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Monitoring Segregation

Consumption Patterns of **Biofortified ZincWheat**

AGAHE gathered data from 90 processors units to analyze grinding practices consumption patterns of Biofortified Zinc Wheat (BZW) flour. Additionally, AGAHE engaged with 15 female entrepreneurs to monitor their sales, purchases, and profit/loss records related to BZW products.

Scaling-Up of Biofortified Zinc Wheat 🤓 gain



Celebrating World Breast Feeding Week

AGAHE conducted breastfeeding awareness sessions across different districts of Punjab to educate mothers on the numerous health benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and child.

The sessions highlighted breastfeeding's role in boosting the baby's immunity and aiding maternal recovery. Participants' questions were addressed, fostering understanding and encouraging breastfeeding practices among lactating mothers and other women.







System Strengthening Initiatives



Clean Habits, Healthy Lives: Together for a Safer Tomorrow

AGAHE and WHH launched an awareness campaign focused on Behaviour Change Communication in District Muzaffargarh and reached more than 10,000 people including community members, students, private organizations, and government officials, to raise awareness about the importance of clean drinking water, safe sanitation, and hygiene.





Coordination Meeting with PHED on district water quality mapping -Muzaffargarh





Curtains Up for Change: Using Theater to Promote WASH Awareness

performances theater organized for mass awareness in targeted communities of Muzaffargarh. These events aim to educate on safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene, using theater as a catalyst to spread BCC WASH messages widely.





A Step Towards Safer Tomorrow for Females: Provincial Meeting of the MHM Working Group

The School Education Department (SED), in collaboration with AGAHE, WHH, and UNICEF, convened a meeting of the Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Working Group in Punjab. A key highlight was the presentation of the "Girl-Friendly Toilet Guidebook" by AGAHE and WHH, aimed at standardizing school sanitation facilities to support adolescent girls' health, dignity, and productivity.











WASH System Strengthening Approach with Sector Partners

Four workshops were held across Pakistan(Multan, Hyderabad, Peshawar and Islamabad), on WASH System Strengthening Approach for sharing results and innovation with sector partners. AGAHE led the workshop, fostering collaboration among various organizations to introduce the system-strengthening approach and improve WASH system effectiveness. The initiative received positive feedback commitment from partners to incorporate this methodology into their outreach strategies.

Promoting Inclusive Sanitation in Institutions at the **District Level**

An advocacy event at district level was held in Muzaffargarh to promote inclusive sanitation in institutions through the GFT model. Senior representatives from the Education Department praised the initiative and committed to replicating the model in schools, while multiple stakeholders pledged support for institutionalizing the GFT. This collaborative effort aims to contribute to achieving SDG6 targets.



Restoring Social Services & Climate Resilience Project





77th Independence Day Celebration!

On Pakistan's 77th Independence Day, a distinguished event was organized by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and AGAHE, in collaboration with the Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Mall department, Government of Punjab, Prime Minister's Youth Programme, and Paigham-e-Pakistan, in Lahore. The celebration focused on three key themes: "Empower Pakistan: Empower Youth," "Empower Pakistan: Empower Women," and "Empower Pakistan: Empower Minorities." Notable speakers, including Rana Sikandar Hayat, Minister of School Education, Ramesh Singh Arora Minister of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs, and Mr. Tarig Mahmood, Director General of LG & CDD Punjab, highlighted the significance of these themes in driving national progress.







Capacity Building of Community Resource Persons and Field Staff

AGAHE has successfully conducted 2 phases of training session for 20 Community Resource Persons from Kasur and Okara. Phase-I was based on Social Mobilization (SM), Health and Education while Phase-II was based on Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). This training practical encompassed | exercises, informative presentations, and collaborative group work, all aimed at enhancing participants' skills in hazard identification, ranking, and conducting vulnerability and capacity assessments. Participation of Mr. Tariq Mehmood Abid, Deputy Director of the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Mr. Wajid Ijaz, Monitoring and Evaluation Expert from the Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Government of Punjab, Mr. Muhammad Nawaz, Station In-charge of Rescue 1122 and other officials highlighted the collaborative efforts of PPAF and AGAHE in addressing challenges, underscoring the importance of integrating these critical issues into community development initiatives.



Restoring Health, Building Resilient Communities: Free Health Services

AGAHE successfully organized a free medical camps in Sabu Key Maghar, Union Council Rohella Tejeka, Tehsil Depalpur, District Okara and in Mokal, Tehsil Chunian, District Kasur. This initiative was part of the "Restoring Social Services and Climate Resilience Project (RSS&CR)," funded by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and supported by Transparent Hands (TH).

The camp provided free consultations, medicines, and medical tests. Services included screenings for Hepatitis B and C, as well as checks for blood pressure, blood sugar, uric acid, cholesterol and dental including antenatal checkup. **Over 730** patients were treated for various ailments, with the majority of cases involving nausea, diarrhea, upper and lower RTI, hepatitis, hypertension and arthritis.



Organizational Strengthening Project START





Cross Learning & Exposure Visits Workshop

The Organizational Capacity Strengthening Initiative, supported by the START Network, aimed to enhance the capabilities of 19 humanitarian organizations in Pakistan through a structured capacity-building approach. AGAHE conducted a capacity needs assessment, leading to the selection of 17 topics across 10 streams, including governance, financial management, and gender. Cross-learning workshops, exposure visits to civil society organizations, and best practice sharing helped member organizations develop actionable plans for improvement. Each organization created tailored action plans, pledging to implement and regularly report on progress. The initiative was widely appreciated in a lessons-learned workshop held in September 2024.













