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Climate Change in Pakistan

Like other countries, climate change has now become an area of serious concern for Pakistan. The variations in the normal weather patterns, elevating natural disasters and daunting water crisis clearly manifest that this issue has gained traction in Pakistan. This year, Pakistan experienced the wettest April in more than 60 years and average rainfall of about 59.3mm is twice the average rainfall in the month of April 2023. As a result of this change in climate of Pakistan, the risks of reduction in agricultural yield, destruction of infrastructure, decline of economic growth and labour productivity are increasing with every passing day. In accordance to the World Bank's Country Climate and Development Report 2023, Pakistan is to lose 6.5-9% of GDP by 2050 due to climate change. Thus, climate change has now become a Damocles' sword for Pakistan.