



# DISASTER Risk Management

## Objective of the Project

To strengthen resilience and livelihood in 06 Flood-Affected Communities of Khairpur, Sindh by the end of the project.

## Field Visits to Support Communities in Khairpur

The AWARD-Pakistan team from the Khairpur Regional Office visited 6 villages in Thari Mirwah, Kotdiji, and Khairpur to assess progress under the Disaster Risk Management Project. The team had meetings with women's groups to evaluate their kitchen gardening initiatives, praising those who went the extra mile such as bringing soil from outside to grow vegetables successfully.

They also held meetings with Flood Relief Committees (FRC) to prepare for upcoming training and reinforce their vital roles during emergencies. The visits strengthened teamwork, encouraged local efforts, and highlighted the growing self reliance within the communities.



## Workshop on Feedback & Complaints Response Mechanism

From February 13 to 15, 2025, AWARD Pakistan participated in a three-day workshop organized by CWSA, focused on feedback and complaints response mechanisms. Led by Miss Tooba Siddiqui, with Miss Aqsa as Training Coordinator, the workshop aimed to enhance participants' ability to handle feedback and complaints ethically and efficiently. Key topics included types of complaints (sensitive vs. Non sensitive), core principles like confidentiality, accountability, and safety, and adapting support based on community feedback. The training emphasized nine core commitments, including respectful support, ethical resource management, safe reporting channels, and community resilience. It strengthened participants' skills in creating transparent, inclusive & responsive support systems.



## TOT on Disaster Risk Reduction for Flood Relief Committees

As part of its Disaster Risk Management (DRM) project, AWARD Pakistan organized a two-day TOT on DRR for six Flood Relief Committees (FRCs) in District Khairpur, Sindh. In collaboration with Sindh Emergency Rescue Service 1122, the training aimed to enhance FRC members' capacity, improve coordination with government and NGOs, and clarify roles in disaster preparedness and response. Arif Masih (Project Officer DRM) discussed FRC responsibilities, while Ms. Christina Peter (Executive Director of AWARD), presented toolkits & certificates to the 57 participants. The training was highly regarded as a key step in strengthening local disaster response.



## Leadership Training for Flood Relief Committees



AWARD-Pakistan conducted a Leadership Training for members of Flood Relief Committees (FRCs), facilitated by Executive Director Ms. Christina Peter. The session focused on helping participants understand the roles and responsibilities of effective leaders within disaster response contexts.

Participants were divided into groups and engaged in interactive activities to identify 10 key leadership qualities and 5 common weaknesses. The session emphasized participatory learning and peer exchange. A total of 44 participants benefitted from the training, gaining practical insights to enhance their leadership capabilities within their communities.

## Networking Meeting with Government Departments

AWARD-Pakistan hosted a networking meeting with key government officials to strengthen coordination and community outreach. Participants included Mr. Rasool Bakhsh (Director, Agriculture Department), Mr. Allah Bachayo (Town Education Officer), and Mr. Karam Ali Janwari (Admin Officer, VTC Girls). The session featured an introduction to AWARD's mission and documentary showcasing its impact, presented by Executive Director Ms. Christina Peter. Government officials commended AWARD's initiatives and recognized Flood Relief Committees (FRCs) as essential community leaders. They expressed willingness to collaborate, shared contact information, and participated in a Q&A session, welcoming feedback and suggestions.



## Interactive Street Theatres on Disaster Risk Reduction

To raise community awareness on disaster preparedness, AWARD Pakistan organized interactive street theaters across 6 villages under the DRM project. The performances were centered around key elements of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), including timely disaster warnings, safe relocation practices, and the consequences of inaction. Through engaging storytelling, the theater depicted the harsh realities of disasters and the importance of making informed decisions during emergencies. The street theaters drew an impressive audience of 600 community members, including 173 men, 312 women, and 115 children, sparking critical conversations around disaster resilience and preparedness at the grassroots level.



## Distribution of Toolkits to Flood Relief Committees

AWARD Pakistan distributed comprehensive toolkits to all Flood Relief Committees (FRCs) to support disaster preparedness and mitigation efforts. Each toolkit comprised 14 essential items, including life jackets, LED torches, ropes, rescue rings, tools for clearing debris, safety gear, and more. The distribution ceremony took place at Khazana Training Hall and was led by Executive Director Ms. Christina Peter and Mr. Parvez Paul (Admin Manager). The event was graced by notable government officials including Mr. Karam Ali Janwari (VCD), Mr. Allah Bachayo (Taluka Education Officer, Khairpur) & Mr. Ghulam Rasool Khaskheli (Director of Agriculture). The officers praised AWARD's initiative and reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate in future disaster response efforts.



## Field Visits to Support Communities in Khairpur

Livestock Management Training Empowered Women Flood Survivors On February 18, 2025, AWARD-Pakistan held a one-day livestock management training for women from Taluka Thari Mirwah, Kotdiji, and Khairpur at the Khazana Training Hall. The training aimed to support flood-affected women by providing skills to improve livestock care, enhance food security, and generate sustainable income.

Led by Project Officer Mr. Arif Masih and expert trainer Dr. Talat Qureshi, the session covered farm management, animal health, vaccination protocols, and post-pregnancy goat care. Participants engaged in group activities, discussing goat breeds and newborn care strategies. The training emphasized preventive healthcare, balanced nutrition, clean water access, and sustainable practices for shelter and fodder. By the end, women felt empowered with practical knowledge to manage livestock and strengthen resilience in their households.



## Monitoring Visit by Donor and Executive Director to Khairpur Region

Mr. Sebastian Justin (Program Coordinator, Kerk in Actie) and AWARD's Executive Director Ms. Christina Peter visited Kevero Khan Burdi (Taluka Kot Diji) and Hayat Katohar (Taluka Khairpur) for a monitoring visit.

The visit included community discussions, presentations on local challenges, and engagement with women artisans. Ms. Christina praised the community's resilience and acknowledged KiA's ongoing support. Mr. Sebastian commended the women's active participation and held a session with the Flood Relief Committee (FRC), who shared their learnings from the recent TOT and their preparedness to lead disaster response efforts.



## Provision of Livestock to Support Flood-Affected Women

In a significant step toward economic recovery and empowerment of women affected by floods, AWARD Pakistan distributed 60 goats to 60 women from 6 villages in Taluka Thari Mirwah, Kot Diji, and Khairpur. The distribution ceremony was led by Executive Director Ms. Christina Peter along with Mr. Sebastian Justin (Program Coordinator, Kerk in Actie).

This initiative is part of AWARD's broader efforts to support sustainable livelihoods in disaster-prone areas. By equipping women with livestock, the project not only contributed to household food security but also enhanced their capacity to earn a stable income, laying the foundation for long-term resilience.



## Awareness Sessions on Dengue, Malaria & Typhoid Prevention

AWARD Pakistan conducted health awareness sessions on Dengue Fever, Malaria, and Typhoid in six villages of Khairpur, with 341 participants (315 females, 26 males). Led by Master Trainer Ms. Maira, the sessions covered prevention methods like eliminating mosquito breeding sites, using mosquito nets, and wearing protective clothing. Participants were also informed about symptoms, treatment, and the importance of seeking timely medical care.

The sessions included a Q&A, where women received medical advice, prescriptions, and referrals for further care, equipping them with essential knowledge to protect their families from these diseases.



## International Women's Day

Marking the International Women's Day (8th March), AWARD Pakistan held awareness sessions in six villages across the Khairpur district, engaging 180 women and 46 children. The sessions focused on educating rural women about their rights, dignity, and the importance of girls' education. The participants were encouraged to empower their families and communities, emphasizing that educated women can shape a brighter future for their children. The legacy of some brave women leaders were highlighted to inspire and motivate women to stand equal with men and create positive change in their villages.

