



ASSOCIATION FOR GENDER AWARENESS AND HUMAN EMPOWERMENT

NEWSLETTER: MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



Up scaling WASH
System Strengthening in
Pakistan



Scaling Up of Biofortified
Zinc Wheat



Localized Multi-Hazard
Anticipatory Action Facility
Pakistan
District Bahawalpur



**“AGAHE Day Celebration on 8th May:
Exploring Bahawalpur's Historical Treasures
and Fun Activities with the Team”**

UPSCALING WASH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING



TRAILING OF NEW WATER FILTRATION PLANT



Its goal is to offer safe and dignified sanitation facilities for adolescent girls, promoting inclusivity and sustainability. The District Government and school administration inaugurated the GFT model, reaffirming their commitment to the proper operation and maintenance of these facilities.

INAUGURATION OF GIRL FRIENDLY TOILET

AGAHE and WHH have created an enhanced model of the Girl-Friendly Toilet (GFT) as a component of the 'Up-scaling WASH System Strengthening to Achieve SDG6' project. This new model adheres to Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) standards while also enhancing hygiene conditions in schools.



BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: INVOLVING VILLAGE PANCHAYAT MEMBERS

Awareness sessions were conducted, and jerry cans were distributed to community members to educate them on the importance and maintenance of clean drinking water resources. These sessions also highlighted the significance of the water filters provided by AGAHE and WHH. Jerry cans were distributed to 400 community members.



SEWAGE TREATMENT UNIT

As part of our community-focused micro-level activities, we are constructing a sewage treatment unit (STU). This facility will treat contaminated water, making it suitable for agricultural use. The STU will benefit over 300 households in the area.



STRENGTHENING COORDINATION FORUM AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination (MOCC&EC), in collaboration with WHH, AGAHE, GGGI, and PCRWR, hosted a highly productive workshop on "Strengthening Coordination Forum and Water Quality Monitoring at National Level." This crucial event brought together officials from government departments across all provinces, development partners, academia, and the private sector to discuss key areas, including enhancing the national coordination forum and its operational framework to foster collaboration among key WASH actors in Pakistan, reviewing the WASH status to assess national progress, challenges, and opportunities across nine building blocks with a focus on budget allocations and financial gap analysis, and consulting on water quality monitoring and technologies in the water and waste sector. This workshop marks a significant advancement in improving WASH sector coordination and ensuring effective water quality monitoring in Pakistan.



SCALLING UP OF BIOFORTIFIED ZINC WHEAT



COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOS) AT VILLAGE LEVEL

Successful formation of 5 Community Based Organizations, the training of farmers in sustainable farming techniques.

The community based organizations have also facilitated better communication and collaboration between farmers and the AGAHE team, leading to more support.



ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL EFFICIENCY: SEED GRADERS FOR CBOS

Providing seed graders to community-based organizations (CBOs) has produced substantial benefits, improving support for farmers in seed grading and reducing expenses. By equipping CBOs with seed graders, farmers now have access to efficient and cost-effective seed grading services, enhancing the quality of their seed production. In total, five seed graders were distributed: two each in Bahawalpur and Khanewal, and one in Multan.



BIODIVERSITY DAY

To reduce plastic waste and provide birds with drinking water during harsh weather, plastic bottles were recycled and turned into water pots. This initiative not only helped conserve biodiversity but also addressed plastic pollution, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship. AGAHE is working to decrease plastic waste to combat climate change across Pakistan.



COMMERCIALIZING BZW VARIETIES: AGGREGATORS MAINTAIN RECORDS AND IMPLEMENT ZINC STAMP LOGOS





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