



About AWARD

AWARD stands for *“Association for Women's Awareness & Rural Development”*. It is a non governmental, non-profit and non-political organization based in Faisalabad in the province of Punjab-Pakistan. It was established on March 21, 1994. It is dedicated to community development work without any discrimination of sex, caste, color and religion.

It mainly works with/ for low income women, youth and disadvantaged rural populations to improve their socio-economic and basic rights situation through group meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences, and trainings and by providing them moral technical professional and financial assistance in projects and programs.

AWARD is registered with the government under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and also with the Punjab Charity Commission. AWARD has also signed an MoU with the Economic Affairs Division (EAD). Its board consists of 7 members, including 5 females and 2 males.

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Motivation & Awareness Seminars on Competitive Exams

AWARD Pakistan, under its URAAN Program, organized Motivation and Awareness Seminars on the importance of CSS, PMS, FPSC, and PPSC for youth from Districts Faisalabad and Toba Tek Singh. All in all 220 participants attended the seminar at West Inn Hotel, Faisalabad and Grace Hotel, Toba Tek Singh.

The sessions aimed to provide comprehensive information for competitive exam preparation, particularly CSS, including current trends and strategies. In Faisalabad, Mr. Peter Shahzad (Program Advisor AWARD), and Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director AWARD), delivered motivational sessions, Dr. Imran Faisal (CSS Consultant from KIPS), guided participants on exam preparation, and Mr. Akmal Javed Gill, Project Officer URAAN, introduced AWARD and the URAAN Program.

In Toba Tek Singh, Mr. Azeem Christopher, Program Manager, led the motivational session, alongside Dr. Imran Faisal and Mr. Akmal Javed Gill, covering exam preparation and program objectives. Participants actively engaged in discussions and expressed strong motivation to pursue competitive exams.



Life Skills Training Program

AWARD Pakistan organized a two-day Life Skills Training Program for 38 emerging leaders from Faisalabad and Toba Tek Singh to enhance communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Mrs. Christina Peter, Executive Director AWARD, highlighted the objectives and delivered a motivational session. Ms. Kanza Syed (Educationist), Mr. Akmal Javed Gill (Project Officer URAAN), Mr. Asim Naveed, (Educationist) and Mr. Azeem Christopher covered the following topics respectively.



Communication and Presentation Skills:

Emotional Intelligence

Social Skills

Teamwork Collaboration

Participants actively engaged in the sessions and expressed strong appreciation, noting the training's practical value for personal growth and daily application.

Donor Visit & Field Monitoring

Mr. Sebastian Justin, Pakistan Program Coordinator, KiA, visited Faisalabad and Lathianwala on August 7-8, 2025, accompanied by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD) and Mr. Akmal Javed (Project Officer, URAAN). During the visit, they visited 20 beneficiaries across three areas: Madina Town, Abdullahpur, and Lathianwala, including students at Qasr-e Behbood FSD. The team reviewed business sites and monitored vocational and IT students' progress, holding a meeting with Ms. Rehana Yasmeen (Manager of the Institute), along with Ms. Kinza Zafar (Social Mobilizer, URAAN). The visit provided an overall positive experience, facilitating good networking showcasing the effective implementation of ongoing initiatives.





Business Development Training & Grant Ceremony

AWARD Pakistan, under its URAAN Program, organized a two-day Business Development Training on August 67, 2025, for 37 young entrepreneurs from District Faisalabad.

The training equipped participants with practical knowledge and essential skills to start and manage small businesses. Sessions were facilitated by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD) and Mr. Akmal Javed Gill (Project Officer, URAAN), covering business fundamentals, steps to business success, client outreach, and expansion. Ms. Nayab Asim (Manager, Learn & Earn Project) and Mr. Azeem Christopher (Program Manager, AWARD) conducted sessions on marketing, advertisement, and teamwork, while Mr. Qaiser Younas (Accounts Officer, AWARD) trained participants on financial record keeping.

The program concluded with a Grant Distribution Ceremony, where Mrs. Christina Peter, Mr. Sebastian Justin (Pakistan Program Coordinator, KiA), Mr. Irfan John (MEAL Coordinator, AWARD), and Ms. Sumera (Operational Branch Manager, NBP) distributed grants of PKR 55,000 to each participant. The young entrepreneurs appreciated the practical & relevant training, noting that it enhanced their entrepreneurial confidence and skills.



Celebration of International Youth Day

On August 12, 2025, International Youth Day was celebrated at the Catholic Church, Malkhanwala, with 50 youth members participating. The event included prayers, songs, games, and a tree plantation drive to promote environmental awareness. Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD) delivered a motivational talk highlighting the significance of celebrating youth Globally as a way to recognize their potential, encourage active participation in society, and inspire leadership for sustainable development.

Mr. Akmal Javed Gill (Project Officer, URAAN) motivated the youth on civic responsibility, situational analysis, and the importance of education in a globally connected world, emphasizing that youth are the key drivers of positive change and innovation. Through these sessions, participants were inspired to engage actively in educational, environmental, and community-focused initiatives.



Sustainable Livelihoods Program (SLP)

Project Areas: Chak 242 (Dasuha Purani , Chak 242 (Dasuha Nai Abadi)
Chak 225 Paulabad, Chak 224 Wazir Khan Wali, Faisalabad
Project Officer: Ms. Gulseena **Social Mobilizers:** Ms. Sehrish and Ms. Sehar

Business Development Training (BDT)

AWARD Pakistan organized a two-day Business Development Training on September 16–17, 2025, at the AWARD Women Resource Centre, engaging 40 rural women from four areas of District Faisalabad. Before the training, the SLP team, together with the MEAL Coordinator, finalized 40 beneficiaries from 50 applicants for business grants. The training enhanced participants' entrepreneurial, financial, and marketing skills, with sessions led by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD), Mr. Najum Rasheed (Finance Manager), Ms. Nayab Asim (Manager, Learn & Earn Project), and Ms. Gulseena John (Project Officer, SLP).

Key topics included business fundamentals, **Bookkeeping, Saving Tools, Marketing Strategies, Teamwork, and Business Sustainability.**

These skills will help women manage organized businesses, maintain proper financial records, develop saving habits, attract more clients, and sustain long term growth contributing to stronger livelihoods and lasting economic empowerment. A Grant Distribution Ceremony was held where each participant received a PKR 55,000 grant to establish or expand small enterprises.

The ceremony was graced by Rev. Fr. Toufique Younas O.P., Mr. Farooq Yousaf, Mrs. Christina Peter, Mr. Najum Rasheed, and Mr. Azeem Christopher, who shared motivational remarks on women's economic empowerment. Following the training, AWARD staff facilitated market visits, supporting 37 women in purchasing equipment and setting up their small businesses.



5th Annual Business Women Conference 2025

The 5th Annual Business Women Conference 2025 was organized at the Community Hall, Warispura, Faisalabad, in celebration of International Rural Women's Day. The event aimed to highlight the economic potential of rural women, promote entrepreneurship, and recognize their vital contribution to sustainable livelihoods and community development.

The conference was graced by Mr. Peter Shahzad (Program Advisor, AWARD) as the Chief Guest and inaugurated by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD), who emphasized the importance of empowering women for inclusive growth.

Distinguished speakers included Ms. Sobia Aqeel (Former Senior Vice President, FWCCI), who discussed Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Women, and Dr. Nosheen (Chairperson, Department of Economics, GCUF), who spoke on Sustaining Nature and Food Security. Other notable guests included Rev. Fr. Irfan Christ, Mr. Aqeel (FCCI), Mr. Najum Rasheed (Finance Manager, AWARD), and the PPI team, along with AWARD staff.

The conference featured business stalls, a theatrical performance by the Aghahi Theatre Group on Challenges Faced by Rural Women, and inspiring success stories shared by women entrepreneurs who have established their own businesses through AWARD's support. Around 125 participants attended the event, reflecting the growing confidence and leadership of women in rural enterprises.





Seminars on “Christian Values & Women Protection Laws”

AWARD Pakistan conducted three seminars on “Christian Values and Women Protection Laws” across Dasooha, Lahore, and Islamabad, engaging 155 participants. The seminars aimed to deepen spiritual understanding and raise awareness about women’s rights and legal protections. Fr. Dilshad Inayat OP and Rev. Pastor Javed Ilyas spoke on Christian Values like Faith, Hope, Love, Honesty, Forgiveness and Service & highlighting their role in personal and community growth. Advocates Sajal Anthony, Sadaf Ayub, Saima Khokhar, and Risfa Shamas briefed participants on women protection laws, including early-age and forced marriages, domestic violence, reporting mechanisms, and community support systems. Interactive group discussions and Q&A sessions encouraged participants to share challenges and seek clarity.

The seminars collectively enhanced understanding of Christian values, strengthened awareness of legal rights, and motivated participants to apply this knowledge within their communities.



Monitoring Visits for Grant Beneficiaries – Lahore

On September 24, 2025, AWARD Pakistan conducted monitoring visits to review the progress of grant beneficiaries in Lahore District. The visits were led by Irfan John (MEAL Coordinator) along with Ms. Nadia Farhad (Project Officer, WLP) and Ms. Malika Arif (APO, WLP). The assessment confirmed that all eight businesses are fully functional, demonstrating the successful implementation of the training and grants provided.





Women Leadership Training Faisalabad

AWARD Pakistan organized a two-day Women Leadership Training on September 19-20, 2025, at Circle Club, Faisalabad, attended by 56 participants including social workers, nurses, university students, school teachers & Business women. The program began with a brief introduction of AWARD's mission, vision, and achievements in women's empowerment and community development, followed by an overview of the Women Leadership Program and its objectives.

The sessions featured Sr. Rukhsana Samuel, Ms. Shazia George, Mr. Peter Shahzad (Program Advisor AWARD), Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director AWARD), Mr. Azeem Christopher (Program Manager, AWARD), and Ms. Saba Sabir (Forensic Scientist, PFA), who covered topics on servant leadership, women protection laws, leadership, socio-economic challenges, innovation, and the importance of words in leadership.

Guest contributions included Fr. Khalid Rashid Assi (Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Madina Town, Faisalabad), Ms. Yasmeen Cecil (Chairperson AWARD & Principal, DPS Junior Section), Ms. Shafaq Azeem (Teacher of Accounting & Finance, Beaconhouse School System, Faisalabad), and Mr. Ashraf Mall (CEO, Pakistan Partnership Initiative).

Interactive discussions and activities allowed participants to share experiences, develop leadership skills, & apply learning in their communities, strengthening their confidence, awareness of women's rights, and capacity for community engagement.



Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar

Early detection saves lives AWARD Pakistan organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar on October 14, 2025, at the AWARD Women Resource Center, Faisalabad. The session, led by Dr. Saima Tanveer and Dr. Shehla Anjum, focused on early detection, preventive care, and women's health awareness. The seminar was inaugurated by Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD Pakistan), who emphasized prioritizing women's health and encouraged early diagnosis for a healthier society. Dr. Saima Tanveer explained the causes, symptoms, preventive measures, and importance of regular screening, while Dr. Shehla Anjum highlighted how timely awareness and action can reduce risks and save lives. The session drew active participation, especially from young girls, who asked thoughtful questions and expressed commitment to spreading awareness within their communities.



Holistic Development Initiative (HDI)

Project Areas: Chak # 3 Ramdiwali, Faisalabad, Chak # 118 Bathan, Faisalabad
Chak # 246 GB Partap Pura, Toba Tek Singh,



Income Generation skill Training for women

Under its Holistic Development Initiative Project, AWARD Pakistan organized 3 income generation skill trainings on *Pickle and Squash Jam Making* at Chak # 246 GB (7 August 2025), Chak #3 JB (12 August 2025), and Chak #118 JB (20 August 2025). The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Iram ur Rasreem (University of Agriculture), who equipped young women with practical food processing techniques and basic business knowledge to support household or community-level income generation. Participants learned essential steps of preparation, preservation, hygiene practices, flavor balancing, and safe packaging for both pickles and squash jam. Skills that can help them produce marketable homemade products and explore small-business opportunities. The trainings empowered 150 women, who appreciated the hands-on learning experience, expressed motivation to start home-based ventures, and requested further sessions to strengthen their income-generating abilities.



Pre-school & IT Centre Activities Final Assessments

Under the Holistic Development Initiative Project, AWARD Pakistan conducted final assessments at its preschool centres in Chak #3 JB, Chak #118 JB, and Chak #246 GB to evaluate children's learning outcomes and overall academic progress.

The assessments were organized on 16 September 2025 at Chak #246 GB and on 22 September 2025 at Chak #3 JB and Chak #118 JB. A total of 98 enrolled students participated in the final Tests.

The evaluations were facilitated by the Project Officer and preschool teachers, who carefully assessed students' literacy, numeracy, motor skills, class participation, and concept understanding.



The results showed encouraging performance across all centres, reflecting the effectiveness of the preschool and IT centre activities implemented throughout the project period. Following the assessments, Social Mobilizers supported parents by enrolling the graduating preschool students into nearby government and private schools, ensuring a smooth transition to the next stage of their education. The final tests highlighted the children's growing confidence, improved learning abilities, and readiness for formal schooling affirming AWARD Pakistan's commitment to strengthening early childhood education in rural communities.





Sports Day Celebrations

AWARD Pakistan organized vibrant Sports Day events at Chak # 3 JB and Chak # 118 JB, bringing together preschool children, their parents, and students from the vocational centre. The events featured a variety of fun games and friendly competitions, creating an energetic atmosphere that encouraged teamwork, confidence, and physical activity among young learners.

To celebrate student achievement, prizes were awarded to the position holders, boosting motivation and fostering a healthy competitive spirit. Parents expressed great appreciation for these activities, noting that such events help children build social skills, develop confidence, and engage in holistic learning beyond the classroom.



Establishment of Vocational Training Centres and Student Enrolments

As part of its Holistic Development Initiative (HDI) Project, AWARD Pakistan established Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in August 2025 to provide skill-based education for girls and women. The centres focus on practical skills including stitching, beautification, and kitchen gardening, promoting income generation and economic independence. A total of 157 students are actively participating, gaining hands-on experience and knowledge to enhance their livelihoods and strengthen their role within their communities.

“ Holistic Development project focuses on **child's intellectual, mental, physical, emotional, and social skills** intended to help meet daily life's demands and challenges. ”



Learn & Earn Project & Hostel Girls Project

“Change is the end result of all true learning.”
(Leo Buscaglia)

Provision of Tool-Kits under Learn and Earn Project

“The purpose of providing tool-kit is to support and strengthen their practical skill.”

In September 2025, AWARD Pakistan distributed essential toolkits to the girls enrolled in its Girls Hostel Project. Led by Ms. Nayab Asim (Manager, Learn & Earn Project) and supported by the project team, the initiative aimed to strengthen practical skills and promote self-reliance among the girls.

The toolkits provide students with the resources to practice their skills independently, whether in stitching, beautification, or other vocational activities. This hands-on experience reinforces learning, builds confidence, and enhances competence, enabling the girls to apply their skills effectively and create potential income-generating opportunities.

The toolkits were distributed by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD Pakistan), who encouraged the girls to use them confidently in their learning and daily life. Along with the kits, shoes were also provided to all girls to ensure comfort during daily activities and learning sessions.



Independence Day Celebration

AWARD Pakistan proudly celebrated the 78th Independence Day of Pakistan on 13 August 2025 at the AWARD Women Resource Centre, Faisalabad. The event brought together AWARD staff along with 90 students from the Learn & Earn Project, marking the day with patriotic enthusiasm. The celebration featured inspiring speeches, national songs, and heartfelt performances by students that reflected their deep love for the country. Staff members also actively participated in singing milli naghmay, creating an atmosphere of unity and national pride.

The event was graced by Mr. Haroon Rasheed (Treasurer, AWARD Pakistan), who delivered a motivational message highlighting the collective responsibility of every citizen toward the nation's development and future. Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD Pakistan) also addressed the participants, drawing attention to the often-overlooked contributions of minority leaders in the Pakistan Movement reinforcing the importance of unity and inclusive nation-building.

Under various projects of AWARD Pakistan, Independence Day was celebrated across multiple locations, including Faisalabad, Lathianwala, Khushpur, and Chak No. 242 Dasuha. The celebration served not only as a tribute to the nation's independence but also as a reaffirmation of AWARD's commitment to nurturing informed, patriotic, and socially responsible youth who will contribute to Pakistan's progress.

Tree Plantation Activity

AWARD Pakistan under its Learn and Earn project organized a tree plantation activity. The event was led by Ms. Nayab Asim (Manager, Learn and Earn Project). The girls actively participated in planting trees and learned about the importance of environmental sustainability.



POVERTY REDUCTION PROJECT

Project Areas:
Yasir Town Hari Singh Wala, Duggal Pensra, Choti Ghartal Jhumra

Project Orientation & Human Rights Awareness Sessions

AWARD Pakistan conducted orientation and awareness sessions in selected project areas with 208 participants (including 155 women and 53 men) to introduce the Poverty Reduction Project (PRP) and sensitize communities on women's rights, empowerment, and protection laws.

The sessions were facilitated by Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director), Mr. Azeem Christopher (Program Director), Mr. Peter Shahzad (Program Advisor), and Ms. Kinza Zafar (Project Officer). Ms. Rubina Shahab (Advocate, High Court Faisalabad) delivered interactive sessions on women's legal rights, protection laws, and mechanisms to address gender-based discrimination and violence.

Participants were introduced to AWARD Pakistan, project objectives, and expected outcomes. Workshops emphasized women's empowerment, human rights, gender equality, and social justice, while promoting active community engagement. During these sessions, Local Development Committees (LDCs) were formed in each area, with six members each, to facilitate activities and ensure sustained participation.



Women's Group Formation and Meetings

Under the Poverty Reduction Project (PRP), AWARD Pakistan established three women's groups, one in each project area, comprising a total of 90 women. Meetings were facilitated by Social Mobilizers Ms. Alia Kashif, Ms. Uzma Amir, and Ms. Areeba Joseph, who introduced participants to AWARD Pakistan's mission, encouraged active participation, and selected key leaders to coordinate with the project team. The groups serve as a platform for women to discuss local issues, learn about their rights, and engage in community development activities. Participant feedback reflected strong enthusiasm, commitment to supporting local initiatives, and a desire to empower other women in their communities.



Leadership Training

A one-day leadership training was conducted on 21 October 2025 at the AWARD Women Resource Centre for the 20 Local Development Committee members. Facilitated by Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director) and Mr. Azeem Christopher (Program Director), the session focused on enhancing leadership, coordination, and planning skills to support project activities effectively. The training prepared members to take initiative and guide community efforts alongside the project team.



Sowing the Seeds of Change (SSC)

Project Areas: Malkhanwala Essa Nagri

AWARD Pakistan has launched the “Sowing the Seeds of Change” project in Malkhanwala and Essa Nagari to empower girls and women through vocational skills training and livelihood support, promoting economic independence and community development.

Orientation Meetings

AWARD Pakistan conducted orientation meetings under the “Sowing the Seeds of Change” to introduce the project to the communities. Project Officer Anosha Altaf, along with social mobilizers, engaged community members and explained the objectives and scope of the initiative, which focuses on skill development and kitchen gardening for girls and women.

The sessions highlighted the importance of these skills for economic empowerment, self-reliance, and social well-being. Community members warmly welcomed the project, expressed strong support, and showed enthusiasm for establishing training centres, as such facilities were previously unavailable in their areas.



Local Development Committee (LDC) Training

On 13 October 2025, AWARD Pakistan organized a one-day leadership training for Local Development Committee (LDC) members at the AWARD office. The training was led by the Executive Director and Program Advisor, and attended by LDC members.

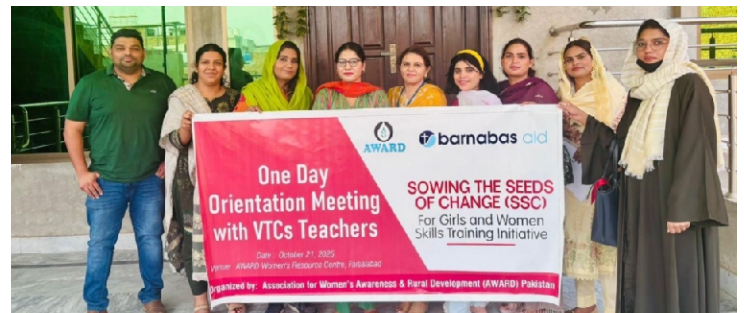
The session focused on roles and responsibilities of LDC members, leadership skills, community mobilization, and strategies for successful project implementation. Participants actively engaged in discussions, clarified their roles in supporting project activities, and received guidance on monitoring, reporting, and sustaining community involvement, equipping them to effectively facilitate the project in their communities.



Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Teachers' Orientation

On 21st October 2025, AWARD Pakistan conducted a one-day orientation with hired Vocational teachers for Malkhanwala and Essa Nagari at the AWARD Women Resource Center, Faisalabad. Program Director; Sir Azeem Christopher, HR Officer; Ms. Yumna, Project Officer, Ms. Gulseena, Beautification Teacher, Ms. Sana, and Project Officer Anosha Altaf.

The training prepared teachers to mentor and train enrolled girls in stitching and beautification courses over six months. Sessions emphasized teaching methodologies, classroom management, record keeping, evaluation, and maintaining an inclusive and encouraging learning environment. Teachers provided positive feedback and expressed commitment to ensuring the project achieves its objectives of empowering girls and women and fostering sustainable livelihoods.



Three-Day Capacity Building Training on Community Development

AWARD Pakistan organized a 3-day Capacity Building Training from 3–5 September 2025 for newly hired staff and office team members. Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director) oriented participants on AWARD's mission, vision, 30-year journey, and clarified roles and responsibilities.

Ms. Yumna (HR Officer) conducted sessions on key organizational policies, including Child Protection, Sexual Harassment, and Data Protection. Mr. Peter Shehzad (Program Advisor) delivered sessions on community development, integrated and human-centered approaches, global and local development trends & community mobilization strategies, highlighting development as a multi dimensional process.

The training concluded with an interactive workshop by Mr. Asim Naveed (Social Trainer) on Social Intelligence, effective communication, confidence, and empathy. The program strengthened staff motivation, leadership capacity, and prepared the team to implement AWARD's development initiatives with professionalism and commitment.



One-Day Capacity Building Training on AI Tools for Non-Profits

AWARD Women Resource Centre organized a one-day capacity building training on AI Tools for Non-Profits on June 19, 2025, aimed at strengthening participants' skills in using AI to enhance the narration of official documents and communication materials. The session featured insightful presentations by Mr. Azeem Christopher (Program Manager, AWARD), Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director, AWARD), and Mr. Peter Shahzad AWARD. Mr. Christopher facilitated an interactive, hands-on session on practical AI tools, while Mr. Peter Shahzad (Program Advisor AWARD) provided detailed overviews of AWARD's vision, mission, and key organizational policies. Certificates were awarded to all participants upon successful completion of the training.



Project Management Training

AWARD Pakistan, in collaboration with the Pakistan Partnership Initiative (PPI), conducted a 3-day Project Management Training from 14–16 July 2025 at The Circle Club, Faisalabad. Thirty participants from various organizations, churches, and institutions took part in the training, which focused on Project Cycle Management, covering project initiation, planning, design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and sustainability, with special emphasis on the Logical Framework Approach.

Mr. Amir Irfan (Head of Programme, Caritas Pakistan) served as lead trainer, while facilitation was provided by Mr. Irfan John (MEAL Coordinator) and Ms. Qandeel Durkshah (Program Officer) from AWARD. Certificates were distributed by Dr. Bishop Andreas Rehmat, Mr. Asher Shahzad, and Ms. Rubina Amjad. In her closing remarks, Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director) expressed gratitude to PPI and Kerk in Actie for their generous support.





DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT



One-Day Trainings on Disaster Risk Reduction

Between 16–29 July 2025, AWARD-Pakistan successfully conducted six one-day DRR trainings across the villages of Khairpur, Kotdiji, and Thari Mirwah, including a hands-on mock drill at Mehrano Village. The sessions were facilitated by specialists from Emergency Rescue Sindh 1122, including Mr. Awais Sultan (Station In-Charge), Ms. Saira, Mr. Aqib Katohar, Mr. Sheharyar, and Mr. Noor Nabi, with strong support from the Khairpur DRM team.

The trainings equipped community members with essential knowledge on disaster preparedness, household safety measures, safe evacuation procedures, first aid, CPR, and special protection measures for women, children, and the elderly.

A total of 369 participants (253 women and 116 men) took part in the sessions and gained practical, life-saving skills. Participants shared positive feedback, appreciating the practical demonstrations and expressing increased confidence in managing emergencies. Many committed to applying the newly learned skills within their homes and communities, strengthening local resilience.



Head Office Visit to Model Village Sajan Khan Burdi

The AWARD Head Office team, along with the Project Officer, visited the Sajan Khan Burdi, Setharja (Taluka Thari Mirwah). The team inspected 15 newly constructed shelter rooms, toilets, and hand pumps, reviewing their functionality and overall living improvements for the community. During the visit, the team engaged with residents to discuss the proper use, care, and maintenance of the facilities to ensure long-term sustainability. Despite challenging weather conditions, with temperatures reaching 42°C, the team demonstrated strong commitment to field oversight, community engagement, and ensuring quality project delivery.



Rehabilitation Survey & Head Office Field Monitoring

In August 2025, the AWARD Head Office team Program Director; Mr. Azeem Christopher, Admin Manager; Mr. Parvez Paul, and Finance Manager; Mr. Najam Rasheed visited project areas namely; Gullan Khan Dasti, Ghulam Qasim Khaskheli, and Shahnawaz Katoher, to conduct a rehabilitation survey. Reaching 130 households, they assessed sanitation and water needs, identified families requiring washroom construction and hand pump repairs, and gathered community feedback during corner meetings. Supported by local leaders and elders, the team ensured reliable data collection, emphasized proper use and maintenance of facilities, and reinforced community engagement.



Health, Hygiene, and Disease Awareness Trainings



AWARD Pakistan conducted 6 comprehensive sessions across six villages of Khairpur focusing on personal hygiene, menstrual health management (MHM), early detection of Dengue and Malaria, environmental hygiene, pregnancy care, and childcare including vaccinations.

The sessions were led by Dr. Maira Areejo, with active support of project team, ensuring effective community engagement and practical demonstrations. A total of 410 participants (351 women, 59 men) attended, gaining hands-on knowledge on hygienic practices, safe waste disposal, menstrual hygiene, low-cost home-based disease prevention strategies, and safe management of animals and children at home. Participants emphasized that this was their first professionally delivered health education session, appreciating Dr. Maira's clear explanations and AWARD's initiative, which motivated them to adopt clean and safe practices within their households and communities.

Distribution of Emergency Tool Kits

In September, AWARD-Pakistan distributed emergency tool kits to 36 Flood Relief Committees (FRCs) representing five villages across three talukas of Khairpur. The distribution event took place at the AWARD Regional Office, Khairpur, and was graced by Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Gillal (Additional Director, Social Welfare Department) and Mr. Zaheer Ansari (Focal Person, NGOs, DC Office). Both guests appreciated the initiative and expressed the government's commitment to continued collaboration.

During the session, Mr. Arif Masih (Project Officer – DRM & CDP) introduced AWARD-Pakistan and briefed participants on the 14 essential items included in each toolkit, emphasizing their importance for community-wide emergency preparedness. Ms. Kiran Zehra (Assistant Project Officer) and Ms. Supat Surhan (Office Assistant) supported facilitation and guided communities on the proper use and maintenance of the equipment.

Each toolkit featuring life jackets, rescue tools, protective gear, and other emergency essentials aims to strengthen community resilience by enabling quick and effective response during disasters.



Tree Plantation Drive – A Self-Help Initiative



AWARD Pakistan has launched the "Sowing the Seeds of Change" project in Malkhawala and Essa Nagari to empower girls and women through vocational skills training and livelihood support, promoting economic independence and community development.



Interactive Street Theatres on Disaster Risk Reduction

To strengthen community awareness on disaster preparedness, AWARD-Pakistan, in collaboration with the Indus Drama Theatre Group Khairpur, organized six interactive street theatre performances from 3–5 September 2025 across six villages in three talukas of Khairpur. Through engaging role-play and storytelling, the performances highlighted early evacuation, safe relocation, protection of important documents (CNICs), livestock safety, and the safeguarding of persons with disabilities, children, and pregnant women.

The plays also emphasized the importance of coordination with district authorities during emergencies. Each session included interactive discussions, enabling community members to share local disaster experiences and connect the messages to real-life situations. A total of 508 participants (113 men and 395 women) attended the performances. Community members appreciated the creative approach, noting that the theatre helped them clearly understand disaster risks and increased their confidence to respond effectively during emergencies.



Coordination Meeting with Like-Minded Organizations

On 10 September 2025, AWARD-Pakistan hosted a coordination meeting at its Regional Office, Khairpur, bringing together representatives from WADO, NOWA, NCHD, SRSO, and Muslim Hands to strengthen joint mechanisms for community support and protection. The discussion focused on community mobilization, child protection, harmful social practices, and emergency referral systems. Key participants included Ms. Zakia Khatoon (Vice Chairperson, WADO), Mr. Murtaza Jaskani (Program Manager, NOWA), Ms. Razia Jamali and Ms. Paras Jageerani (Field Officers, NCHD), Mr. Akram Shaikh and Mr. Ahsan Shaikh (SRSO), and Mr. Wajid Ali (Project Associate, Muslim Hands).

During the session, organizations highlighted concerns regarding child marriages, low awareness levels in rural areas, and the need for stronger coordination and follow-up mechanisms. Participants proposed several collaborative actions, including expanding activities to Kengri Taluka and Pir Goth, visiting new villages such as Izzat Machi, strengthening referral pathways, and establishing regular follow-up meetings. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to joint efforts for community development, emphasizing the importance of coordinated action to support marginalized groups and ensure sustainable impact.



Kitchen Gardening Training Sessions

AWARD-Pakistan conducted one-day kitchen gardening trainings across six villages in Khairpur, Kotdiji, and Thari Mirwah, aimed at equipping rural women and men with sustainable gardening skills to improve household nutrition, reduce food expenses, and promote self-reliance. The sessions were led by Agricultural Expert Ms. Shaheela Soomro, who covered seed selection, seasonal cropping, soil preparation, water management, natural pest control, and best practices for harvesting and storage.

A total of 228 participants (223 women and 5 men) attended the trainings, and 195 women received seed kits containing garlic, turnip, spinach, radish, and carrot to begin their home gardens. Practical demonstrations included eco friendly sprays, fertilizer preparation, proper sowing techniques for leafy and root vegetables, and effective bed preparation to enhance yield.

Participants showed strong enthusiasm for starting home-based vegetable gardens and acknowledged the trainings as highly valuable for improving nutrition, saving household costs, and strengthening food security.



Awareness Sessions on Violence Against Women

In September 2025, AWARD Pakistan conducted six awareness sessions on Violence Against Women across four villages in Khairpur, Thari Mirwah, and Kotdiji, reaching a total of 145 participants. The sessions, initiated with Kalama-e-Tayyaba, were facilitated by area social mobilizers Ms. Yasmeen Shah, Ms. Seher Zaman, and Ms. Sultana Katohar, who guided participants through discussions on physical, psychological/emotional, and verbal forms of violence, including derogatory language and humiliation. Community members actively engaged in the sessions, shared experiences, and reflected on strategies to prevent abuse, while emphasizing the importance of women's safety and empowerment. Participants appreciated the initiative and expressed interest in more awareness programs to foster positive behavioural change in their communities.



Self Help Based Activities

Activities	No. of Beneficiaries
Youth International Day Celebration – organized cricket matches, tree plantation drive, and motivational talks by Mrs. Christina Peter (Executive Director) and Mr. Akmal Javed (Project Officer)	50 Youth Members
Minority Cards Application – facilitated Minority Card applications; benefits worth approx. PKR 19.7 million	1820 Members
Minority Scholarships Support – assisted in application process; 14 students awarded scholarships worth PKR 55000/-	57 students
Enrollment of Drop-out Children – enrolled out-of school children at Government Middle School, Chak # 189.	25 students
VTS Student Follow-ups – regular follow-ups to ensure attendance and academic progress.	VTS students
Youth Group Meetings – conducted meetings to promote youth engagement and community participation.	Youth of Chak # 66/JB & Lathianwala

Activities	No. of Beneficiaries
Fundraising Campaign – raised PKR 50,500 to support flood-affected families.	Flood-affected families
Tree Plantation Initiative – conducted tree plantation activity in collaboration with Church of Pakistan Multan & Community Empowerment Hub Lahore, promoting environmental sustainability & community responsibility.	WLP participants
Flood Relief Fundraising – raised PKR 22,300 for Disaster Relief Support.	Flood-affected families
Community Service Drives – conducted Tree Plantation, polio campaign, Minority Card Registrations, CNIC making, Bay Forms, Himmat Card facilitation, and Free Medicines Distribution	235 beneficiaries, including Tree Plantation, polio drops for children, Minority Card & CNIC support for women, Bay Forms for children, Himmat Cards, & free medicines for families.