

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

ASSOCIATION OF GENDER AWARENESS AND HUMAN Empowerment Monthly Highlights





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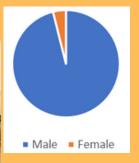
>>> STORAGE SOLUTIONS: EMPOWERING FARMERS FOR SEED SECURITY

A training session was conducted for 9 farmers, with three participants from each district, focusing on seed management techniques was delivered by Dr. Amir Bakhtawar from MANSUA.. During the session, various methods were explored and demonstrated to illustrate the best practices for seed handling to enhance production outcomes. Storage techniques, including cold storage, silos, and hermetic bags, were discussed, with particular attention given to hermetic bags, identified as the latest recommended technology for storing wheat seeds.





>>> SOW & GROW: PROVIDING TECHNICAL AID FOR FARMER SEED SYSTEMS



More than 180 Basic Seed farmers of BZW were provided with hermetic bags and their covers to guarantee the effective storage and preservation of BZW seeds. Additionally, seed graders were supplied to 9 community-based organizations (CBOs) for the grading of BZW seeds.

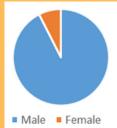
>>> DISTRICT-LEVEL ENRICHMENT: SUPPORTING PUNJAB'S FOOD DEPARTMENT WITH BIOFORTIFIED WHEAT SEGREGATION

Supported by GAIN's technical and financial assistance, AGAHE offered technical support to the Punjab Food Department (PFD). Shahid Khokhar, Deputy Director of Multan Division, M. Adnan Badar, Deputy Director of Bahawalpur, and Ahmad Javed, District Food Controller of Multan, received the equipment. They expressed appreciation for AGAHE's efforts and assured full cooperation from PFD in segregating BZW stacks at designated procurement centers.



>>> GROWTH ASSESSMENT: EVALUATING AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION IN PUNJAB'S ZINC WHEAT CULTIVATION





A research study was conducted involving interviews with farmers cultivating biofortified zinc wheat to evaluate their adoption of agricultural technologies and its impact on yield and income. A total of 360 interviews were carried out with project beneficiaries to analyze the findings and gain insights into the influence of technology adoption on both the yield and income of biofortified zinc wheat.

UP SCALING WASH System Strengthening in Pakistan To achieve SDG 6

CONSTRUCTION OF GIRL FRIENDLY TOILETS (GFTS)

AGAHE and WHH collaborated to design an enhanced Girl-Friendly Toilet (GFT) model within the 'Upscaling WASH System Strengthening to achieve SDG6' project. This updated model not only aligns with MHM standards but also enhances school hygiene. Its goal is to offer secure and dignified sanitation options for adolescent girls, fostering inclusivity and sustainability.





NAVIGATING WATERS: TRAILING NEW WATER FACILITIES

Water Filtration Plants are being constructed within communities of Muzaffargarh to furnish clean drinking water to over 6000 individuals in the vicinity. While one plant has been completed, the construction of another is currently underway.

SEWAGE TREATMENT UNIT (STU)

Another initiative at the micro level to achieve SDG6 involves the construction of a sewage treatment unit (STU). This facility will address water contamination by treating it for agricultural purposes, benefiting over 300 households in the region.



YOUTH WASH CHAMPIONS ON BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN

The Youth WASH Champion initiative aims to train young advocates through intensive sessions, empowering them as key influencers in our Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Campaign.



NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL COORDINATION: ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

The Learning Sharing Workshop provides a platform for provincial WASH stakeholders to exchange experiences, challenges, and best practices, fostering better intersectoral coordination.



TOMORROW'S TAPESTRY: UNRAVELING FUTURE THREADS



As our climate undergoes profound changes, Earth is witnessing an uptick in various disasters, altering the very fabric of the environments in which people reside and making survival increasingly challenging. One foreseeable threat amid these shifts is the rising temperatures, which can trigger hazardous heatwaves with multifaceted consequences.

Among the potential impacts, the escalation of surrounding temperatures can precipitate droughts, significantly delaying crop cultivation. As Earth's water reserves diminish, it becomes imperative to seek alternative water sources and adopt conservation measures. It is crucial to manage water usage in a manner that is socially equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically viable.

In times of drought, the delayed planting of crops like cotton could result in decreased production, consequently impacting the economy adversely.



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