

**SUNGI DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (SDF)****Sungi Development Foundation Signs Key MOUs to Strengthen Sustainability in Sheikhpura**

Sungi Development Foundation Punjab, signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Social Welfare & Women Empowerment Department, Police Tahafuz Markaz, Meesaq Center, and Women Protection Centers in Sheikhpura. Held at Gym Khana, the ceremony formalized collaboration between these institutions and Sungi, with agreements endorsed by departmental heads and Sungi's Executive Director, Mr. Malick Shahbaz Ahmed Tahir.

The MOUs aim to institutionalize coordination, reinforce referral mechanisms, and ensure continued access to protection and empowerment services for women and marginalized groups. By integrating Aawaz II objectives within government systems, these partnerships support long-term sustainability and strengthen service delivery beyond the programme's duration.

This milestone reflects Sungi's commitment to inclusive governance and durable social protection, reinforcing its belief that lasting change is driven by strategic partnerships and institutional ownership.

**Aawaz II Provincial Forum Visit to Sungi Development Foundation Abbottabad**

Sungi Development Foundation hosted the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Forum delegation in Abbottabad under the Aawaz II Programme. The visit, led by senior officials from KPCSW, Social Welfare, Child Commission, Aouqaf Department, and the Aawaz II management team, focused on reviewing programme progress and strengthening coordination with district stakeholders.

During the visit, officials acknowledged Aawaz II's role in bridging communities with service providers, forming Child Protection Committees, and amplifying minority and women's voices. The delegation met community women leaders at the Aawaz Aaghai Center in Dobahatr, who shared efforts to address gender-based violence and harmful practices.

At the District Forum meeting, participants raised key issues including PWD job quota implementation, underutilized DPR funds, and accessibility barriers in public buildings. Officials reaffirmed commitment to improving services for women, transgender persons, and minorities, and stressed integrating trained Aawaz volunteers into government structures for sustained impact.

**Sungi Development Foundation conducted a coordination meeting with stakeholders under the CF-WRAP project at the Election Commission Office, District Okara.**

The meeting brought together representatives from Oxford Policy Management, District Administration, WASA, On-Farm Water Management, University of Okara, University of Faisalabad (Okara Campus), CEO Education, CEO Health, and the Social Welfare Department. From Oxford Policy Management, Ahmar Billah, Inayatullah, and Mr. Abid participated, while Arif Rehman and Rashida Dohad represented the Omar Asghar Khan Foundation. The meeting was also attended by Malick Shahbaz Ahmed Tahir, Executive Director, Sungi Development Foundation.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the monitoring visits of the CF-WRAP Okara team to rooftop rainwater harvesting structures and recharge wells installed at ten different government buildings and training institutes across District Okara. Participants engaged in constructive discussions on inter-departmental coordination, monitoring mechanisms, and the way forward to ensure effective implementation and sustainability of water conservation interventions under CF-WRAP.





## 16 Days of Activism campaign, promoting women's empowerment and protection in District Sheikhupura

Sungi Development Foundation is playing a leading role in promoting women's empowerment and protection in District Sheikhupura during the 16 Days of Activism campaign. As a key civil society partner, Sungi is coordinating closely with the district administration to raise awareness on gender-based violence, strengthen community-level prevention, and ensure women's rights are upheld. Through its field teams and community networks, Sungi is mobilizing women, youth, and local leaders to speak against violence and support survivors. Police Tahafuz Markaz is contributing by ensuring protection and timely response, while the Women Crisis Center is providing essential legal and psychosocial services. Messaq Center is further enhancing community engagement through dialogue and awareness activities. Together, these partnerships –led and facilitated by Sungi are strengthening referral pathways, expanding outreach, and building a safer and more inclusive environment for women across Sheikhupura under AAWAZ II programme.

## Meaningful dialogue on International Disability Day in Sheikhupura

Sungi Development Foundation, organized a meaningful dialogue on International Disability Day in Sheikhupura to promote inclusion and accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). In strong collaboration with the District Sheikhupura Administration, the event brought together key stakeholders, including social welfare officials, education departments, NADRA, TEVTA, Village & District Forums, and SIG representatives. A sign language expert ensured full accessibility, making the dialogue inclusive for all participants. Panelists highlighted the importance of empowering PWDs and creating an environment where their voices are heard. A video screening showcased real challenges faced by PWDs and the need for collective responsibility toward inclusion. Women with disabilities raised their demands, emphasizing equal rights and opportunities. The event concluded with a powerful Walk for Inclusion, advocating "Inclusion for All." Sungi Development Foundation remains committed to building an inclusive Sheikhupura where PWDs live with dignity and equal opportunities.



## 16 Days of Activism, SDF under the Aawaz II programme

In connection with the 16 Days of Activism, SDF under the Aawaz II programme organized an event at Dar-ul-Aman, which was attended by the Dar-ul-Aman staff, survivors, ADC Finance Ms. Azqa, and lawyers. Speeches, poetry, tableaux, and case studies were presented as part of the 16 Days of Activism activities.



## Negative impact of GBV at village level Abbottabad

In connection with 16 days of activism Aawaz II Village Forum Tanan.Dobathar, SDF team conducted walk at Village level. Video screening about the negative impact of GBV at village level Abbottabad.





## Broad-Based Community Meeting (BBCM) – CF-WRAP Project | Village 19-GD, District Okara



A Broad-Based Community Meeting (BBCM) was successfully organized in Village 19-GD, District Okara, with the active participation of a large number of men and women from the community. The meeting was held under the CF-WRAP Project of Sungi Development Foundation to raise awareness about water conservation and community-led action. Ms. Humaira Yousaf, Social Mobilization Officer, Sungi Development Foundation, briefed the participants on the objectives and scope of the CF-WRAP Project. She emphasized that water conservation has become a critical need, as groundwater levels are declining rapidly due to overuse and mismanagement. She highlighted the importance of adopting sustainable practices to protect water resources for present and future generations. During the session, the two major project components were discussed in detail: Groundwater Recharge Wells, and Rainwater Rooftop Harvesting Systems. Participants were informed about how these interventions can help conserve natural water, reduce wastage, and contribute to maintaining and improving the groundwater table. The formation of a Community Organization (CO) was also discussed and finalized. It was agreed that the CO would consist of 25 members with equal representation of men and women, ensuring inclusivity and community ownership. The selection and election process was conducted transparently through a show of hands for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Focal Person.



## Sungi Participates in KP Women Empowerment Policy 2026–2030 Consultation

Sungi Development Foundation actively participated in the consultation dialogue organized by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women (KPCSW) for the development of the upcoming KP Women Empowerment Policy 2026–2030. As the previous policy has concluded, KPCSW is engaging government departments, civil society, and key stakeholders to shape the new policy framework. During the consultation, Sungi presented key recommendations focusing on inclusive policy measures, particularly the protection of the rights of women with disabilities and women from religious minorities. Sungi also emphasized the strengthened implementation of existing laws, including the KP Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act 2019 and anti-harassment legislation.



## School-Based Disaster Risk Management (SBDRM) sessions

School-Based Disaster Risk Management (SBDRM) sessions were conducted in various schools of Union Councils Darbani and Garhi Hussan Zai, Tehsil Kundur, District Torgarh. The sessions focused on disaster preparedness and climate change awareness, with interactive discussions held to enhance students' understanding of climate-related risks and appropriate response measures. During the sessions, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials related to disaster risk reduction and climate resilience were distributed among students. In addition, school bags were provided to deserving students as part of educational support. These activities were implemented by the Sungi Development Foundation under the "Restoration of Social Services and Climate Resilience Project", funded by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF). Through this initiative, students were equipped with essential knowledge on climate change concepts and basic disaster management practices, strengthening their preparedness and resilience.