

### Highlights of the Quarter

#### RESTORING SOCIAL SERVICES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

##### WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES TO PROTECT HEALTH AND STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE



AGAHE, with the financial support of the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), restored damaged water supply schemes and constructed 06 solar-powered water facilities in flood-affected rural communities of Punjab, benefiting 1,500 households. Equipped with UF/UV filtration systems, these facilities now provide safe drinking water to approximately 7,500–10,000 individuals, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea. The solarization of systems ensures uninterrupted water supply during power outages and extreme weather, strengthening climate resilience and supporting long-term water security in line with AGAHE's disaster risk management objectives.

#### FOOD BASKET OF HOPE: EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS IN JHANG

##### DISTRIBUTION OF 1417 FOOD BASKET OF HOPE IN UCS HASSAN KHAN, SHAH JEEWNA & SULTAN PUR IN DISTRICT JHANG

AGAHE implemented the Food Basket of Hope project with the support of UNOCHA APHF to provide emergency food assistance to flood-affected and vulnerable households in District Jhang following the 2025 floods. Targeting three Union Councils, the project supported 1413 households through a transparent, vulnerability-based selection process. Each household received a food basket containing essential items to address immediate nutritional needs. The project was implemented in close coordination with local authorities and humanitarian partners to ensure accountability and effective delivery. The support helped ease immediate food insecurity.



#### STRENGTHENING PREPAREDNESS AND EARLY ACTION FOR MONSOON FLOOD RESPONSE IN PAKISTAN

##### DISTRIBUTION OF LIVESTOCK FODDER AND NFIS FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED FAMILIES



AGAHE, with support from IOM and Care International, assisted 340 flood-affected households in Jalalpur Pirwala, Shujaabad, and Sultan Pur, Jhang. 250 families received essential NFI packages, while 90 families were provided 160 kg WANDA and fodder each to support their livestock. These interventions improved shelter, restored livelihoods, and strengthened community resilience, helping families recover faster, protect their animals, and regain hope, dignity, and security in the aftermath of devastating floods. Beneficiaries expressed deep gratitude, noting that timely support has eased their burdens and given them confidence to rebuild their lives.

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR FLOOD AFFECTED POPULATION IN DISTRICT MULTAN, PUNJAB

##### DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS, NFIS, AND HYGIENE KITS

In response to severe flooding, AGAHE supported flood-affected populations in District Multan, Punjab, with the support of Asia Pacific Humanitarian Response. The intervention provided essential food items, non-food items, and hygiene kits to the 1321 most vulnerable households, helping families meet immediate needs, reduce health risks, and uphold dignity during early recovery. Timely assistance reduced negative coping strategies and eased pressure on already limited household resources. The support also improved hygiene practices, minimized the risk of disease outbreaks, and strengthened community resilience in the immediate post-flood context.





## Distribution of NFIs in Ali Pur, District Muzaffargarh

With the support of UN Women and in collaboration with the Deputy Administration of Muzaffargarh & Multan, Social Welfare Department, Bait-ul-Maal, and the Health Department, AGAHE distributed mosquito nets to 100 flood-affected families and provided cooked food in District Multan & Muzaffargarh.



This timely intervention aims to protect vulnerable families from mosquito-borne diseases like malaria and dengue, which are widespread in flood-affected areas. AGAHE remains committed to safeguarding health and well-being through strong local partnerships and rapid response efforts.



## Upscaling WASH System Strengthening in Pakistan - Phase II



### Inception Workshop WASH SSI Phase II

AGAHE and WHH successfully launched the WASH System Strengthening Program Phase II through an inception workshop in Lahore, reaffirming strong government ownership and multi-stakeholder commitment. Building on Phase I achievements, the initiative strengthened coordination among provincial departments, development partners, and NGOs, setting a clear direction for system-wide WASH reforms and improved governance across Pakistan.



### Celebration of World Toilet Day 2025

Amid ongoing sanitation challenges in flood-affected areas of Muzaffargarh, AGAHE and WHH, in close coordination with relevant government departments and development partners, commemorated World Toilet Day 2025 to promote safely managed sanitation.



The event brought together government institutions and NGOs on a unified platform to align priorities, share best practices, and highlight ongoing interventions. Awareness activities and stakeholder dialogues emphasized the importance of hygiene, behavior change, and inclusive sanitation services for vulnerable communities. The platform also facilitated renewed commitments from stakeholders to sustain and scale sanitation initiatives in flood-affected areas. As a result, the initiative strengthened coordination, increased the visibility of sanitation efforts, and reinforced community and institutional ownership toward achieving SDG 6.

## Sucess Story

When opportunity meets resilience, safe water becomes a pathway to dignity and sustainability

What began as a struggle to support his family after his father's death became a journey of resilience for Muhammad Asghar in Muzaffargarh. With limited resources, he earned a living through small-scale water delivery, barely meeting household needs. Support from AGAHE and WHH provided him with business, technical, and regulatory guidance. This enabled him to launch AQUEN Bottled Drinking Water as a formal and sustainable enterprise. Today, he supports his family while improving community access to safe drinking water, advancing SDG 6.



## Advancing post-flood WASH recovery by strengthening WinS and MHM systems across Punjab.

The sanitation challenges in South Punjab are vast and with flooding, financial constraints, and a lack of awareness exacerbate the poor WASH conditions. The most pressing issue is the reluctance to take ownership of improving living standards, which further complicates financial and behavioural aspects of WASH improvement. To address this, the project took a transformative approach by identifying the most vulnerable communities and prioritizing them for intervention.

With a focus on sustainability, the intervention promoted shared responsibility, strengthened institutional capacity, and encouraged behavior change to improve sanitation and hygiene practices in flood-affected areas.



The one-day WinS and MHM training strengthened the capacity of government counterparts and sector partners to support coordinated post-flood WASH recovery in flood-affected districts of Punjab.





# Restoring Social Services & Climate Resilience



## Advancing Collective Action to End Violence Against Women

AGAHE, with the financial support of the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and in collaboration with the Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPA), organized a one-day seminar in District Okara under the RSS and CR Project to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The seminar engaged over 200 participants, including senior government officials, policymakers, development partners, and civil society representatives, and formally inaugurated the 16 Days of Activism. Through an expert panel discussion on social and online harassment, participants gained practical insights into prevention, reporting, and response mechanisms. The event concluded with a collective commitment from stakeholders to promote safer, more inclusive spaces for women, strengthening cross-sector collaboration and reinforcing institutional accountability in addressing violence against women.



## Strengthening Community Preparedness Through Emergency Response Training

AGAHE conducted a three-day Emergency Response Team (ERT) training in flood-prone communities of Okara, with technical support from Rescue 1122. The training equipped 40 community members with practical, life-saving skills essential for disaster situations, including early flood response and risk detection, CPR, first aid, and safe evacuation protocols. By combining hands-on simulations with technical guidance, the intervention enhanced participants' ability to respond quickly, reduce injuries, and protect lives and assets during floods. As a result, trained individuals now serve as first responders within their communities, strengthening local preparedness, reducing reliance on external emergency services, and contributing to long-term community resilience in high-risk areas.



## Delivering Lifesaving Healthcare to Flood-Affected Communities

AGAHE conducted 07 health outreach camps and vaccination drives, providing free medical services to over 2,400 patients, with a strong focus on women and children in flood-affected villages. The camps addressed urgent health needs, including treatment for waterborne diseases, injuries, and maternal health concerns, while promoting preventive care through vaccinations and health education. By linking communities with government health facilities, the initiative strengthened local health resilience and supported sustained recovery in post-flood settings.





# Community Infrastructure Schemes

## Improving Access to Safe Drinking Water

With support from PPAF, AGAHE constructed six water supply facilities in flood affected rural communities. These solar powered systems with UF and UV filtration have provided safe drinking water access to 1500 households, benefiting nearly 7500 to 10000 individuals.

The initiative has improved community health, reduced waterborne diseases, and strengthened climate resilience by ensuring uninterrupted access to clean water in vulnerable areas.



## Restoration of Health Facilities

AGAHE, with support from PPAF, restored three health facilities to improve basic health service delivery in flood affected and vulnerable communities. The interventions included renovation and rehabilitation of buildings, construction of a 506 Rft boundary wall at BHU Mokai, and installation of a 7 KW solar system at BHU Sehja.

These upgrades strengthened facility infrastructure, ensured reliable energy supply, and improved access to essential healthcare services for local populations.



## Capacity Building of CMST for Community Based Disaster Preparedness

**Communities in flood-prone and vulnerable areas face recurring risks that threaten lives, health, and livelihoods. AGAHE conducted trainings to build local capacity, enhance preparedness, and empower women and youth to respond effectively to disasters.**

- 02 CBDRM trainings were conducted and engaged 50 community members in emergency planning, risk identification, and implementation of local response strategies. Participants gained practical skills to act swiftly during disasters.
- 52 SBDRM sessions trained 2,600 students and teachers on school safety plans, mock drills, disaster adaptation, and environmental stewardship. The initiative promoted a culture of preparedness in schools.
- 15 HBDRM training sessions were conducted to strengthen the capacity of 360 health staff and community representatives on disaster committees, hospital coordination, and health-focused emergency response. Facilities are now better prepared to manage disasters effectively.



- 12 two-day trainings on Voice in Leadership and Decision-Making were conducted for women, enhancing their self-confidence and leadership abilities. Participants developed practical skills in decision-making, strategic planning, and negotiation, enabling them to challenge gender norms and actively engage in community leadership and local governance under AGAHE-PPAF initiatives.
- 12 training and awareness sessions on human rights, women's rights, GBV, and rights and responsibilities were organized, resulting in increased awareness of GBV prevention and reporting mechanisms. Pre- and post-assessments reflected significant improvements in participants' knowledge and case management skills.



## Success Story

### Safe Water. Sustainable Solution. Stronger Communities

For the residents of Union Council Mokhal in District Kasur, access to clean drinking water had long been a daily challenge. Most households relied on unsafe and contaminated sources, leading to frequent illnesses and constant concern for family health. Women and children were especially affected, spending hours fetching water while worrying about its safety.

With the support of the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), AGAHE installed a solarized water filtration plant, changing this everyday struggle into relief. Designed to provide a sustainable and reliable solution, the plant now delivers safe, clean drinking water to hundreds of families every day.

The impact has been immediate and deeply felt. Waterborne diseases have reduced, daily routines have become easier, and families now have peace of mind knowing the water they drink is safe. "This plant has removed a constant fear from our lives," shared a community member. Another resident added, "Clean water has brought comfort, health, and dignity to our homes." Access to safe water has not only improved health outcomes but also renewed a sense of security among residents.

Powered by renewable energy, the solarized filtration plant stands as a symbol of resilience and sustainability. This intervention reflects AGAHE's commitment to improving lives through community-centered and climate-smart solutions, ensuring long-term access to safe drinking water for present and future generations.





## Strengthening the Value Chain for Biofortified Zinc Wheat in Pakistan

GAIN, in partnership with AGAHE, held a high-level workshop in Lahore focused on sharing experiences across Pakistan's Biofortified Zinc Wheat (BZW) value chain.

The workshop brought together policymakers, researchers, development partners, private-sector actors, farmers, processors, and women entrepreneurs for collective learning and action.

Key highlights included:

Recognition of biofortification as a sustainable, scalable solution to micronutrient deficiencies.

Progress in seed production, research, and consumer outreach under the Nutrient Enriched Crops Program

Field experiences from farmers and processors across Khanewal, Multan & Bahawalpur

Support from Chief Guest Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Khan, Government of Punjab.

Emphasis was made on the importance of continued collaboration to strengthen the BZW value chain across Punjab.

Together, we are working toward a healthier, more nutrition-secure Pakistan.



## Expanding Access to Immunization in Underserved Communities

To strengthen immunization coverage among hard to reach and underserved communities, AGAHE, with the support of Gavi and MD, implemented targeted outreach vaccination interventions in close coordination with local health departments. The initiative focused on reaching children who had missed routine immunization, particularly zero dose and under immunized children living in remote areas, through mobile vaccination teams and temporary vaccination points.

This approach significantly improved access to immunization services by bringing vaccination closer to communities, reducing missed opportunities, and ensuring timely immunization for vulnerable children. In addition, the presence of outreach teams helped build confidence in public health services and eased access for families by minimizing travel distance and cost barriers.



## AGAHE Strengthens Immunization Services at the Community Level

AGAHE enhanced the quality of immunization services by investing in the capacity building of health workers and frontline staff. Through targeted training sessions, 553 participants (205 men and 348 women) were equipped with updated knowledge on routine immunization, EPI guidelines, and effective community engagement. This strengthened coordination with health departments and translated into more consistent, reliable, and higher-quality vaccination services at the community level.





## From Fear to Protection: A Grandmother's Resolve Leads Eight Children to Immunization

In Ehsan Park, Lahore (UC 8), a household with eight children had never received routine immunization. The parents feared vaccines and had repeatedly refused vaccination visits due to community myths.

Under the GAVI-supported project, the AGAHE team engaged the family through regular counselling, addressing concerns, correcting misconceptions, and explaining the benefits and minor side effects of vaccines. Despite multiple sessions, the parents remained hesitant.

The breakthrough came when the 72-year-old grandmother, Khursheed Bibi, intervened, saying,

“I have seen children become disabled and even lose their lives due to diseases such as measles and polio. If protection is available, we should not refuse it out of fear.”

Reassured, the parents agreed to vaccinate all eight children, who were registered and immunized according to their age, with follow-up schedules explained.

Today, all children are on track for complete immunization, and the family now encourages other parents in Ehsan Park, UC 8 to vaccinate. This reflects the impact of consistent counselling, trust building, and the influential role of elders in overcoming vaccine hesitancy.



## Engaging Religious and Community Leaders to Boost Immunization

Recognizing the influence of faith and community leadership in shaping health behaviors, AGAHE, with support from GAVI, engaged religious leaders and community influencers to promote routine immunization. A total of 1,143 leaders and community members (955 men and 148 women) were sensitized on immunization, enabling them to actively address misconceptions and encourage vaccine acceptance. Through Friday sermons and community gatherings, these trusted voices delivered consistent vaccination messages, helping reduce hesitancy and motivating families to immunize their children with confidence, particularly in underserved communities.



## Formation of Women Support Groups

To strengthen community-led immunization efforts, AGAHE established 40 Women Support Groups, engaging a total of 1,200 women volunteers to actively promote routine immunization within their communities. These groups were trained on the importance of vaccines, identification of zero-dose and under-immunized children, and effective community mobilization techniques.







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