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## Acronyms

CCAPs Collective Community Action Plans  
CBO Community Based Organization  
CNIC Computerized National Identity Card  
CP Community Partner  
CSO Civil Society Organization  
DRC Dispute Resolution Council  
DEC District Election Commission  
DSC District Steering Committee  
EDO Executive District Officer  
ERM Early Response Mechanism  
EWS Early Warning System  
GBV Gender Base Violence  
HCCI Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
INGO International Non-Governmental Organization  
LF Learning Forum  
M&E Monitoring & Evaluation  
NADRA National Database Registration Authority  
NF Neighborhood Forum  
PWDs Persons with Disabilities  
PBM Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal  
SIG Special Interest Group  
SAPs Social Action Plans  
SDF Sungi Development Foundation  
SWD Social Welfare Department  
SED Special Education Department  
SMFCSP Strengthening Media Freedom and Civic Space in Pakistan  
TOT Training of Trainers  
TDEA Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability  
VF Village Forum  
RHC Rural Health Center  
DHO District Health Officer  
UN-IOM United Nation International Organization for Migrants

# 1 CHAPTER 1:

## SUNGI EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT IN SINDH

### PARTNERSHIP FOOTPRINTS IN SINDH PROVINCE



#### 1.1 BACKGROUND:

The recent flood has traces behind mass destruction in almost entire the country. According to the reports of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDAM's) 1,545 people have been died and 12,850 were injured. Around 1,921,622 houses were damaged (including 765,162 fully and 1,135,829 partially damaged). In addition to this, around 12,735 KM roads have been vanished , 375 bridges have collapsed, many shops have been destroyed and 935,795 animals have died. Sindh province is affected most adversely by heavy rainfall and resultant flooding in Pakistan. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) September 15, 2022 Sindh reported 678 deaths and 8,412 severe injuries. Further, according to PDMA Sindh, some 997,641 houses have been partially damaged while 683,890 were fully damaged. Moreover, about 8398 KM roads and community infrastructures have been swept away including 165 bridges and 208,569 livestock perished in the province.

According to NDMA Pakistan, the 2022 floods affected close to half of the country, damaging 13 percent of the health facilities, which in turn interrupted health service delivery from the community level (primary healthcare including Rural Health Centers (RHCs) and Basic Health Units (BHUs) through the secondary level (District Headquarters, Tehsil Headquarters, and Civil Hospitals). More than one-fifth of affected facilities were fully damaged. Malnutrition, which was already dangerously high, has substantively increased. Around 650,000 pregnant women were facing challenges in getting access to maternal services, while nearly 4 million children lack access to health services. Pakistan is experiencing substantive increases of communicable diseases such as acute diarrhea, cholera, malaria, and dengue. Disruption in health service delivery will increase health inequities for the poor and disadvantaged due to hindered access to

services such as immunizations, routine medical care including medication for chronic disease, maternal and child health services, as well as risk of higher out-of-pocket health expenditures.

Sungi being a national frontline humanitarian response organization has supported UN-OCHA Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) in five districts of Sindh namely Mityari, Jamshoro, Khairpur, Dadu and Shikarpur and simultaneously in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa districts D.I. Khan and Nowshera in the first week of September 2022. Sungi has allocated its human resources and logistic support to facilitate the RNA. In the RNA the data was collected with a purpose to provide a quick overview of the humanitarian situation by identifying the immediate and evolving basic needs of vulnerable population dwelling in the flood affected areas of Sindh. On the bases of need assessment.

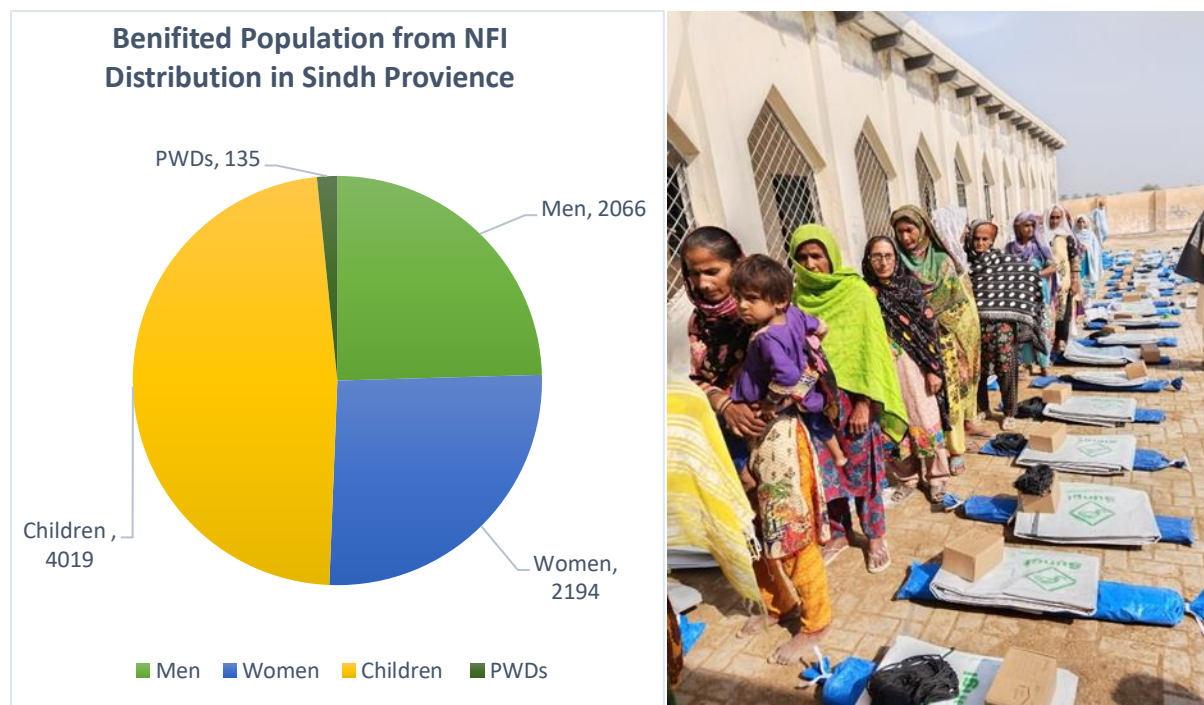
Sungi Development Foundation and Alight Pakistan have joined forces to respond the health and nutrition needs in flood affected areas of Sindh, particularly in districts of Shikarpur and Khairpur. The scope of this agreement was to collaborate in health and nutrition services delivery in three Rural Health Centers namely RHC Chak & RHC Mia Jo Goth district Shikarpur & RHC Atta Mohammad Hami district Khairpur in Sindh.

Sungi in partnership of Alight-Pakistan has also contributed in shelters sector, supported by UN International Organization of Migrants (UN-IOM). Similarly, Sungi also extended its support in education sector to the flood effected districts of Sindh and established 3 temporary learnings centers (TLC's) to continue the education during the flood emergencies and post flood environment.

### 1.2 SUNGI SHELTER SUPPORT IN SINDH:

In collaboration with IOM, Sungi team has distributed 915 tents among the flood affected families of District Shikarpur. Two Tehsil were targeted, where union councils Wahan Dahar, Lal Khan Chachar, Aziz Chachar of Tehsil Lakhi Ghulam Shah and union councils Ammer Bux and Pir Bux Shujra of Tehsil Khanpur were benefitted. Below table shows the details of NFIs distributed.

### 1.3 BENEFITED POPULATION FROM NFI DISTRIBUTION:

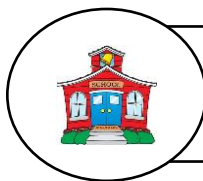


This was a joint emergency response that was organized by Sungi to reach out to flood affected people specifically targeting returnees in different union council and villages of Lakhi, Khanpur talukas of District Shikarpur. The returnee's families of villages Pir Bux Shujra, Haji Ameer Bux, Lal Khan Chachar and Wandha Dahar.

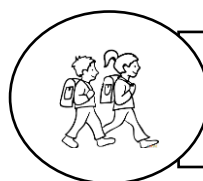
Sungi Development Foundation (SDF) acknowledges the support provided by the local authorities who ensured security arrangements and provision of distribution venue, which helps in smooth execution of distribution process. The local community volunteers also help Sungi team that the target communities were mobilized and informed well before the distribution time. They also assisted in identifying the affected community and especially vulnerable groups in the targeted villages. The local community elders were engaged during the distribution exercise and were also consulted on the identification of distribution sites based on their contextual knowledge and guided by the humanitarian criteria of access, security and safety.

#### 1.4 EDUCATION SUPPORT IN SINDH.

Sungi Development Foundation with support of Alight-Pakistan has extended its support to continue the schooling in flood affected areas of district Shikarpur and Khairpur. Sungi was the member of UN-education working group in flood emergency response. With the collaboration of education department and UN-education cluster group 3 temporary learning centers (TLCs') were established in both the districts. Two TLC's were established in district Shikarpur in tehsil Lakhi Ghulam Shah, Chak village Abdur Rehman Chachar, second TLCs was established in Mianjo Ghot for replacing the damaged Urdu primary school Mian sahib. In district Khairpur one TLC's was established in tehsil Kotdiji, village Atta Muhammad Hami replacing girls primary school Atta Muhammad.



**3 Temporary Learning Centers  
Established in Sindh Province**

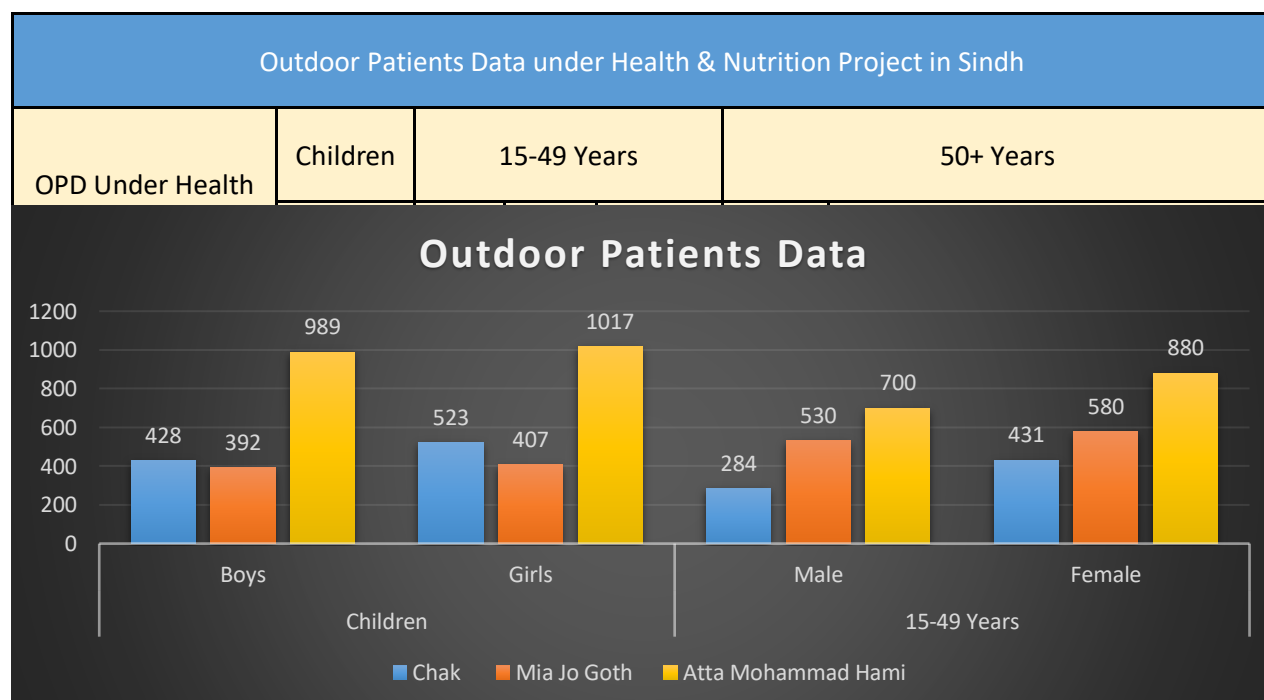
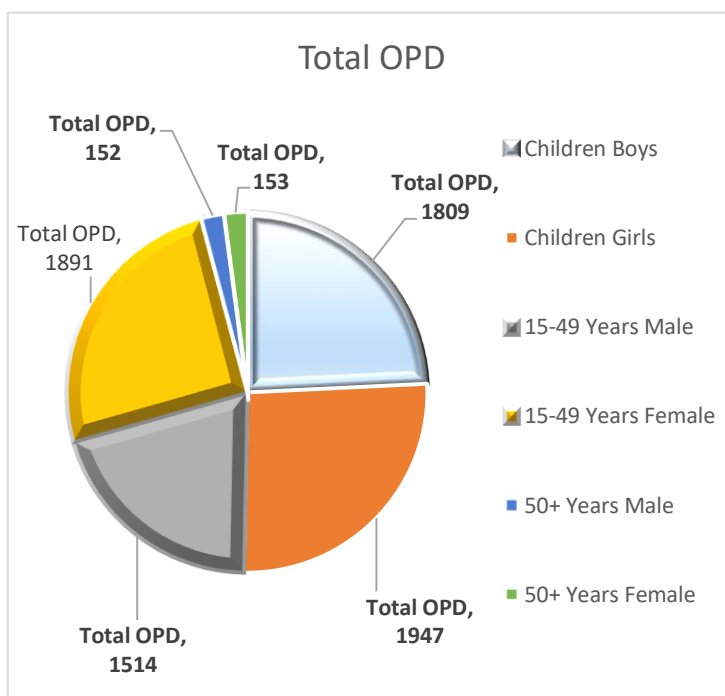


**450 dropout Primary school  
children (245 G 205 B) enrolled  
and received learning material**

### 1.5 HEALTH SERVICES:

In the post flood scenario, the Infrastructure of the Health facilities were extremely suffered. This has worst effect on the provision of health services at local level which increases the vulnerability of surrounding communities and as well as increased health and nutrition hazards. During the assessment by Sungi team it was decided to extend the support to some of the Rural Health Centers by providing them medical staff, Community Mid-Wives (CMW's), provided at the RHC's essential required medicines to continue the health services to flood affected communities.

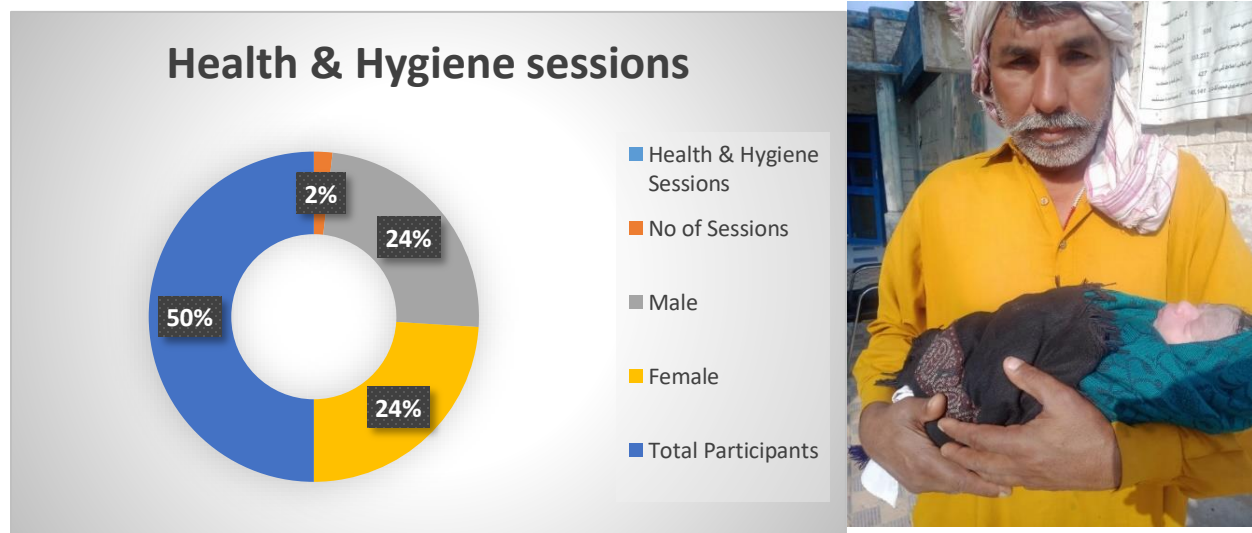
During the months of Nov-Dec 2022, primary healthcare services were provided to children, women, lactating / pregnant mothers & men at RHC Chak, RHC Mia Jo Goth district Shikarpur & at RHC Atta Mohammad Hami district Khairpur. The output of the total OPD (Outpatient Department) was as under.



## 1.6 RHC WISE OPD DATA

Prenatal, postnatal services were provided to pregnant mothers at RHC Chak, RHC Mia Jo Goth district Shikarpur and at RHC Atta Mohammad Hami district Khairpur. A total 21 safe births are facilitated in all three RHCs.

To create awareness among the flood affected people in the premises of the RHC's and surrounding communities of project implementation areas, Health & Hygiene teams of Sungi Development Foundation organized awareness sessions on safe practices health, hygiene and male-nutrition. During the 3 month (Nov 2022-Jan 2023) 90 health & Hygiene sessions were organized and conducted at RHC's level and as well in the surrounding communities and established TLC's. In these sessions, about 1200 males, 1191 female including minorities, PWD's and children were educated on the safe health practices and nutrition.



## 1.7 ESTABLISHMENT OF SMART CLINICS IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS.

The concept of smart clinics is to establish a tele-medical setup for the population of rural areas. This allows the Rural Health Centre to build a bridge among, the people that visit the RHC and a specialist medical practitioner, based elsewhere.

ALIGHT+SUNGI have established such smart clinics at RHCs (Chak, Mian Jo Goth) of the District Shikarpur, and RHC Ata Muhammad Hami of District Khairpur. Laptops (with an EMR System), an Internet Device for a stable internet connection were provided to each RHC for scheduling of patients and a comprehensive tele-medical consult. An E-Steth, a Pocket Fetal Doppler and a Patient Monitor to allow the medical officer of the RHC to physically examine the patients to support the consultant, have also been provided to each RHC. A mechanism has been set in place, in supervision of the medical officers' based at the RHC, for the scheduling of patients.

This will allow the patients visiting the RHC to routinely be scheduled for consult with a specialist (e.g.) cardiologist, dermatologist, internist etc.) allowing for better and targeted treatment, improving the health provision to the community.

## 1.8 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK IN RHC(S).

Under the project Sungi team held detailed assessment in all three Rural Health Centers (RHC's) to assess the RHC's building repair and maintenance work. To this Sungi team, consulted local technical people such as masons, electricians, painters, plumbers. It was part of a strategy to engage the surrounding local communities in cash for work (CFW) activity that the benefits would remain in the flood affected communities and cash assistance would be transferred to local flood affected people and empower them through to CFW support. A detailed Bill



of Quantities (BOQ's) were prepared and approved by the Alight-Pakistan. All the identified and very essential repair and maintenance work was successfully completed in these RHC's during the month of Jan-2023. About PKR 0.6 million were allocated in the budget.

A well experienced team of biomedical engineers from M/S Medical Equipment's Sales & Services paid visits to rural health centers related to project implementation areas for repair & maintenance of the medical equipment's for the provision of better health facilities to patients at their doorsteps. The team paid an in-depth visit to each RHC and examined each medical equipment's which were available at each facility and submitted their findings in written to the Sungi Development Foundation and shared with Alight team. After the due process, the repair and maintenance work of medical equipment's, such as Dental unit, X-Ray machine (USG machine prob), Baby wormer, Suction machine, Ultrasound machine, Incubator Repair. In addition, with the joined hand of Alight-Pakistan the RO Plant repair & maintenance and provision of Autoclaves were done by the Sungi team to improve the quality of services in these RHC's and lessening the miseries of flood affected communities. PKR 0.4 million was spent on repair, maintenance.

### COORDINATION COMMITTEES

To monitor the progress and improving the services at RHC's level, as a strategy we have formed 7 members Health Committee's in each RHC who monitored the refurb work, availability of missing staff and overall progress of RHC's. We have also engaged the delegation of the local influential to held meetings with DHO in his office for necessary support to improve the quality of work and services. In addition, we have also mobilized our field staff in public dissemination about the availability of services of free medicines and checkup in RHC's. We have engaged the local volunteers, imam masjid and local community influential to propagate the message and announcements through Masjid loud-speakers that maximum people could rush towards the RHC's and availed the facility.

## 1.9 MEDICINES DISTRIBUTION TO FLOOD AFFECTED RHC'S

Sungi Development Foundation with the Support of Alight-Pakistan, Immana and Doctor Worldwide has organized the ceremony in Rural Health Center (RHC's) Chak Taluka Lakhi Ghulam Khan & Mianjo Ghot Taluka Khanpur in district Shikarpur as well in the Rural Health Center (RHC) Atta Muhammad Hami. A number of public and private stakeholders participated in the said medicine distribution ceremony.

On the occasion, Sungi RHC team, RHC staff, and other distinguished guests were present along with the local community elders. While talking at the event DHO's of both districts acknowledged the efforts of Sungi and its supporting partners.

They also ensured that DHO offices will extend their support by providing the necessary staff and logistic support missing in RHCs. They also requested local community elders for their cooperation and support to Sungi team so that jointly we could bring impacts of our efforts. DHO's ensured for provision of driver for Ambulance, DHO's office will do the necessary repair of Ambulance. In addition to that DHO offices will provide two more lab technicians as their training is in process and by the start of Jan 2023 they will report to RHC Mianjo Ghot. The delegation of local community elders and political entities were invited in the event today, they also demanded for appointment of staff in RHC and those who are not regular on their duties. He ensured for all necessary arrangements. As a strategy for transparency and accountability Sungi team formed 7 members Health Committee in each RHC who will monitor the refurb work, availability of missing staff and overall progress of RHC's. We have also plan for delegation of the local influential to held meeting with DHO for necessary support to improve the quality of work and services.



## Chapter 2:

# Governance & Inclusion

## ***System and practices of the government that bring marginalized groups into the main stream towards the wider framework of the governance policies, program system and practices***

### **2 CHAPTER 2: GOVERNANCE & INCLUSION**

Sungi strongly believes that Sustainable development is driven by local communities and local actors that are responsive to the needs of their citizens and willing to involve them in their decision-making processes. Next to that, citizens need to be empowered to make their voices heard and cooperate effectively with the authorities.

Governance and inclusion in terms of both process (how decisions are made and who is included in that process and how and why) and outcomes (how resources are distributed and shared across a population and why) is one of the leading priorities in international development, with the SDGs as perhaps the most ambitious articulation of this. As the evidence overwhelmingly shows, over the long term, more open and inclusive societies and states tend to be more prosperous, effective and resilient.

As one of its prime thematic area, Sungi Development Foundation (SDF) is the staunch proponent of inclusive governance at the community level. It preaches that that under certain circumstances, more inclusive processes can in fact foster more inclusive development, and it teases out several factors that have been important in this regards. It empowers communities to become more effective actors in development through more politically aware ways of thinking and working.

It supports inclusive governance through inclusive policies for the communities in general , and the disadvantaged and marginalized people in particular to eliminate exclusion and discrimination in the society. Sungi Development Foundation works to make sure that those who are most likely to be left behind are included in their political economic and social life development policies.

Sungi Development Foundation's through its different programs committed to a transformative change in the life of vulnerable populations. Sungi through its strategic program is committed to reducing vulnerabilities of the marginalized group who experience social exclusion in or unable to participate in social political economic and cultural life of the society they are denied access to decision-making process and institutions in have limited access to equal opportunities and resources and hence no voice influence and control over their own development inequalities and social exclusion adversely impact the exercise of fundamental human rights.

Under different Programme, Sungi carried out a host of activities to ensure inclusive governance for the benefitting communities irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, or disability status that can negatively affect the ability of certain groups to lead a better life.

#### **2.1 ENHANCE THE ROLE OF VILLAGE FORUMS/NEIGHBORHOOD FORUMS FOR IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**

Village Forums (VFs) are community-level structures providing an effective platform for communities to raise and discuss communities' concerns and identify respective actions for the solution of the same. They respond to the community needs for behaviour change for inclusion and tolerance towards marginalised populations, and engage with relevant local community stakeholders including government departments, influencers and service providers to ensure the provision requisite services to the communities.

Their local knowledge of community issues especially of those vulnerable to harmful social practices makes the community dialogue, collective response and actions socially inclusive, cohesive and gender sensitive.

During the reporting period (2022), Village Forums assisted in identifying the vulnerable populations such as women in distress, persons with disabilities (PWDs), minorities and others in highlighting the



issues being faced by the diverse groups in their localities/villages/*Mohalla*/union councils. The forums develop action plan for engaging in dialogue, awareness and voice raising in the monthly meetings to resolve issues through dialogue with the concerned stakeholders and influencers.

Another main achievement during the reporting period is preparation of short proposal by Village Forum members. This activity provided a best opportunity to VF members to sit together, discuss and prioritize main issues of their villages. During this exercise, all the VFs prepared Community collective action plan at local level in which different issues were identified and resolved.

These action included meetings with line departments, community meetings, awareness raising activities and referral, etc. During the reporting period, the VF members held 27 advocacy dialogues with different duty-bearers to address the issues of target communities.

During the reporting period, 324 monthly meetings of the Village Forum were organized in which on average 690 village forum members including male, female, minorities, transgender and PWDs participated.

The members discussed progress on the previous action plans and shared their progress with Sungi team and with the village forum members. As mentioned these forums are the major source of escalating local demands related to social services and around the Aawaz-II thematic areas such GBV, child labour, early/force marriages, issues related to person with disabilities and social cohesion.

Sungi ensured the participation of all stakeholders such as the line departments, key person of government administration, civil society organizations, academia, media and district forum members. The PWDs, transgender and religious minorities were the integral part of these forums to ensure participation of the disadvantaged groups in the decision making. The only religious minorities in Haripur are Christians. Their population is also settled in few areas of the main city. Similarly, transgender are not settled in villages and slums around the city of Haripur.

## 2.2 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Village Forums shared 2780 individual referral cases which were related to access to services such as PWD's certificates, for linking them with Ehsas Programme and education programme of the government, Similarly, 2276 early warnings were issued by the village forum members related to gender based violence, dispute over land, ownership, early / force marriages, religious conflicts, etc. Most of the early warnings are pre-empted and addressed at local level and only few are escalated to next level including district forum and other relevant line departments to indulge in.

During the reporting period 2022, Village Forums organized 108 sessions in all targeted tehsils, where community feedback and perceptions were captured on the identified targeted groups such transgender persons, PWDs, minorities, women, children and senior citizens. In addition, the village forums were given the task to identify and profiling of new households in their locality.

The VFs also disseminated referral directory and IEC material around different thematic areas. Radio listener groups were also formed for awareness on the issues of different themes such as child labour, early/ forced marriages, PWDs rights, minority rights, social cohesion and transgender person's rights.

The Village Forums also took self-initiatives and actions around themes and other public demands. In some village forums, sessions were organized on breast cancer, Covid-19 vaccination, sessions on interfaith harmony, sensitization on PWDs issues/rights, 16-days of activism, sessions on gender base violence and women social and political rights.

Similarly during 2022, 17 meetings were conducted with the duty bearers on the demands derived from the village and district forums. In these meetings Sungi Aawaz-II team engaged VF and DF members to hold meetings with relevant line departments and district administration and 4015 individual's cases were addressed during the reporting period.

As both of groups were special interest groups therefor, only covered person with disabilities (PWDs) and minorities. During the reporting year, two trainings were also organized for special interest groups on conflict pre-emption.

Both special interest groups raised demands which were properly shared with the line departments and district administration. The departments engaged were social welfare, Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal, Ehsas Programme, Employment Exchange Commission Haripur, Additional Deputy Commissioner Haripur, ADC-Relief and Human Rights, Deputy Commissioner Haripur and Aawaz-II District Forum- Haripur.

## 2.3 DISTRICT FORUMS & DISTRICT ALLIANCES FOR BRIDGING THE GAP AMONG COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDER INSTITUTION

The role of the District Forum (DF) is of utmost importance and representation of government officials is key evidence/indicator for their effective functioning in District Haripur. Problems of the local communities which cannot be solved locally are brought to the District Forum so that they could be resolved in consultation with the concerned departments.

Another significant role of DF is that on one hand it includes government officials as members while on other hand it makes accountable and responsive to these department towards public demands and needs. The District Forum serves as a bridge between communities and duty bearers, highlighting issues of concern, advocating for improved access to information and services and addressing gaps.



It engages with duty bearers to promote improved and inclusive response to the issues of the marginalised groups and communities. It raises voice, discusses and advocates for communities' collective concerns and ensures that communities voices particularly of women, youth, PWDs, transgender persons, minorities and those at risk of child labor, early/forced marriage were heard.

During the reporting period, Sungi organized 6 bi-monthly meetings of District Forum to discuss and resolve the issues of vulnerable population referred from VF level. Most of DF meetings were also attended by Provincial Partner. Some of the issues of VF and DF were referred to PP to address and resolve at provincial level.

Sungi organized the district level alliance/coalition meeting at Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), which was attended by the AAR-Japan team, Mr. Muzamal, Advisor AAR-Japan, Ms. Sobia Sultan, District Coordinator and members of AAR-Japan volunteers (working on inclusive education), Mr. Riast Khan, General Secretary of Pakistan Association for Blinds, ADF President Mr. Tehseen ul Haq, Director Baitul Mall Mr. Nayar Abbass Jaffery, ADO-Education Female and Mr. Chanzeb Khan, Focal Person of Ehsas Programme.

Some more members were included to make the forum more inclusive for addressing the issues of all the target beneficiaries including religious minorities and transgender. There are 25 members are in DF including 10 Male, 11 Female, two Transgender, three minority representatives and three PWDs. DF members successfully engaged all the relevant government departments in its advocacy initiatives.

District Forum Haripur is very vibrant in terms of inclusiveness and department participation. It has emerged as advocacy and human rights defender forum. It regularly highlights the issue of vulnerable population and respond to all the human rights violation cases. During the reporting period, DF Haripur made some key achievement as mentioned below;

1. Irfan Nasir and Risat Khan Ghazi shared that District Administration provided 6lack for security room and boundary wall construction. The work is in progress. Another grant of rupees 3 Million also approved and work order also issued to the contractor for overall repair and construction of two churches in Ghazi Tehsil. Aawaz II District and Village Forums members raised this demand in Khuli Kichare held by Deputy Commissioner in Ghazi in 2021. DF members also conducted the follow-up visits in DC Haripur office.
2. Saima Shokat shared that 15 Transgender completed the different skilled base courses from university of Haripur and received the certificates. These transgender were referred by Samia Shokat DF member and Tran's focal person.
3. 15 Minorities from tehsil Ghazi got their Domicile. DF member Albert Rafique played key role for facilitation and assistance of these 15 individuals.
4. 3 District Forum members ( Sajjida Hassrat Khan, Rubeena Shaeena and Sana Iqbal have been nominated as KPDSW committee district Haripur.
5. DF member Riasat Khan visited VF Khanpur and hold the sessions with PWDs and their families about the process and importance of PWDs certification.
6. Social welfare Department is ready to own Aawaz structures" Sana Iqbal District Social Welfare officer Haripur expressed her views in monthly meeting of Tehsil Ghazi, VF Hamlet. She said lots of efforts are behind these forum formations and capacity building. We will continue our coordination and support with these communities and volunteers after the close out of Aawaz II.
7. DF member also visited Women facilitation center and conducted the meeting with center staff.
8. DF members notified Anti Work Place Harassment Committee with in DF body for future. 5 members nominated in the meeting (3 female 2 male and a transgender) 1 from minority, 1 from transgender and 1 from PWD.
9. DF Member Gulnaz Rashed shared that additional sessions judge convicted a man for sexually assaulting a minor family member here and handed down 15 years imprisonment and Rs1 million fine to him. Gulnaz Rashed was the advocate from the victim side.
10. DF Members visited Dar-ul Aman Haripur along with the district Administration, during the visits missing facilities of Dar-ul-Aman was recorded and shared with administration. Physical and mental health issues of women of Dar ul aman also identified and referred to concerned authorities.
11. DF members attended the VF monthly meeting and guide the communities about the sustainability actions.
12. District Forum letter to Deputy Commissioner Haripur to include more women in Anti Workplace Harassment Committee Haripur.

## 2.4 MAINSTREAMING OF EXCLUDED GROUPS

### 2.4.1 Formation of PWD Special Group

PWD Special Group Formation meeting was held during the reporting period 2022, in Sungi Haripur office, which was attended by 23 participants. SUNGI organized this meeting with the support of AAR Japan. Village/Neighborhood Forums were formed in the catchment area of Tehsil Agahi Centers. Each V/N Forum comprised 20-25 members above the age of 18. Each V/N Forum selected four-member committee of focal persons; two focal persons (one female and one male) responsible for managing the activities and meetings of forum and other two focal persons (one female and one male) responsible for the EWS/ERM.

After the discussion members were profiled and 25 persons with disabilities were registered in the forum.

Activity	Detail of PWD Special Group				
	Male	Female	Transgender	PWDs	Minorities
Formation of PWD Special Group	14	9	0	23	0

#### 2.4.2 Formation of Minorities Special Group

Aawaz-II Programme team organized a consultation meeting with minorities at Saint Paul Church on August 21, 2022. The objective of minority V/NFs was to engage community in dialogue, disseminate information on behaviour change, raise awareness on social cohesion (PWDs), conflict pre-emption, sensitize and engage in accessing relevant structures/services and involve in EWS and ERM. It was also aimed at highlighting their issues related to service and other human rights issue to minority families residing in the locality.

During the meetings some of the issues related to job quota and graveyard land issues were highlighted. The graveyard land was occupied by the different government office and other local people. The issue was also brought into the notice of Deputy Commissioner Haripur.

The meeting was informed that approvals had been done by the provincial government regarding job quota yet many people were over-age and unable to apply due to which many posts were lying vacant. The meeting demanded Sungi team to arrange the meeting with the district administration to discuss this issue. At the end of meeting an action plan was formulated on the issues highlighted in the meeting.

Activity	Detail of Minorities Special Group				
	Male	Female	Transgender	PWDs	Minorities
Formation of Minorities Special Group:	8	15	0	0	0

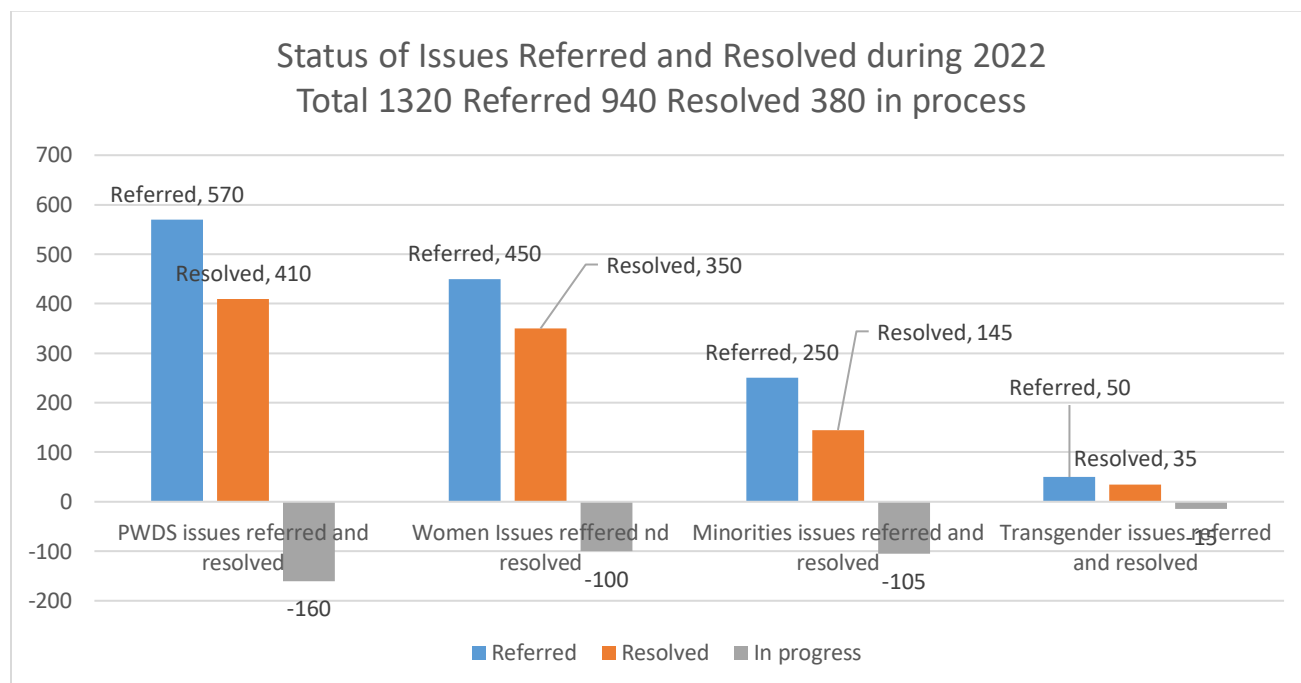
#### 2.5 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM/ERM

A capacity building trajectory was formulated to build the understanding of local conflicts and how to strategies to pre-empt and cope with early warning (EWS) and early response mechanisms (ERM). As many as nine trainings were organized for 27 tehsils teams and village forum members including men, women and minorities in which they were imparted detailed knowledge and techniques to tackle local conflicts/early warning raised by the VF members.

These trainings were further cascaded by the trained staff to the selected Village Forum members. During the reporting period, a total of 228 males, females, minorities and person with disabilities (PWDs) were imparted training in all the targeted tehsils.

Similarly, 1,176 early warnings were raised by the VF members related to gender based violence, dispute over land, ownership, early/force marriages, religious conflicts, etc. Most of the early warnings are pre-empted and addressed at local level and only few are escalated to District Forum and other relevant line departments.

The VFs were involved in behavior change activity and during the reporting period 108 sessions were organized in all targeted tehsils. In these sessions community feedbacks and perceptions were captured on the identified targeted groups such transgender persons, PWDs, minorities, women, children and senior citizens. In addition, the VFs were given the tasks to identify and profiling of new households in their locality.



## 2.6 BRIDGING GAP AMONG COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Departments Involved, Engaged, or Supported	Name and Designation of Official	Details of Engagement	Type of Support Provided
District Administration	Mr. Mughees Sana Ullah, Deputy Commissioner Haripur	Meetings and Dialogue, Khuli Kicharees etc	Health Camp announcement for Transgender, Domicile issue almost resolved.
District Administration	Mis. Shaista	She participated in different event and supported many DF action	Notification of District Anti Work Place Harassment committees. Notification of District Vigilance Committee.

Social Welfare Department Haripur	Miss Sana Iqbal District Social Welfare Officer Haripur	She is active DF member and Participated in all district level activities	PWDs certification, Awareness session delivering
Labor Department	Mr. Hameed Ur Rahman	They engaged their staff with Aawazll team for giving session at village level.	They delivered the session in CCAPs thematic.
Pakistan Bait ul Mal	Assistant Director Pakistan Bait ul Mal. Neyar Abbas Jafri	Regularly participating in DF meetings and other activites.	Provision of Wheel Chairs to 25 VF referral PWDs
District Police Department	SP Traffic Police. Shahzadi Noshad Gilani	Supported DF action at department level	Supported Riksha Campaign in District Haripur
District Administration	Mr. Hasan Ahsan Assistant Commissioner Haripur	Construction of boundary wall which are pending from last 2 years.	The marked the application and forward to deputy commissioner
Police. Central Jail Haripur	Madam Fouzia Taj	Meetings, Seminar in district Jail Haripur.	Seminar in District Jail Harpur on Working Women Day 2022.
District Youth officer. Haripur	Mr. Faheem Khan	Participation of ACAs Participation of ACAs youth in government initiatives	Seminar and meetings
Right to Information Department	Mr. Zulfiqar. District Monitoring Officer		Awareness of VF members about right to information act.

## Chapter 3. Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance

*"I believe that humanity is also a religion. A person can be different from another person for any reason, we have to understand and accept this difference and we all have a duty to respect it in the same way we respect other people. (Doctor Irfan Nasir Masi Sungi Activist)"*



### **3** CHAPTER 3: INTERFAITH HARMONY AND TOLERANCE

Interfaith harmony embodies the notion of live and let live. In a world of increasing political and economic dissonance, peaceful coexistence among practitioners of various religious beliefs can prove to be the way forward for peace and prosperity. Strengthening interfaith harmony and religious diversity can be instrumental in the development and progress of Pakistan.

There is a dire need to spread the message of acceptance and sharing, especially among the various religious communities, entities and sects. This is a must for a peaceful and developed Pakistan where there is an interfaith harmony among various religious entities and sects.

The human rights situation, particularly of the minorities, is not as good though the present scenario is in sharp contrast to the history of this land replete with exemplary stories of religious pluralism. Thus, the interfaith harmony is part of a neglected history of Pakistan, which is of huge import to remember again today, and claim for any envisioning of a harmonious future of the South Asian region, and for the world as well.

For a peaceful Pakistan, it is important to tap into the deeper layers of the indigenous history of our region. Sungi Development Foundation envisages fostering religious and social harmony, and helping develop a pluralistic society in Pakistan in which people of different beliefs can live together in peace, and exercise their rights, guaranteed by the Constitution of Pakistan.

Learning from the vast historical background of the country that preaches and promotes interfaith harmony and religious diversity, Sungi Development Foundation endeavors to inculcate these values back into policy-making for valuable peace and development outcomes. Sungi's efforts are aimed at the promotion of tolerance, religious freedom and mutual acceptance to assure justice.

#### **3.1 INTERFAITH EXCHANGE VISIT:**

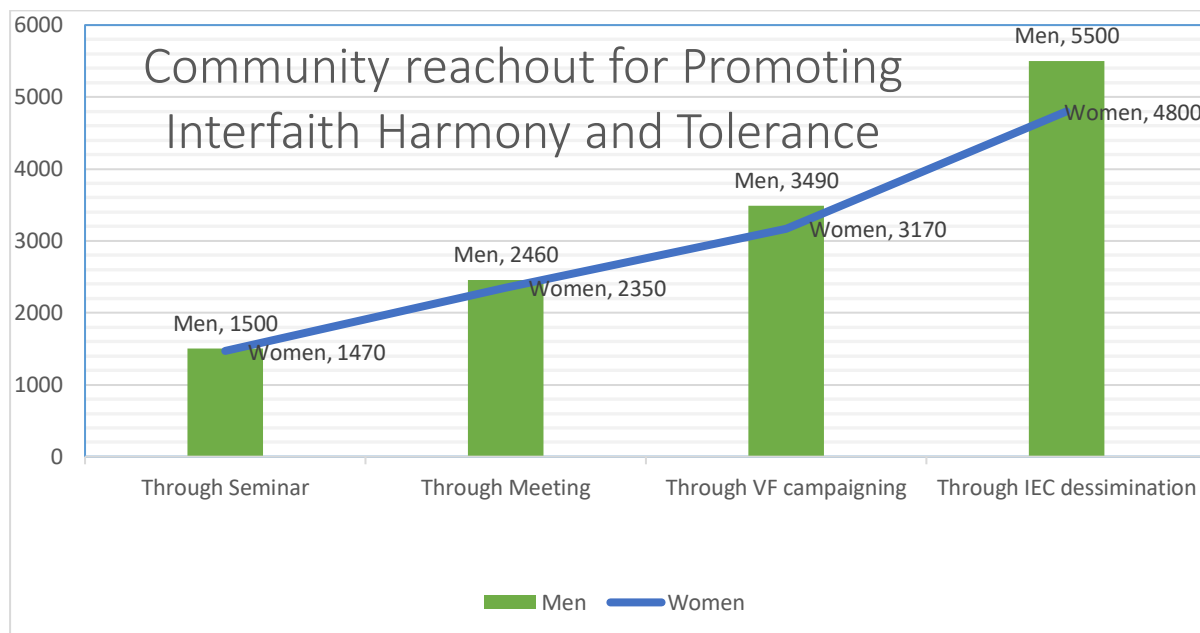
To minimize intolerance and discrimination and promote inclusion and social cohesion in the society Sungi Development Foundation under the Aawaz II programme organized intra-district interfaith/sect exposure visits in its target community of Haripur district to promote interfaith harmony and inclusion through dialogue and discussion.

The objective of the visit was to engage community members, including religious minorities in its target districts so that they can share experiences and Issues, take action and learn from each other. The programme content for the interfaith/sect exposure visit was focused on improving interfaith harmony, inclusion, and social cohesion.

The event provided a platform for the participants to hear from each other about how everyone can play a role in enhancing the inclusion of minorities in their communities. The event was attended by 64 representatives including 16 women, 48 men, 13 minorities from Aawaz II District and Village Forum members, District Interfaith Harmony Committee, and the local community. .

Sungi Development Foundation under the umbrella of Aawaz-II and in collaboration with Social Welfare Department, Special Education and Women Empowerment Department of Khyber Paktunkhawa organized the district level session on the importance of dialogue on interfaith and social harmony at Haripur Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the period under review. During the reporting year Sungi reached out 6900 individuals for sensitization about the interfaith harmony and rights of minorities.

### 3.2 COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PROMOTING INTERFAITH HARMONY AND TOLERANCE



### 3.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is necessary to implement the constitutions and laws of the country regarding interfaith harmony.
- Such events / sessions must be organized in schools, colleges and universities.
- Promote cultural practices for promoting religious and interfaith harmony.
- The other school of religious thoughts must be invited and engaged that a collective message of peace, love and inter-faith harmony propagated in the society.
- Review and revision of policies and practices to ensure basic human rights for all as equal citizens of Pakistan.
- Promote religious tourism, social and cultural gatherings.
- Prevent misuse and misinterpretation of the blasphemy laws.
- Allocations of resources for development of minorities across the board.
- The imam-masjids of different school of thoughts must be engaged and brain storming sessions would be held that they could also send this message which help in changing mind set of common man and women.

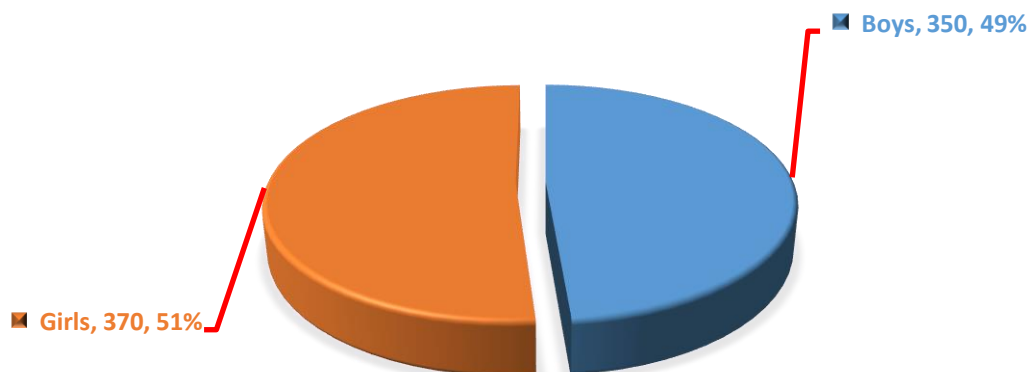
## Chapter 4:



### Youth Engagement & Volunteerism

“Youth’s civic engagement and volunteerism is important for the development of civic values”

#### YOUTH ENGAGED DURING YEAR 2022



## **4** CHAPTER 4: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEERISM

**Y**outh participation means youth are involved in decision-making for their communities. Youth's civic engagement and volunteerism is important for the development of civic values, social trust and strengthening of democratic values. Organizations and governments invest in creating more demand for youth participation including by the most vulnerable groups such as girls, minorities, excluded groups and persons with disabilities. Long-term strategies are developed to raise young people's awareness of their rights to participate in issues of their interest. These strategies encouraged them to participate and express their voices in local and national governance to influence public policy.

Volunteering is giving time to help someone else or a cause one cares about, simply because one wants to and without expecting payment. According to United Nation Pakistan, "Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people, especially the youths, in tackling development challenges as and it can transform the pace and nature of development. Volunteerism benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation.

Sungi Development Foundation supports volunteering and engagement of youth for the betterment of communities, children, minorities, transgender and teenagers. Through engagement and volunteerism among youths, Sungi strengthens collaboration and problem solving, builds relationships and strengthen support network, provides youth the opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change and help them grow and develop a more refined sense of self-awareness and an awareness of other communities.

Participation in volunteer and civic opportunities from an early age instills empathy, inspires a sense of citizenship, and helps youth find pathways to meaningful education and work. In fact, young people who volunteer help to improve the present, while ensuring healthy, secure futures for themselves and their communities.

### **4.1 OBJECTIVES OF CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT**

Basic objective of the citizen's engagement is to linked the Village Forum members, their referrals and demands with the duty-bearers. Aawaz-II tehsils team engaged the VF members through dialogues and meetings with the different service providers to seek their input to address the needs of vulnerable communities and general demands related to access to services. During the reporting period, as many as 79 meetings/citizens engagement were arranged.

Four meeting were held with Social Welfare Department, Bait-ul-Maal, District Election Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police on the different issues. The list of 250 PWDS was shared with Social Welfare Department while data of 150 persons with disabilities was shared with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall. A meeting was also held with District Election Commissioner on the transgender CNIC and voter registration issue.

DF members along with Sungi team held meeting with SSP Investigation, Mr. Mujeeb ur Rehman and it was agreed that District Forum will extend full support with regard to the investigation on the GBV and child abuse cases in District Haripur.

District AAC successfully engaged VF and DF members to establish the communities linkages with line departments including Social Welfare Department, District Anti-Harassment Committee, Police Department, Health Department, Education Department, Tehsil & District Administration, TMA,

Irrigation Department, Ehsas Programme, Pakistan Bait-ul- Maal, etc. for social cohesion and protection of basic rights of the excluded groups.

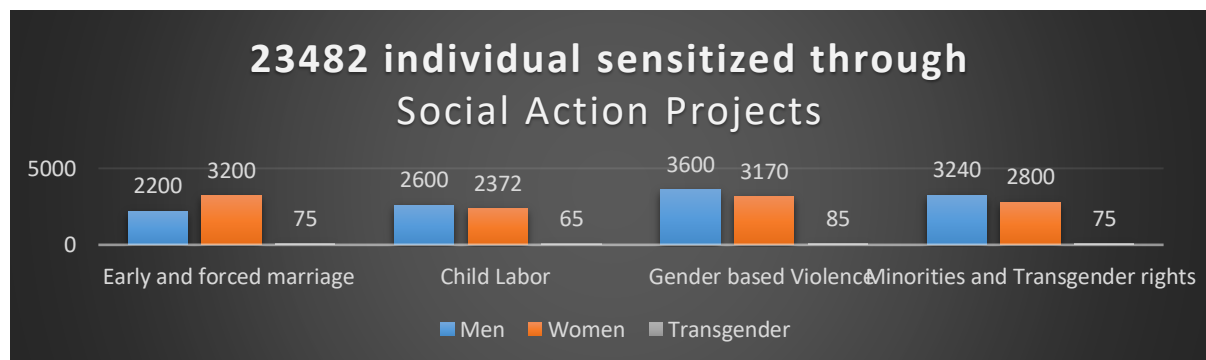
#### 4.2 SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS (SAPS)

In the reporting period, as many as 28 ACAs training were conducted in District Haripur with equal number of all three tehsils. In these trainings, ACAs planned 81 Social Action Projects (SAPs) under the supervision of the facilitators and training officer. As many as 59 SAPs were successfully completed by ACAs in target areas of the project.

Moreover, the project helped the youth volunteer in enhancing their knowledge regarding thematic areas as the youth volunteers organized the awareness session on Awaz II thematic areas. The SAPs theme based on seven early and forced marriages, 26 child labor, 11 GBV and 13 SAPs were about social inclusion which is defined in project focus groups.

#### 4.3 KEY RESULTS

- Early and forced marriage have been stopped by youth volunteer at their respective village.
- SAPs implemented on minorities rights.
- Youth took initiatives to stop domestic violence, child abuse and harassment at workplace.
- Enhanced the knowledge on the AawazII thematic areas and cascade training in their villages.
- Participation of youth volunteer families on SAPs encouraged youth in taking initiatives towards gender based-violence, early and forced marriage and social cohesion
- Projection of SAPs initiatives in national media & social media.
- Improved knowledge of community groups on the mandate of established violence against women center.
- Increased awareness of community on reporting of violation of inheritance laws, and harassment at work places





## Chapter 5: Women Empowerment & Elimination of Gender base Violence

### 5 CHAPTER 5: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Gender-based violence leads to psychological and physical trauma, increased health care costs and loss of earnings. Gender-based violence is increasing especially in the rural areas as both men and women are falling victim of this malaise.

Sungi has induced a transformative change in the lives of vulnerable populations by enhancing role of Village Forums/Neighborhood Forums & Special Interest Groups for improved governance. These activities were aimed at reducing vulnerabilities of the marginalized group who experience social exclusion or are unable to participate in social, political, economic and cultural life. They are denied access to decision-making process and institutions and have limited access to equal opportunities, resources and hence have no voice influence and control over their own development inequalities. This social exclusion adversely impacts the exercise of fundamental human rights.

Covering thematic areas such GBV, child labour, early/forced marriage, Sungi carried out a host of activities to ensure inclusive governance for the benefitting communities irrespective of gender, race,

ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, or disability status that can negatively affect the ability of certain groups to lead a better life. Sungi trained hundreds of Youth Volunteers and CBO members to raise voice against GBV and protection of women and other excluded groups rights. These youth volunteers and community members actively working for addressing the issues of GBV a grassroots level. These activates not only minimizing the GBV cases in the communities but also strengthening the referral mechanism among community and service provider institution. For addressing and minimizing GBC issues

#### **5.1 SUNGI IMPLEMENTED FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN ITS TARGET AREAS.**

- Community sensitization session on GBV
- Dissemination of IEC Material and motivational video screening session on GBV
- Formation of Special interest group for protection of Women and other vulnerable groups like transgender and minorities’.
- Dialogue between community and service provider institution.
- Formation of Anti Work Place Harassment Committees in different public and private institutions (Sungi is also member of District Anti-Harassment Committee Chaired by DC)
- Community awareness about the women anti workplace harassment act 2010
- Formation of Women protection networks at District Level
- Seminars and walk rallies on GBV
- Commemoration of National and International days including 16 days of Activism Campaign.
- Supporting Women facilitation canter at District Level.
- Organize the Khuli Kicharies with the support of District Administration for Women, Transgender, and Minorities.
- Arrange the visits of government official in Sungi established community canter in order to listen the women and other vulnerable groups’ issues.
- Provision of basic facilities to District Dar ul Amman and District prison.

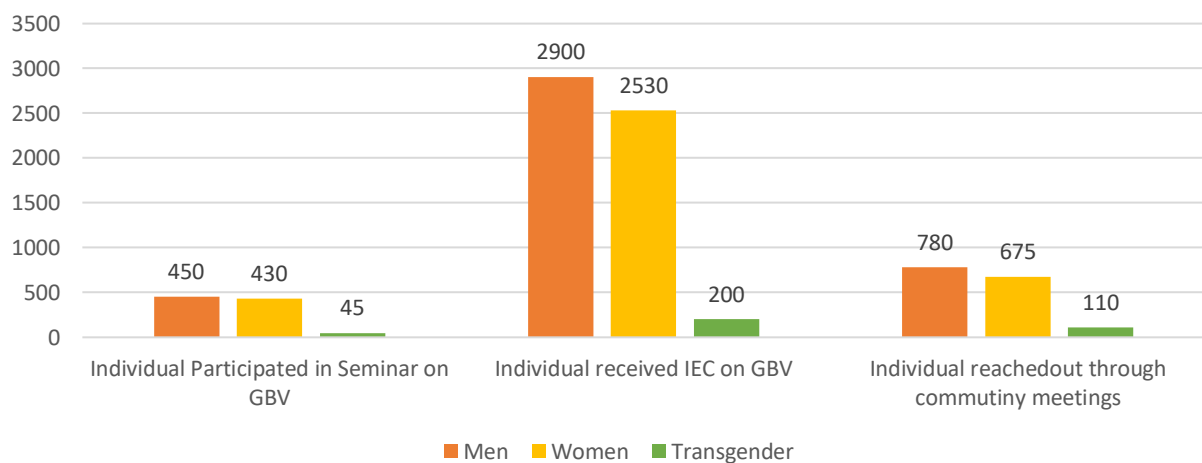
Sungi successfully established three awareness centers in all the targeted districts, tehsils including, which actively are working for strengthening the voice of excluded and marginalized groups and individuals.

These centers are not only providing referral and information services to excluded groups but also providing the safe and accessible space to target beneficiaries including women, transgender, PWDs and religious minorities where they could discuss their issues at proper forums and find the best possible solutions. These centers are now equipped with basic information about the different mandated and non-mandated structures.

These centers provided the space for the capacity building of VF members besides supporting the processes of community mobilization, capacity building and behaviour change to address the issues of exploitation. They focused on child labour, early and forced marriage, GBV and intolerance by pre-empting community-based conflicts and raising informed demands for services and activities.



**8120** Individual reached out through awareness and sensitization activities on GBV during 2022

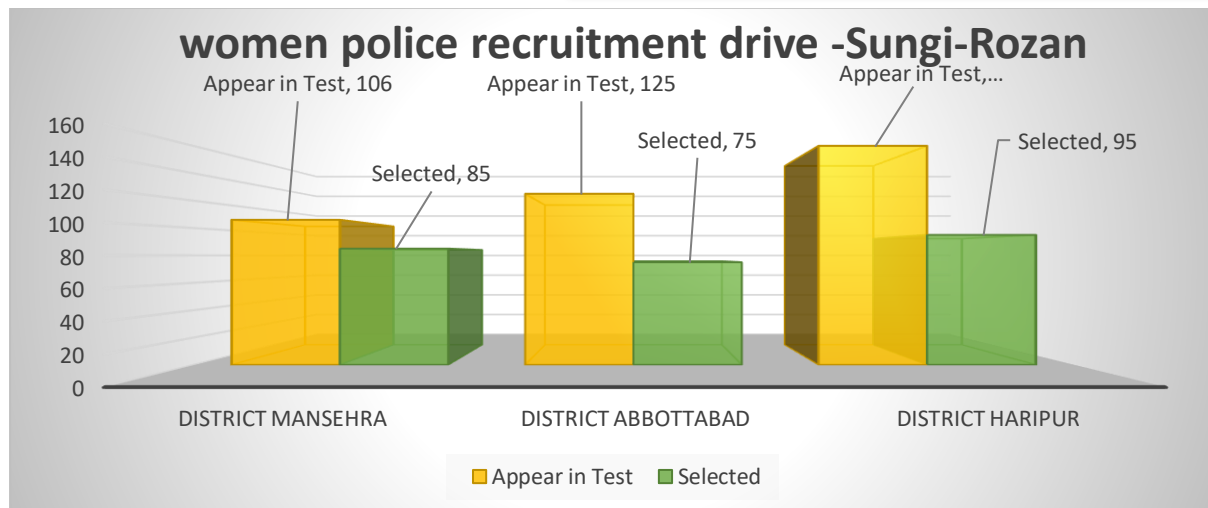


**Sungi Development Foundation and Rozan support in women police recruitment drive in Abbottabad, Mansehra, and Haripur.**

**5.2 SUNGI ROZAN JOINT VENTURE:**

Sungi signed MOU with ROZAN to implement a project titled “Police Recruitment and Training Program for Female Aspirants” in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Abbottabad, Mansehra and Haripur Districts. The project focused on increasing the recruitment of women in the KP police at the Constable and Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) level. To support the police in increasing the number of women recruitment, promotional material has been developed and disseminated in respective districts as well as on social media. To get the maximum number of potential candidates, women's colleges and universities were focused on where motivational activities were conducted to encourage women to join the police force. Subsequently, women interested to join the police were trained on attempting

the tests by experts having experience in police trainings. Afterward, the selected groups of women were trained on physical tests and ongoing interviews. Through this process Sungi facilitated social mobilization process and linkages development with local stakeholders. Under this initiative 5500 girls sensitised to participate in competitive tests for police constables.



### 5.3 SUNGI EFFORTS FOR INCLUSIVE ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN PAKISTAN. EQUIP

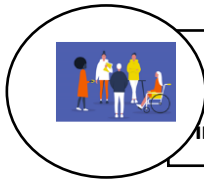
Sungi Development Foundation with the support of Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA) is implementing the Electoral Quality and Inclusiveness in Pakistan (EQUP) project funded by United States Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL). The EQUP project aims to contribute and promote free and fair elections in Pakistan, especially in technical quality and inclusiveness. The project is being implemented by the Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) with the support of the Coalition for Inclusive Pakistan (CIP). Sungi is implementing this project in two districts of KP including Abbottabad and Haripur.

A training of Women Political Workers has been conducted in Sungi Resource center Abbottabad 16 women from 5 political parties participating in this one day training. District Election Commissioner Abbottabad also facilitated session on importance of CNIC/ Vote registration and role of Election Commission for conducting Election. All the workers were participating very actively and sharing different experiences and making collective strategies to improve political participation of women and Religious Minorities in their respective areas

#### 5.4 SUNGI WOMEN POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES 2023



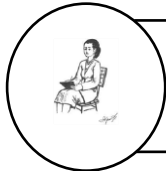
**1500 Women sensitized on importance of vote**



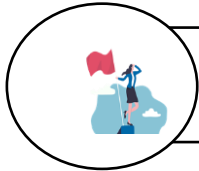
**7500 Individual reached out through IEC on inclusive electoral system**



**Trained 35 Women Political workers**



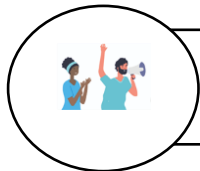
**Sungi trained and deployed 150 independent observers**



**870 Women trained on leadership role**



**700 Youth Volunteers on improve women political participation**



**75 Women trained on effective campaigning**



**145 Community Collective action plan for addressing GBV**



**2700 Women got their NIC through MRV**

## 5.5 “MERAINTIKHAB-MERI KHUSHALI”

### INTER PERSONAL AND SOCIAL & BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROJECT SHEIKHUPURA (A PPIF FUNDED PROJECT)

Project titled “MeraIntikhab-Meri Khushali” is being implemented by the SUNGI Development Foundation (SUNGI) with the support of Punjab Population Innovation Fund (PPIF) in District Shaikhupura Punjab Pakistan. Punjab is the largest province of the country with 110,012,442 (2017) Population. According to the census 2017, total estimated population of District Shaikhupura is about 3,425,000. Average annual growth rate is 2.27 from 1998 to 2021. The major segment of population believes that having children is the only way the village can grow; moreover they perceive that having controlled population is against religious teachings. There is a need to change such myths and taboos in targeted areas and reduce the fertility rate in order to cut down population pressures on the country's physical and capital resources.

The healthcare services in the district Sheikhpura cover approximately 35% of the population whereas rest of population has no significant access to quality of health services. Therefore, the project through its pilot interventions, proposes to reach out 91,000 young MWRAs (Married Women of Reproductive Age) between the age of 15 to 29 years of age in covered and uncovered areas.

The largest field level public health system i.e. Lady Health Worker Program in Punjab is yet uncovered in 40% of the province. The outreach of public health service delivery is limited especially in remote areas whereas the private sector is yet not optimized to fulfil the unmet need of 17.8% in Punjab.

It is reported that less than one third of the private facilities providing a wide range of family planning services in both rural and urban areas. Within the method mix of contraceptive services, only 3.2% accounts for Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) leading to stagnant and unsustainable family planning programming in the province. According to the landscape study by Population Council 2016, other than the accessibility of quality of services, appropriate information about family planning methods, myths and misconceptions remains a significant barrier to high uptake of services.

Moreover, Family Planning programs in Pakistan have pre-dominantly been directed at women. With more than 50% of the couples having a disagreement on family size and 30% men wanting more children than women require for not only engaging men individually but also as couples. Such exclusion of men leads to information barriers for them at various fronts. Insufficient knowledge leads to fear of side effects and contraceptive method failure, which is reported as one of the major reasons for a high contraceptive discontinuation rate of 38% in Pakistan. Hence, there is a need for interventions that where we not only engage women but also their husbands in improving access to family planning services.

A number of studies have shown that interpersonal and community-level interventions, coupled with service provision, have increased couples' engagement in reproductive health, their intention to use and demand for modern contraceptives, and raised contraceptive prevalence, contributing to lower fertility rates. Communicating complementary FP messages through a variety of channels such as

electronic and mobile health technologies, art and theatre, edutainment, clinic-based counselling etc. can effectively promote positive attitude towards contraceptive use.

### **Goal/Overall Aim of the Project:**

“Improve Family planning knowledge, positive attitudes and practice through systematic and evidence-based Social and Behavior Change Communication Interventions”

### **Outcomes of the Project:**

- Increased acceptability & Awareness of Family Planning
- Increased uptake of Modern Contraceptive Methods
- Decrease in discontinuation of Contraceptives

### **Expected Outcomes:**

Following are the project outcomes 88,000-93,500 young couples will be reached out in Sheikhpura District.

- 20 %-point increase in FP knowledge
- 6%-point increase in unmet need for birth spacing
- 8%-point demand for birth spacing met
- 13%-point increase in CPR & 10%-point increase in MCPR
- 30% of FP Users are expected to choose LARCs
- Graduation of 30% of MWRAs using traditional to modern methods of contraception
- 10% decrease in discontinuation rate
- Women participation increased in decision making about number of children, decision about birth spacing and adoption of family planning

### **Overview of Methodology**

Sungi will mobilize local groups/ CBOs to become partners in program implementation/agree to common agenda.

- Sungi will empower the project staff to implement the program effectively.
- Sungi will work on development/formation /reorganization of alliances and other like-minded groups
- Sungi will carry out orientation meetings with stakeholders to engage and sensitize them.
- Sungi will form male/husband motivators groups and will conduct orientation/capacity building session of the male groups in the intervention area.
- Development of BCC strategy and IEC material.

- Sungi will carry out 15 Interactive theatres to engage local youth Groups.
- Sungi will conduct social media campaign including Mobile phone message and ATL&BTL campaign
- Sungi will identify and capacitate 20 married couples (Change Makers - CM) for mentoring other couples to make informed choices to avail the FP services.
- Sungi will form husband groups at the community level in intervention area.
- Sungi will ensure formation and capacity building of Mothers Clubs and corner meeting of the same to initiate community dialogues.
- Development of referral mechanism in the form of Helpline for public and private facilities.
- Sungi will conduct sensitization sessions and network meeting with FP service providers/health departments/line departments.

First outcome “Increased acceptability & awareness of Family Planning” is the base for achieving 2nd & 3rd outcome of the project. Now SUNGI-PPIF team Shaikhupura completed major planned work under 1st outcome, build necessary ground by forming 60 UC level forums and 5 Tehsil level FP forums, Networks meetings with Public & Private service providers. The most important 50 private service providers and 50 Mother Ambassadors in 50 targeted UCs are on board, received proper orientation and started practical work in all the UCs. It’s now almost takeoff position and pace of achieving planned targets will certainly increase in coming months.

### Project Overview

Activity	Target Nos	Achieved Nos
Young MWRAs (15-29) Registration	25,044	26,133
Young MWRAs Availing any FP method (30%)	7,513	11,248
Young MWRA LARCs users (10%)	2,504	2,726
Young MWRA New Users (20%)	1,503	1,629
Orientation meeting with Mother group	360	240
No. of Participants	3600	2276
Orientation meet ing with existing structures at UC/Tehsil level	60	60
Training Refresher for MAs / Focal Couples	2	2
Formation of FP Forums	5	5
Sensitization sessions for FP forum Members (one day) & Beneficiaries Couples	3	3
Networking meeting with Private and Public health services providers	3	3

<b>Launch &amp; orientation session of FP Services Providers Network</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
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### **SUNGI ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING:**

During the reporting period Sungi role was widely recognized by the key stakeholders at all level. Sungi got exceptional support from government department across the country for the implementation of its humanitarian and development interventions. In the recognition of Sungi work Government included Sungi in different officially notified structures e.g. District Voter Education Committees (DVC) District Vigilance Committees to combat Child labor and Human Trafficking (DVCH), District Human Rights Committee (DHRC) Child Protection Committee (CPC) Anti Work Place Harassment Committee (AWHR).

### **COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN SINDH.**

During the reporting, various coordination meetings were held with District Health Officers (DHOs) of concerned districts on project progress, project futures plans and especially on the concept of smart clinics & their working mechanism and, as well as on referral of chronic patients to district headquarter hospitals/ tertiary care centers. In these meetings, relevant DHOs of both districts were engaged and invited to participate on medicine handover ceremonies at respective RHCs of their concerned districts. The District Health Officers of both districts pay thanks to Sungi Development Foundation team and acknowledged the support. He ensured his full support and cooperation to jointly improve the service delivery in these RHC's. The District Health Officer Shikarpur Dr. Waseem u Din Shaikh Sb & District Health Officer Dr. Rehmatullah Solangi are very supportive and welcoming and this behavior and responsiveness will lead us to the good results.

### **MEETING WITH AL-KHIDMAT FOUNDATION**

Alight-Pakistan has signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Alkhidmat foundation. The objective of this MOU was to improve coordination for better health service delivery and built synergies among Alight, Sungi and Al-Khidmat foundation. In continuation of this MOU, a coordination meetings were held with Mr. Mamoon ur Rasheed Bajwa Sb Regional Manager & with Dr. Sajjad Memon cluster in-charge safe family & safe mother on referrals mechanism regarding chronic patients & on Biomedical Engineers for the repair & maintenance of RHCs' medical equipment's. Al-Khidmat Foundation assured its support by providing ambulance for patients with chronic diseases with fueling and they linked Sungi Development Foundation with a well experienced team of Biomedical Engineer from M/S Hospitals Equipment's Sales & Services. It was also discussed that Al-Khidmat foundation will extended its support in provision of nutrition supplement to RHC's were the said services are not existing.

### **MEETING WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

On the recommendations of Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department Government of Sindh, District Coordination Officer (DCO) issues the No Objection Certification to requested NGO for the implementation of project activities in requested district. On this matter, a meeting was held in the office of deputy director .



## Facilities to deprived people of society directed

**T.M. Report**

HARIPUR: Additional Deputy Commissioner Relief and Human Rights Mohammad Abid said that protecting the rights of the deprived segments of society and solving the problems is his first priority.

While saying that the delegation along with the representatives of women, religious minorities, persons with disabilities and transgenders met him in his office and welcomed him on taking charge in Haripur, said that the Awaaz program has been actively representing the deprived

classes in Haripur district for the past two and a half years and is not only trying to solve their problems on different platforms from the village council to the provincial level, but also to protect their rights.

An effective voice has been created to protect and provide them with awareness and many of their problems have been solved with the help of the administration at the district level. Shaukat Women President Gul Naz Rasheed General Secretary Sajida Hasrat and Shazia Jadoon Women Nayar Abbas Jafri Issues While Irfan

Nasir informed the ADC about the problems of the minorities, on which the ADC said that they take the human rights issues of eunuchs and other disadvantaged groups very seriously.

It will be held in which the problems that have come up will be solved or orders will be issued to the concerned authorities to solve them immediately. I will visit the Deaf School myself very soon. Possible efforts will continue. Shahid Aziz of Sangi Development Foundation briefed them about Sangi and thanked them.

**Afghanistan blast**  
Bomb killed at least seven employees aboard a train Tuesday, police said. A blast took place in a train near Kabul, which was headed to Kandahar. The train was carrying about 100 passengers. The blast was caused by a bomb placed in a cart by the roadside. The train was carrying about 100 passengers. The blast was caused by a bomb placed in a cart by the roadside. The train was carrying about 100 passengers. The blast was caused by a bomb placed in a cart by the roadside.

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**Fazl calls on PM**  
ISLAMABAD: Amir Faizullah Khan, Chairman of the National Council of Islamic Ideology, called on PM Imran Khan on Tuesday. During the meeting, the over 600 members of the National Council of Islamic Ideology were led by the Prime Minister Shaheed Fazl Raza at the residence of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The meeting was held in the presence of the Prime Minister and other members of the cabinet. The meeting was held in the presence of the Prime Minister and other members of the cabinet. The meeting was held in the presence of the Prime Minister and other members of the cabinet.

## Seminar organized to ending gender based violence

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HARIPUR: Sangi Development Foundation and Social Welfare Department Haripur organized a seminar on ending gender based violence in which more than hundred women from Haripur district participated and government institutions Additional Deputy Commissioner Relief and Human Rights Muhammad Abid and District Social Welfare Officer Sana Iqbal, DSP Traffic Princess Naushad Geelani and Regional Manager of Sungi Development

Aziz participated in this seminar to inform the participants about the harms of gender violence and its negative impact on the society.

Addressing the seminar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Relief and Human Rights Muhammad Abid told the participants that the district administration is ready to use all resources to provide protection to Haripur women in this regard.

Establishment of Facilitation Center in Deputy Commissioner's office is a link in this chain in which information is given to women about their basic rights

and their basic facilities. Any issue related to gender-based violence they can directly register their complaints to the district administration through application and personal visit on which the district administration will take action. No, until women and other citizens cannot be protected.

Other speakers in the seminar included DSP Princess Naushad Geelani, Social Welfare Officer Sana Iqbal and District Manager Awaaz Program Shahid Aziz. He termed it as an undesirable practice and expressed commitment to work together to eliminate it.



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provided to each RHC for scheduling of patients and a comprehensive telemedical consult. An E-Steth, a Pocket Fetal Doppler and a Patient Monitor to allow the medical

officer of the RHC to physically examine the patients to aid the consultant, have also been provided to each RHC. A mechanism has been set in place, in supervision of the medical officers' present at the RHC, for the scheduling of patients.



This will allow the patients visiting the RHC to routinely be scheduled for consult with a specialist (e.g cardiologist, dermatologist, internist etc.) allowing for better and targeted treatment, improving the health provision to the community.

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## Exposure visit held to promote harmony

Individuals from different faiths visit church, mosque

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An interfaith harmony exposure visit was organised by Aawaz II Programme in collaboration with SUNGI Development Foundation in Haripur to promote social cohesion, interfaith harmony and inclusion through dialogue and discussion.

As part of the interfaith exposure visit, participants visited Saint Peters Church and Imam Bargah Hussani Aza. This was an opportunity for individuals from different faiths and religions to come together and enhance mutual understanding and cooperation.

The event provided a platform to participants to

hear from each other about the local issues related to social cohesion and how everyone can play a role in enhancing inclusion of minorities in their communities. The event was attended by representatives from Aawaz II District and Village Forum members, District Interfaith Harmony Committee, and local community.

Saint Peters Church Pastor Faisal said that "Today's event has brought us all together under one platform to raise our mutual desire for interfaith harmony. This form of exposure is much needed and reaffirms the need for mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue in Pakistan."

Talking about the importance of interfaith harmony, renowned Islamic scholar and Head of Department, Islamic Studies, University of

Haripur Dr Mohaimin stressed that: "We need to suspend all biases and all lenses of judgement to hold dialogue with faith communities.

In Pakistan, inter and intra faith dialogues are not common. We need to work together to promote an environment of inclusion, and dignity without discrimination on any basis. Islam talks about humanity. A true Muslim is one who protects other human beings from any form of harm."

Additional Deputy Commissioner Relief and Human Rights (Haripur) Muhammad Abid remarked that, "In December, I plan to hold a khuli kacheri to hear the issues of Christian citizens of Haripur. All are invited to attend (men, women, elderly, and even children)." He highly appreciated the event and said

it should be a top priority of Government to ensure the equal access to services for its all citizen without any discrimination.

He further said that this country did not belong to a particular sect or community, this country is made for all the people whose rights have been protected by the constitution. "All people living in this country are equal citizens and entitled to equal rights. Our constitution guarantees that all citizens living in this country will be provided with their fundamental rights at their doorstep," he added.

Aawaz II District Forum Member and Chairman Bait-ul-Mal Nayyar Abbas Jaffri, welcomed all participants to the Imam Bargah and hailed that "The life and message of Imam Hussain is not for Muslims only. His life and mes-

sage extend to all human beings."

Other key notables including Advocate Gulnaz Rasheed, Tehsin ul Haq, Dr Irfan Nasir, and Riasat Khan also spoke at the event and shared their insights related to promotion of an inclusive society. At the end of event, participants shared their recommendations on how to promote interfaith harmony and inclusion of religious minorities.

Aawaz II works with local communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhawa and Punjab provinces to promote the rights of children, women, youth, and other marginalised and vulnerable groups including young people, women, minorities, transgender persons, and persons with disabilities (PWDs), to facilitate and strengthen their development.



**بیتیسیر 80 جیو ہزارہ**

بیس سے مختلف عقائد اور مذاہب سے متعلق رکھنے والے افراد کو ایک جگہ اکٹھے ہونے اور باہمی افہام و تفہیم اور عقائد کو بڑھانے کے ساتھ ساتھ سماجی ہم آہنگی سے متعلق مقامی مسائل کے بارے میں ایک دوسرے کو شفاف طور پر سمجھنے کی سہولت فراہم کرنے کے لیے جیو ہزارہ نے ایک ایسی سیریز شروع کی ہے۔ اس سیریز میں آواز دہ و سٹرکٹ اور وطن فورس کے اراکین، ڈسٹرکٹ جین اینڈ ایب ایم آئی سی، اور مقامی کمیٹی کے نمائندوں نے شرکت کی۔ بیٹیسیر چرچ کے پادری ٹیبل نے کہا کہ ۲۰۰ آج کی تقریب نے جین اینڈ ایب ایم آئی سی کے لیے ہماری باہمی خواہش کو بڑھانے کے لیے ہم سب کو ایک پلیٹ فارم پر اکٹھا کیا ہے۔ اس طرح کی تقریبات کی بہت زیادہ ضرورت ہے جین اینڈ ایب ایم آئی سی کی اہمیت کے بارے میں شہرہ چلیں کرتے ہوئے معروف مذہبی اسکالر اور شیعہ اسلامیات کے سربراہ پروفیسر آصف ہری پور ڈاکٹر حسین نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ ہمیں مذہبی برادریوں کے ساتھ مکالمے کے لیے تمام تبدیلیاں کو پالانے حلقہ رکھ کر بات کرنا ہی ضرورت ہے۔



مذہبی برادریوں سے مکالمے پر اہمیت کا زور دینے والے ڈاکٹر حسین



# Transgender person gets consultancy at Haripur varsity project

HARIPUR: The life of transgender persons is full of sufferings and miseries due to lack of awareness and negative behaviour in the society. They are mostly deprived of health, education and economic rights and having no decent livelihood most of them resort to dancing, beggary, etc, and encounter segregation.

These observations were made by Saima Shaukat, 48, a transgender and focal person of Awaz District Forum while talking to this correspondent here on Saturday.

Recently, Saima was appointed as a consultant by the Management Sciences Department, University of Haripur (UoH), for a special project. Under this HEC-funded two years project Saima will work to motivate and facilitate the transgender persons in Hazara region to take admission in beautician, tailoring, mobile repairing, plumbing and cooking courses and develop their capacities.

This project, according to Dr Majid, the project head at UoH, was designed to provide decent work opportunities to the transgender people.

“Transgender persons usually have the impression that they can’t do anything except dance or begging, so most people disliked us and are reluctant to have relation with us. I felt the need that we need to change our profession so that we can play our role in the society,” Saima said.

She said once a transgender person grew old and was unable to dance they were left at the mercy of others.

“Now I am not only working for myself, but also raising awareness of the rights of other transgender persons,” she said, adding that becoming a consultant of a major university was a great honour for her.

Saima is also the district president of transgender persons and actively working for addressing their issues. She thanked the Sungi Foundation and UoH for providing her an opportunity to work for her community. — Correspondent

