwaters on climate change.

Ullah said Sunday that two more flights bringing relief goods from the United Arab Emirates landed at Karachi airport. So far, U.N. agencies and several countries have sent multiple planeloads of aid, and authorities say the UAE has been one of the most generous contributors.

Near 1,400 people have been killed, 13,000 injured and millions left homeless by the heavy flooding since mid-June. The waters also destroyed road and communications infrastructure.

In the worst-hit Sindh province, 621 people, including 270 children, were killed and 8,400 people left

injured.

Miles of cotton and sugarcane crops, banana orchards and vegetable fields could be seen submerged in floodwaters. Thousands of mud and brick homes caved in under the deluge leaving people homeless and sheltering in tents alongside damaged roads.

According to the latest

report from authorities, the unprecedented monsoon rains and flood destroyed more than 1.5 million houses, 63 bridges, 2,688 kilometers of roads and near half a million animals drowned in the flood water across the Sindh province, leaving over 30 million homeless.

Pakistan's military chief

Gen. Qamar Jawed Bajwa toured the badly affected district of Dadu in Sindh and its surroundings on Saturday. Dadu could suffer further flooding from the rising waters of the Indus River.

"People will continue to suffer if we don't have a drainage system and dams," Bajwa told reporters.

USAID to Sri Lanka: Tackle corruption

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A visiting U.S. diplomat on Sunday urged Sri Lankan authorities to tackle corruption and introduce governance reforms alongside efforts to uplift the country's economy as a way out of its worst crisis in recent memory.

USAID Administrator Samantha Power told reporters that such moves will increase international and local trust in the government's intentions.

"Assistance alone would not put an end to this country's woes," Power said. "I stressed to the Sri Lankan president in my meeting earlier today that political reforms and political accountability must go hand in hand with economic reforms and economic ac-

countability."

She said that international investor confidence will increase as the government tackles corruption and proceeds with long sought governance reforms. "As citizens see the government visibly following through on the commitment to bring about meaningful change, that in turn increases societal support for the tough economic reforms ahead," she said.

During her two-day visit, Power announced a total of \$60 million in aid to Sri Lanka. After meetings with farmers' representatives at a rice field in Ja-Ela, outside of the capital Colombo on Saturday, she announced \$40 million to buy agrochemicals in time for the next cultivation season.



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WAREHOUSE 1 HARDENING PROJECT

The Port Authority of Guam (PAG), a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of Guam, will receive sealed bids for the **WAREHOUSE 1 HARDENING PROJECT**.

Invitation for Bid packets may be picked up at the Port's Procurement Office on the 1st floor of the Administration Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. All interested bidders must completely fill out the bidder's register. The Invitation for Bid is posted on the Port's website: <https://portofguam.com/bids-and-rfps> where bidders can register and download an electronic copy, in PDF, at no cost.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held in the PAG Board of Directors Conference Room on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time (Guam Time)**. **A SITE VISIT of the proposed project location is tentatively scheduled for FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** and will be discussed at pre-bid conference. All attendees/bidders are encouraged to attend site visit and bring their personal safety equipment (hard hat, safety vest, closed toe shoes, rain gear, etc.). Pre-bid conference and site visit **are not** mandatory.

The deadline for QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS (Q&C) will be on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, no later than 4:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (Guam Time). All questions and concerns will be submitted to the Port Authority of Guam and addressed to Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager at rjrespicio@portofguam.com and a copy sent to Mr. Mark Cabrera, Buyer Supervisor at macabrera@portofguam.com and pacastro@portofguam.com.

BID SUBMITTALS will be received on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 06 2022, no later than 2:00 P.M. Chamorro Standard Time (Guam Time)** at the Procurement Office, located on the 1st Floor of the PAG Administration Building, after which time all bids will be publicly opened, and read aloud, at the PAG Board of Directors Conference Room. Late bid submittals will not be considered.

The PAG reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals when in PAG's opinion, such rejection or waiver will be in the Authority's best interest.

For additional information, contact Mark Cabrera, PAG Buyer Supervisor, at 477-5931 ext. 276 or 340; or via email at macabrera@portofguam.com, and Pia Castro at pacastro@portofguam.com

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