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Acronyms

AGAHE	Association for Gender Awareness & Human Empowerment
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
ECGs	Effective Citizens Groups
FFP	Food Fortification Programme
GFT	Girl-Friendly Toilet
LWMC	Lahore Waste Management Company
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
MSPs	Multi-Stakeholders Platforms
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
ODF	Open Defecation Free
PHED	Public Health Engineering Department
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UNICEF	United Nations International Children Emergency Fund
WASA	Water and Sanitation Agency
WASH	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization
WinS	WASH in Schools



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About AGAHE

Association for Gender Awareness & Human Empowerment (AGAHE) is non-government organization (NGO) established in 2007 and registered under the Societies Act, 1860. AGAHE is actively working across Punjab with active presence in Lahore, Gujranwala, Sheikhpura, Kasur, Pakpattan, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin, Chiniot, Okara, Jhang, Layyah, Khanewal, Vehari, Multan, Muzaffargarh, DG Khan and Rajanpur. Thematic areas of AGAHE include Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Health & Nutrition, Sustainable Livelihoods, Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Vision



To create an enabling environment for vulnerable segments of society where they can utilize their full potential for improvement in their lives and have equal opportunities to safeguard their rights

Mission



To optimize the intangible resources of individuals, organizations and institutions to achieve maximum efficiency



Goals

1

Social development of marginalized communities through mobilization, group formation and capacity development.

2

Improve participation and representation of marginalized communities in local governance systems, structures and other policy forums.

3

Economic development of poor community through mobilization group formation, capacity development, and economic support and ensure basic livelihood.

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To develop AGAHE as a sustainable development training/resource centre offering specialized services in Advocacy, Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Micro Finance, Networking & Linkages and other essential social services.

Objectives

- To facilitate community, especially women, to start income generation activities through provision of micro credit facilities, training and market linkages.
- To bring positive behaviour change among community through awareness programs in relation to human rights associated with health, education and other social issues.
- To mobilize community to drink safe water, use sanitary latrines, adopt hygienic behaviours and keep the environment clean.
- To encourage and facilitate the vulnerable segments of society to participate in decision making process.
- To help children in getting better education and in playing active role in social development process.
- To create linkages among community and government departments.

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Message from the CEO



Assalam o Alaikum!

It gives me an immense pleasure to share with you the Annual Report of AGAHE for the year 2018-19. The year has been filled with consistency, commitment and hard work.

The year has been of a great significance in terms of improvement in lifestyle of the communities we work with. AGAHE, as its vision says, has enhanced the capacity of most marginalized and people living below poverty line, so that they can escape poverty and live a better and healthier lifestyle. AGAHE has made this efforts through AGAHE's work in its core programming areas such as WASH, Sustainable Livelihoods, Governance, Health & Nutrition and Disaster Management.

This year has also been of a great significance in terms of partnerships. AGAHE joined hands with multiple government and non-government departments in order to accelerate the progress towards achievement of SDGs. AGAHE is looking forward to exploring more avenues of development and expanding its work areas/dimensions.

All the achievements were only the result of tireless efforts, commitment and dedication of entire team, partners and stakeholders. The support from the relevant government and non-government department has been immense.

I assure you that AGAHE will make every possible effort to achieve SDGs and to help local people grow, prosper so that they contribute well in their societies.

Thanking You

Mubarak Ali Sarwar

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Board of Directors



Ms. Bushra Naheed,
Chairperson



Ms. Roheena Iqbal
Director



Qazi Shoaib Babar
Director



Ms. Sabahat Batool
Director



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Director



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Director

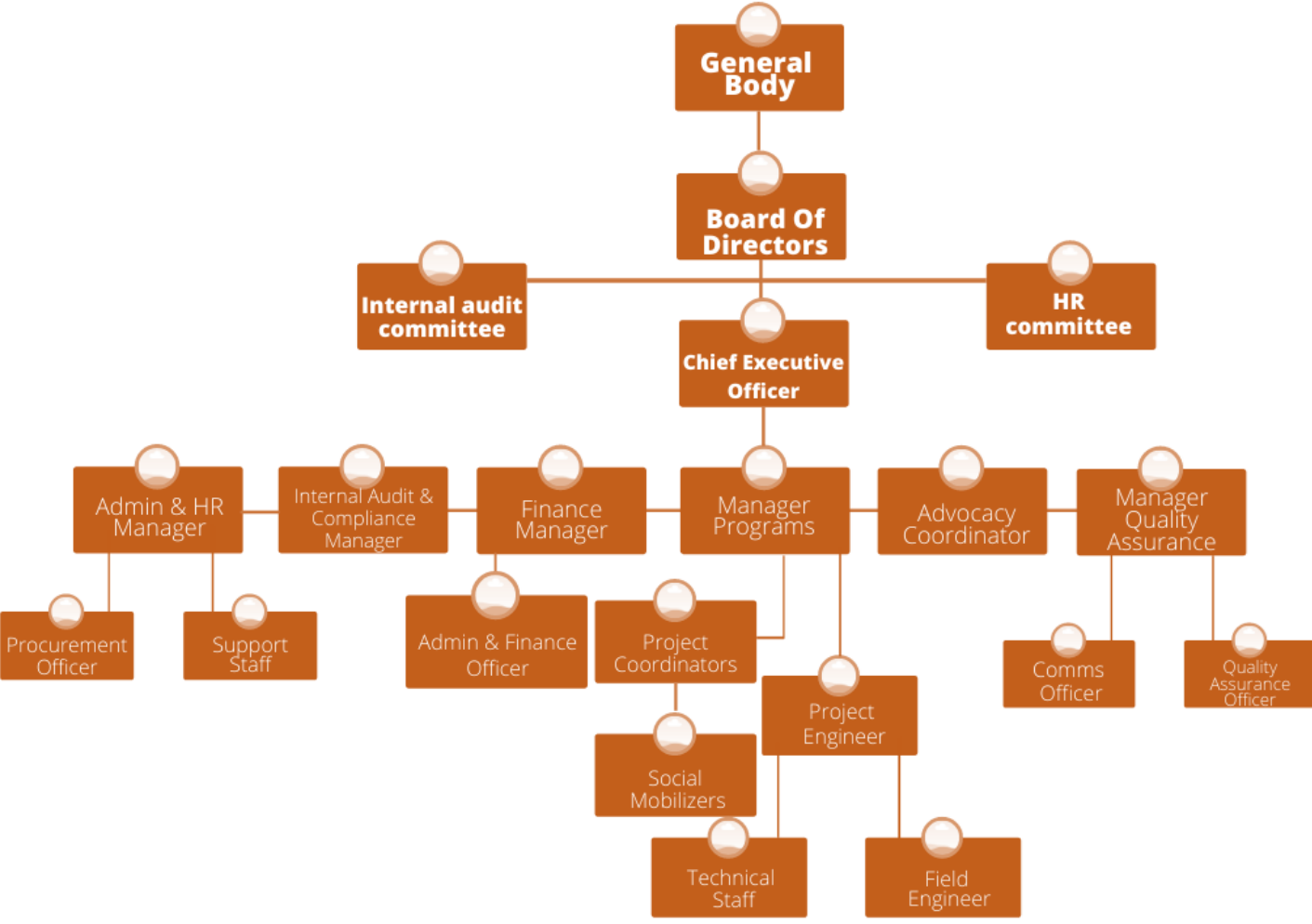


Syed Fasahat Hussain
Director



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Organizational Structure



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Senior Management



Mr. Mubarak Ali Sarwar
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Adeeb Alam Khan
Admin & HR Manager

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Mr. Yazdan Khan
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Ms. Sana Zahid
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Quality Assurance Coordinator



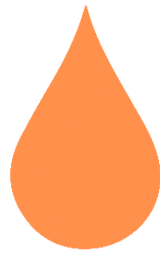
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Beneficiary Snapshot

Open Defecation Free Project



📍 District Muzaffargarh



210,642



549,945

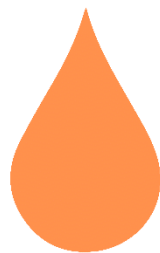


805,175

Urban WASH and Livelihood Project



📍 District Lahore and Muzaffargarh



1500



2500



6500



57,964

Campaign

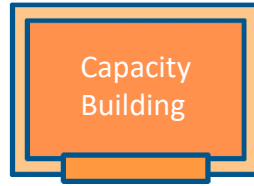
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Food Fortification Programme



31 districts of Punjab and Islamabad



6,779

WASH in Schools (WinS)

District Lahore



210,642



549,945



805,175

* Beneficiaries Count of ODF are stated of since inception

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Thematic Contributions

Rural WASH

AGAHE has been implementing multiple projects under its WASH program. However, during this year, AGAHE lately expanded its WASH programming in urban settings as well with support of other development sector partners.

Heading towards the Dream – Open Defecation Free (ODF) District Muzaffargarh

AGAHE is going to achieve ODF status for district Muzaffargarh this December, 2019. This was almost a decade-long journey of extensive social mobilization and community engagement for promoting the community constructed latrines.

Pakistan is a signatory to international WASH obligations these include the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. AGAHE has been making efforts to achieve these goals as well as its organizational objective which says *'mobilize community to drink safe water, use sanitary latrines, adopt hygienic behaviors and keep the environment clean'* through WASH programs in Punjab.

AGAHE has been able to sensitize the community on the importance of latrines for better health and well-being. Community is now able to understand the importance of dignity and privacy for women, men and children. AGAHE acknowledges the efforts and support provided by different partners especially WaterAid in Pakistan (WAP), Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Local Government, District Administration and other sector partners.



Training of Community Resource Persons



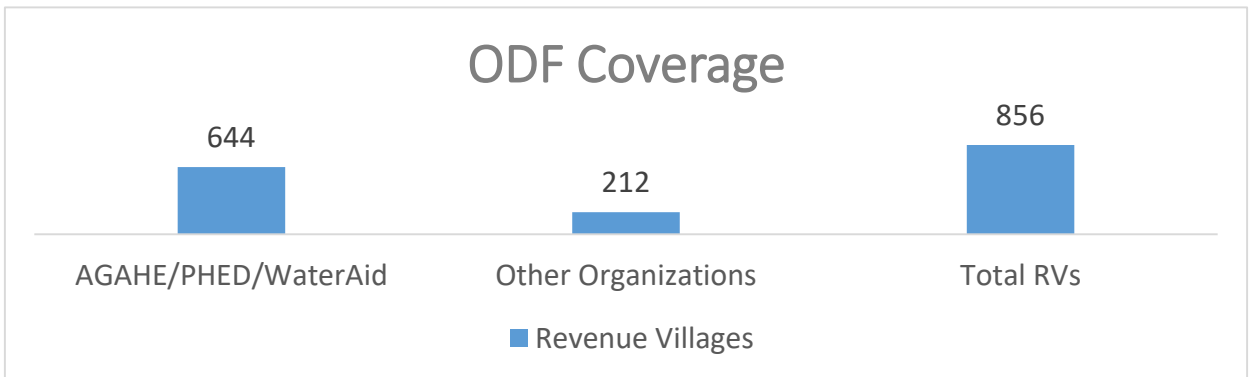
CLTS Process in Community



Sewerage Treatment Unit (STU)



In December, 2019, AGAHE has planned a provincial-level ceremony in Muzaffargarh for celebrating ODF status for the district. During all these years AGAHE's focus stick with the behavioral change of communities of district Muzaffargarh so that the trend of Open Defecation decline.



Group Handwashing Station



Sewerage Treatment Unit (STU)



Girl-Friendly Toilet in public schools



CEO, AGAHE visit on WASH interventions area



Pakistan's First Ever ODF District

After this a decade long efforts to make Muzaffargarh ODF, District Government Muzaffargarh and Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) declared Muzaffargarh as Pakistan's first ever ODF district on 27th November, 2019.





Awareness session on Women-centric WASH needs and Importance

Urban Resilience

Urban WASH Programming

AGAHE is executing its urban WASH program in Lahore with the technical and financial support of Oxfam. The program has been designed in such a way that empower and enable community to identify their local prevalent issues, demand their rights from duty bearer departments and hold them accountable upon poor service delivery. This local and community-led governance design talk about minimizing the gap between duty bearers and right holders. Lahore is among fastest urbanizing cities of South Asia. Rapid urbanization causes lack of resources in metropolitan cities and lack of water resources is one of the top issues that urbanization caused in Lahore.

Water for All

Under Urban WASH project that is being executed in Lahore and Muzaffargarh, community identified their locally prevalent issues in their areas and wrote applications to relevant departments. Unsafe drinking water was the major issue identified by men and women community leaders. AGAHE, through its project catalytic fund, installed Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant in Union Council 156. The community also contributed significantly by donating their personal land for the installation. It was handed over to the Union Council Chairman in order to ensure its sustainable Operations & Maintenance (O&M). Community also developed its O&M mechanism at local level in order to reduce the chances of non-functionality in future.



Further to this, AGAHE also replaced outdated water pipelines in UC-153 and 156; these issues were identified by the community leaders through development of Urban Participatory Influencing Development Plans (UPIDPs); these plans were developed at ward and UC level.

Sanitation Interventions

Under the Urban WASH project in Lahore, AGAHE replaced sewerage pipelines that were damaged and causing water contamination in the pipelines underground. These interventions were done with support of WASA Lahore and Effective Citizen Groups (ECGs).

Hygiene Matters

With the support of Social Mobilization department of WASA and Communication Department of LWMC, awareness camps were organized for promoting best health & hygiene practices, appropriate disposal of solid waste, water conservation and consumption of safe water.



Multi-Stakeholder Platform – Enabling Social Accountability

To ensure good governance in highly populated cities, AGAHE formed a group of government and non-government stakeholders and ensured the inclusion of community as well; with the group of formally nominated stakeholders, community is able to voice their rights to the duty bearers through dialogues, forums and talks followed by formal action plans.



After formation, *Joint Accountability Forum* was formed where duty bearer officials shared the status about the community-identified locally prevalent issues.

Community-led Governance

AGAHE conducted several trainings with community leaders on constitutional & legal rights, consumer protection rights, Right to Information (RTI); the purpose of conducting these training was to enable community-led governance and social accountability mechanism. In the result of trainings, community leaders wrote multiple applications to the duty bearer departments for their locally prevalent problems largely related to WASH, livelihood, electricity, SUI Gas etc.





Fortifying Punjab

Province-wide coverage

AGAHE, with the support of Matt Macdonald and UK Aid implemented an interpersonal communication campaign for food fortification across Punjab and ICT. The core focus of the project was to launch this campaign in each district and to disseminate awareness regarding importance of food fortification especially desi ghee and edible oil among traders, lady health workers and health supervisors.



Dr. Nousheen Hamid addressing at FFP District Launch in Islamabad

WASH in Schools

AGAHE in district Lahore executed a WASH in Schools project with the support of WaterAid in Pakistan and School Education Department Punjab. The project aimed to provide government a model of Girl-Friendly Toilets (GFTs). GFTs are the toilets which provide women and girls centric WASH needs. The model was appreciated and endorsed by the Provincial Minister Punjab for School Education, Dr. Murad Raas. In the inauguration ceremony, he acknowledged the efforts and struggle of civil society organization for inclusive WASH services.

Further to this, the model was also featured by the prestigious news networks of Asia region, GEO News and BBC Urdu.

The efforts were also recognized by the elected representatives, parliamentarians, government officials, civil society, school management and adolescent girls themselves.

گول فرینڈلی ٹوائلٹ: 'ماہواری کے مسائل کے حل کی کوشش'



مسادہ کو دو برس پہلے دوران جماعت سے ماہواری آتی تھی۔ ان کے کیمزٹ خراب ہوگئے اور اچانک خون دیکھنے سے وہ خود شدید پریشان اور خوفزدہ ہوگئیں جبکہ جماعت کی دوسری لڑکیوں نے ہنسنا شروع کر دیا۔



Urban Preparedness

Pakistan is among one of those countries where unplanned urbanization is spreading very rapidly. To tackle this issue, AGAHE in collaboration with Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Punjab, The Urban Unit and Oxfam GB in Pakistan conducted provincial consultation workshop on Urban Preparedness. The aim of this workshop was to understand role of different stakeholders especially private sector during any emergencies in urban cities.

Apart from the consultation workshop, AGAHE with the support of PDMA, Rescue 1122, The Urban Unit and Oxfam developed water safety plans (WSPs) of 2 union councils of Lahore, i.e. 153 and 156. The purpose was to prepare the stakeholders including community leaders on water safety planning during any emergencies. The Urban Unit was capacity building partner in the activity.



Avenues to Explore

AGAHE has been making efforts under thematic areas of WASH, Sustainable Livelihoods, Health & Nutrition, Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction. AGAHE works for environment and gender empowerment and inclusion as cross cutting themes.

AGAHE now wishes to work on the areas of environment, community resilience, gender empowerment as core thematic focus. In order to do that, AGAHE is now updating its strategic plan for the year 2021-2024 to incorporate the planning to work on aforementioned areas.

Strategic Plan will be made in consultation with government entities, parliamentarians, elected representatives, women leaders, civil society organizations, communities and other relevant key stakeholders.



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