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# ACRONYM

BSD	Basic Skills Development
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCB	Citizen Community Board
CDS	Centre for Development Service
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
CHW	Community Health Workers
CWSP	Church World Service Pakistan
DSP	Devolution Support Program
DHQ	District Head Quarter Hospital
HDN	Health Development Network
HRDN	Human Resource Development Network
IMCP	Institutional Management and Certification Program
KBDO	Kids Blood Diseases Organization
LUMS	Lahore University of Management Sciences
LRBT	Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust
LHW	Lady Health Worker
ME&RU	Monitoring Evaluation & Research Unit
MIS	Management Information System
MHE	Male Health Educator
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MFO	Manager Field Office
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NGORC	Non Government Organization Resource Centre
PIDE	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
PNCC	Punjab NGO Coordination Council
PARC	Peoples Awareness and Rights Committee
PATA	Provincially Administered Tribal Area
PSF	Pakistan Social Forum
PNF	Pakistan NGO Forum
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
REFLECT	Regenerated Frierian Literacy Empowering Community Techniques
SDC	Students Development Club
SPO	Strengthening Participatory Organization
TBA	Traditional Birth Attendant
WSF	World Social Forum
USAID	United State Agency for International Development
VDC	Village Development Committee

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# FOREWORD

Year 2006 ended up with multiple challenges at national level including, enhanced military operations in Balochistan and Wazirastan in the name of terrorism and for ensuring the so called writ of state in the areas where state organs & institutions had never been there & functional. People disappearances, wide spread corruption, gross violations of human rights, poor social services delivery, involvement of in service and retired army officials in the public organizations and departments leaving no chance of survival to the civilians and subservient parliament, that remained answerable to the military regime rather than the people of the country, are among other major challenges.

When we see at the local level the socio-economic and political disparities of the people living in southern districts of Punjab depicts more horrific and vulnerable situation. Under such circumstances the scope for the socio-economic development and political empowerment actions in southern Punjab remained high. With its utmost efforts, AwazCDS-Pakistan could hardly be able to address the issues around certain selected marginalized communities in the region with the effective and efficient utilization of available human and financial resources during said year.

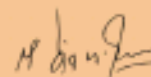
The annual report of AwazCDS-Pakistan for the year 2006 elucidates the wide range of grassroots actions to build local leadership and to address social services issues under Integrated Community Development & Empowerment Program (ICDEP). It also enlightens the outcomes and impacts of youth awareness campaign for peace democracy & human rights, women rights and emancipation and parliamentarian follow up for policy reforms under Policy Research and Advocacy Program (PRAP). The report further explicates the sustainability and institutional development opportunities of the organization through its Resource Centre and networking & linkages building. The case studies included in the report gave details of how the Foundation brought the precious little difference in the lives of the socially excluded and marginalized communities with which it works.

We know that we have a long way to go in this struggle, but at the same time we also know that our mission is clearly defined with a stern belief upon the peoples' own potential, we will soon be able to make the significant change in the lives of our people.

Finally, we appreciate the role played by the governing body members, my colleagues and staff, VDCs and PARCs and other related civil society organizations in successfully achieving our yearly targets. We also greatly admire the invaluable support and cooperation extended by national and international partner organizations to AwazCDS-Pakistan for the development & empowerment of marginalized communities in the region.

We look forward for your feedback upon our development endeavors and hope for continuous support and guidance in future.

Thank you and best regards



**Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman**



# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Man was born free but he is every where in chains. Awaz CDS-Pakistan since its establishment has been striving to enable people of the southern Punjab to free themselves of these chains of exploitation and vested interest. Awaz CDS-Pakistan has been working for emancipation of the people in general and women in particular being in backwards and inaccessible areas of the southern Punjab.

Awaz CDS-Pakistan believes in capacity building rather than in provision of the needful by spoon feeding hence the basic aim of the organization has been over the years, to make the people of these areas understand the nature of the societal relationship established in the society, dominated by the feudal lords, *sardars* and the industrialists. For this purpose Awaz CDS-Pakistan has been working hard, to a maximum possible level against many odds, to impart awareness for social and political recruitment thus to build indigenous leadership.

Awaz CDS-Pakistan strongly believes that it is only the civil society which can play an active role for the development of the society through self active representation. To achieve this aim the organization is striving to establish a viable and sustainable civil society through capacity building, youth awareness and community mobilization.

The October 2005 earthquake was the most serious crisis, Pakistan has ever faced, claiming thousands of lives, casualties and displacement. Awaz CDS-Pakistan decided to intervene the affected areas of NWFP to work for relief and rehabilitation of the affected community under its Community Based Health and Disaster Management Program. The aim was to invite work through relief efforts and consequently streamline sustainable community development through imparting participatory skills and strengthening civil society organization in the affected areas.

It is the credit of Awaz CDS-Pakistan that a lot of efforts with substantial achievements have been done and still what has been left to be achieved is more than what has been already achieved. The journey of hope is still on as the hope of a brighter future is almost half way to achieve it.

May God bless us all ! Amen



**Fayyaz Ahmed Hussain**  
Chairperson



**OVERVIEW**  
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## INTRODUCTION

AwazCDS Pakistan has been experimenting community-driven innovative approaches to development since 1995. Unlike other civil society organizations, the Foundation was not an outcome of sudden disaster. It was founded by a group of well-educated youth activists who were politically enlightened and realized that they owe a great deal of return to the society at large. Widespread ignorance, poverty, diseases and social backwardness of the region of Southern Punjab only provided extra impetus to this youth-group. In every undertaking, the overriding mission has been to facilitate community development and empowerment through capacity building and policy research & advocacy with community participation.

## CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING

It is the Foundation's conviction that to bring development and social change, it will have to promote and encourage grassroots startups so that they could turn into fledging CBO's that are capable enough to look after the development needs of their areas. For the purpose, the poor and worst off members of the community are selected as its target groups. AwazCDS team mobilizes the community members to form into a group. The Foundation's social organizer identifies the activists from amongst them and motivates them through involvement in surveys and in development related discussions to mobilize a group of 25-30 people each representing 20-30 households. The group formation process includes meetings and discussions to motivate the people to come up as volunteers to represent and work for their communities. Women are mobilized separately and they form separate groups. At the group meeting, the social organizer emphasizes the significance of a community organization as a step towards improving physical and social services in the area. After a few meetings, members decide to form into a community group. Each group then selects from amongst the members an executive committee of 7-8 office bearers (President, Secretaries and Treasurer) that comes up as a leadership. AwazCDS assists the community organization to set up offices and start organizing development activities by local resource mobilization.

Once the elected members take office, AwazCDS begins capacity building of the leadership that starts with imparting basic skills development (BSD) training to them which includes community mobilization, organizational development & management. After the leadership has gone through the basics, the executive committee members are provided with entrepreneurial skill enhancement training packages to undertake self-help activities and to build partnerships.

The communities are assisted to design and carryout right-based development campaigns and their linkage is developed with local government departments and other resource agencies including philanthropic organizations. The Foundation helps the community





organizations to identify and elect VDC office bearers and then assists them to register as CCB with Local government. In the follow up, Awaz provides technical assistance to help them design small projects and mobilize their own resources in partnership with local government for resolving key issues of the area.

## HEALTH

The Foundation has its objective to provide basic health and hygiene education and improve functioning of existing health services at grassroots level as a means of community mobilization. It plays a key role in developing ways to enable poor communities, both rural and urban, to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to protect and promote good health. A particular focus is given to improve the health status of vulnerable groups especially women of childbearing age and children under five who live in geographically remote targeted areas. AwazCDS works to strengthen its Integrated Primary health care system by building the skills of community activists and untrained/unskilled TBAs by providing preventive and curative health care and basic health education and training facilities to them. It also contributes to health sector reform; the improvement of environmental and household health through the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene promotion; the enhancement of maternal and child health; the improvement of nutritional status; and programs to combat infectious diseases. A health development network (HDN) in collaboration with Government Health Department and other health related NGO's / CBO's is established in the targeted communities. The HDN plays a facilitation role among Government, corporate and citizen sector for making health centres functional and harness human capital for better policy level advocacy with Provincial and Federal Governments.

## EDUCATION

The Foundation has an overall aim to enhance the literacy and education rate in its program areas and it is used as a tool for community mobilization. The focus remains on basic education by ensuring better early caring and learning environment for young children in the poorest of the poor targeted areas

through establishing Awaz Home Schools; increase their access to education as well as decrease their drop out ratio. Most often AwazCDS establishes AwazCDS Home Schools, after receiving the written request from its VDCs in the communities where the Government Schools are not available or situated very far from the community. The books and stationery is provided by the Foundation while the community is considered responsible for a separate home, enrolment of at least 35 children and salary of the teachers for each school. The children of age from year's five to eleven can join Awaz Home School. Moreover, a continuous research based advocacy and campaign has been launched for education sector reforms. There can be more than one school in one target area i.e. as per the need of the community.

## GENDER & DEVELOPMENT

Firmly committed to reducing poverty and empowering the neglected section of the society, the Foundation concentrates its efforts on a small number of programs scaled to meet the needs of the communities in which it works. A central strategy is to provide initiative force to the skilled manpower especially the women and let them grow by putting their efforts through self-help development mechanisms. The skills are enhanced through well organized training workshops, scheduled to enable the women for earning their livelihood through setting up knitting and embroidery skill centres and to impart marketing skills in them. AwazCDS facilitates them in their learning for making soap, detergent powder, creams, candles, pickles, jams, jellies etc. Kitchen gardening skills are also provided in the villages where women have some open space in their houses. The poor women are provided interest free loan to expand or to uplift their businesses.



## POLICY RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

The Foundation has strong belief that civil society should play its active role for the development of the society through effective representation and advocacy of true aspirations of the community. Due to non-democratic fabric of the politics in Pakistan, such acts have never been acknowledged by the State. The violence, bigotry and sense of insecurity prevalent today speak volumes of the degeneration that has taken place during the last couple of decades.

The Foundation involves itself in conducting qualitative research, analyzing different situations, promoting public debates, dialogues and consensus building processes and then creating informed population for democratic and political alternatives. Moreover, focus remains on conducting policy research, presenting analysis and formulating alternatives for policy reforms. The Foundation supports advocacy campaigns and programs in the areas of peace, social justice and livelihood rights promote interfaith harmony, peace & democratic social values in the society and trains social activists at grassroots level in these themes. For this purpose the education institutions and youth already established /trained, community based organizations and networks have become base for the campaign.

## YOUTH AWARENESS

The Foundation focuses upon educating / raising awareness for social and political recruitment and to build indigenous leadership. As the promotion of democratic culture, values and practices in the educational institutions and to organize clubs / societies of youth in selected educational institutions are the key intervention fields. Moreover the mistrust and alienation of youth is reduced and the social integration is promoted by linking youth clubs / societies with mainstream CSOs and progressive Networks. The research is conducted on all forms of the democratic and discriminatory practices at educational institutions for furthering the awareness campaign and policy level advocacy and lobbying with decision makers / legislatures / elected representatives at grassroots level. The youth REFLECT circles are conducted which are a processed form of participatory learning and action techniques. The selected intellectuals and scholars from all over the country are invited to deliver thought provoking lectures in the forums organized by student councils. Further to this, Tehsil Youth Committees know as PARCs (people awareness and rights committees) including student clubs, societies, CSOs, CBOs and NGOs are organized and interlinked to strengthen their activities. The foundation organizes issue based theater plays for forums and conferences in order to ensure participation and interaction of participants. Multan Theater Groups having male and female volunteers of the Foundation are working for the promotion of peace and harmony at grassroots level.



## WOMEN RIGHTS & EMANCIPATION

The Foundation focuses to create masses acceptance for the repeal of discriminatory laws (e.g. Hudood Laws) and through advocacy and lobbying pressure is imposed on the state and legislators for legislation to abolish the role of 'Punchait' (informal Jury) and other discriminatory practices promoting violence against women. The emphasis remains to develop and strengthen Tehsil networks/People Awareness and Rights Committee (PARCs) to raise voice and mobilize communities against laws and customary practices promoting violence against women like *Kala Kali* (honor killings), *Vani* (women given in penance of murder/rape committed by her relative), *Watta Satta* (exchange marriages), Acid attacks, *Punchait* (traditional justice committees) role and *Hudood Ordinance*. The community activists (three from each PARC) are given extensive training to develop their understanding upon the above said discriminatory laws and practices, so as they can further facilitate REFLECT Circles with college/university students, union council members, male and female community groups.

## SUSTAINABILITY & INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AwazCDS has been striving to achieve institutional sustainability in the last few years. It has especially focused on developing its local resource bases, diversifying its networks and community level support systems, enhance its human resources and increasing professional capacity of its staff. Efforts have also been made to develop efficient internal management and operational systems to improve the quality of its services. All these strategies have given it a critical edge over many other organizations of this sector.

The Foundation has given more attention to further mature its systems, reach out to new constituencies, increasing its local resources base and developing financial endowments. The preference has been given to obtain funding for its operational and institutional areas as well as enhancement of its own resources. The efforts are in way to reduce the dependence on external resources to transfer the expenses of activities to its local partners who are taking up the role of supporting civil society initiatives.

## IMCP CERTIFICATION

The Foundation has crossed another milestone in strengthening its management capabilities and competitive base through participation in NGORC's Institutional Management and Certification Program (IMCP). The capacity enhancement program was started to meet the USAID management standards. These standards were finalized in the context of Pakistan through extensive literature review, in-house discussions and debates. For Financial Management the components include: Accounting Structures, Internal Controls (Financial & Operational), Financial Management at Functional Level, Financial Planning, Financial Reporting and Monitoring. While standards under Program Effectiveness cover the following areas: Human Resource Management, Governance, Risk Assessment, Information Technology Management, Information & Communication and Monitoring & Evaluation. The SEBCON External Validators, Mr. Kamran Sadiq (Program Management Specialist) and Mr. Khurram Ikhtlaq (Financial Analyst) worked closely with Awaz CDS and finally drafted their key recommendations. Through successful compliance of their recommendations; and drafting its own procedural manuals and policy guidelines, the organization finally qualified the USAID Management Standards and certified by NGORC (a project of Agha Khan Foundation) under its institutional management and certification program.

## AWAZ RESOURCE CENTRE

The Foundation is committed to disseminating lessons from its field experiences through its well-established Resource Centre. It is conducted through documentation of undertaking case studies, research on policy level issues, publishing various reports and a Quarterly Journal 'Reflection'. The information related to development, peace, human rights, cultural and social harmony and other issues of political, social and economic significance is gathered and disseminated to a wide-range of civil society groups, academic institutions, research groups, human rights organizations, literacy groups and social activists.

The research based information containing figures and consolidated data is quoted by national newspapers and statistical institutions in their reports.



capacity building & research institutions e.g. NGORC, PIDE (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics) & HRDN, the foundation has also a partnership with LUMS (Lahore University of Management Sciences), internationally renowned University based at Lahore through its Social Enterprise Development Program. Both AwazCDS and LUMS help each-other in institutional capacity building of civil society organizations in the country.

## RESOURCE CENTRE

AwazCDS-Pakistan also has its website which is regularly updated. It includes program activities, press releases, staff details, job opportunities and much more about the organization. It also has "Discussion Forum" for getting the feed back from outsiders.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Right from its inception AwazCDS has believed that people need constant learning opportunities. The management has tried every bit in providing equal training and exposure opportunities to all the staff members. AwazCDS staff members are often sent to different institutions like Omer Asghar Khan Centre for Development, The Network, TVO, Dastak, SPO, ASR Resource Centre, Volunteer Support Organization, Care International, Save the Children UK, NGORC, CWSP, LUMS, SAP-Pak, Christian Study Centre, Plan International, National Commission for Peace and Justice and Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace to learn leadership and management, community mobilization, team building, manual designing, financial management etc. with generous support from its partner organizations. Moreover, a training unit with experienced staff is working under AwazCDS Resource Centre for the capacity building of new staff members as well as the community activists for their further professional intervention in their areas. Moreover AwazCDS often invites renowned trainers for capacity building of its staff members from SDPI.

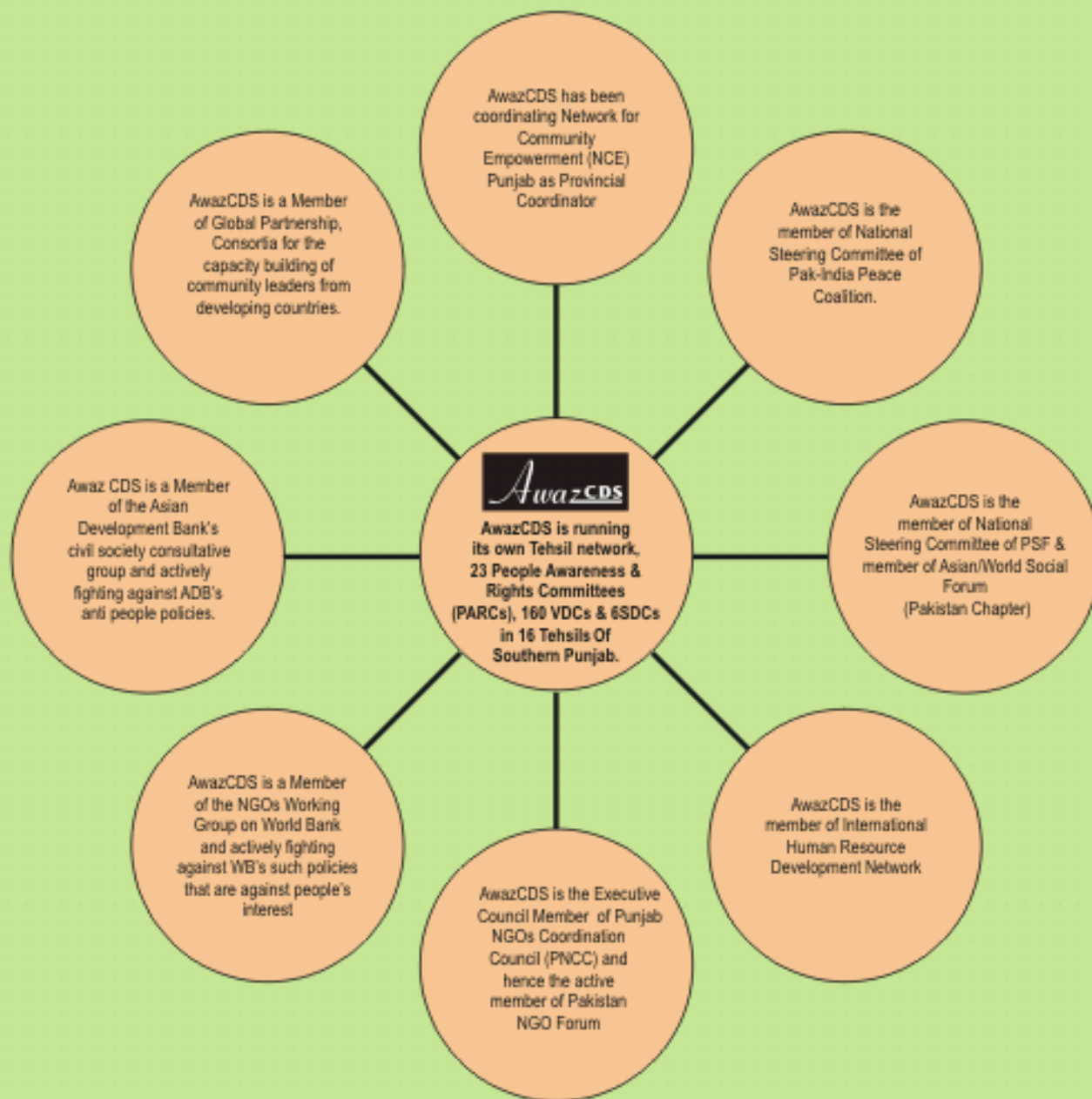


## PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation has built a solid reputation for its Financial Management of grants within a clearly defined thematic strategy and professional edge. It is worth mentioning that the Foundation believes in its own set objectives and principles which are strongly protected prior to any collaboration with donor agencies.



## NETWORKING & LINKAGES



**PROJECTS REVIEW**

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**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

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**INTEGRATED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM**

**COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH & DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**WOMEN AWARENESS & POST EARTHQUAKE EMANCIPATION PROGRAM**

**STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S  
GRASSROOTS LEVEL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

**AWAZ MOTHER & CHILD HEALTH CARE CENTRE (AMCHC)**



## INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The program aims to build up CBO's (Vaseb Development Committees) that are capable enough to look after the development needs of their areas. The Foundation selected mainly poorest of the poor communities that lack infrastructure and facilities as entry points. It is assumed that lack of physical infrastructure and social facilities are due to political disempowerment, poverty and community's own inability to organize itself for acquiring their rights and fulfilling their responsibilities. AwazCDS, being within the comparatively easy access and having better professional edge, is in a better position to build capacities and disseminate the awareness through workshops/seminars, forums and dialogues among the NGO's/CBO's of such neglected areas. Novib (Netherlands) is donating for this Program. The organized VDCs in the targeted areas of Tehsil Multan, Alipur, Jatoi, Taunsa and Tribal Areas are working in the fields of Education (informal schools, making dead public sector schools functional, literacy programs), Health (improving health services in government dispensaries, acquiring government health facilities, organizing camps), Sanitation (Good hygiene practices, solid waste management and recycling), Income generation (savings, productive linkages) and Advocacy on basic human rights, local/regional disparity issues

### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

#### Targeted Districts:

Multan, Muzaffar Garh and D G Khan

#### Total Population of Targeted Areas:

1167560

In the year 2005-2006, 26 male and 24 female VDCs have been organized in the targeted districts. About 202 women were enrolled in the Awaz skill centres and 150 new children were enrolled in the Awaz Home Schools. Three new Awaz Skills Centres have been established. Four health education workshops were arranged in Tehsil Alipur and Jatoi in which 365 community activists participated.

As a first step to partnership building, AwazCDS assisted the communities to link up with local government departments and other resource agencies including philanthropic organizations. AwazCDS has mobilized the leadership of the male and female community organizations to form CCBs (Citizen Community Boards). The Foundation is further helping the community organizations to identify and elect CCB office bearers and then assisted the CCB office bearers in registering the CCB with Local government. In the follow up, AwazCDS provided technical assistance to help them design small projects and mobilize their own resources in partnership with local government for





resolving key issues of the area.

The Foundation remained committed to build strong and cohesive relationship with international donor community and with government departments to assist member community organizations access their resources. It also promoted community achievements and highlights community events in local newspaper and in their own publications. The AwazCDS quarterly newsletter in urdu 'Reflection' serves to inform the community members about available resources and resource agencies.

The Foundation is expanding its Program to far off localities of other Districts of Southern Punjab in the coming years.

### IN THE WAKE OF PROSPERITY

Effort for the sake of survival is the first and foremost lesson, which is taught in the school of life. No body can claim prosperity without doing effort. 37 years old Rashida Zaheer of Basti 'Tariq Abad' has learnt lot of experiences from the hardships of her deprived life. Like majority of other male inhabitants of this rundown area who are working as laborer, her husband is running a 'bicycle workshop'. Hand to mouth living conditions, enforced her to start practical life. Eight years ago, she started her journey of socio-economic empowerment along with AwazCDS in her community. Determined Rashida joined the volunteer movement and elected as General Secretary of 'Kiran Taraqati Tanzeem' (Kiran Development Organization), a VDC organized by AwazCDS under its Integrated Community Development and Empowerment Program in Union Council 54 of Tehsil Multan.

The program was launched by AwazCDS in selected poorest of the poor localities of Tehsil Multan to empower the community through extensive training workshops on Conceptualization & technical information about Organizations, Participatory Development, Participatory Project Writing and Accounts maintaining skills, Entrepreneurship Skills, Micro Credit Program, Citizen Community Boards and Net working. Rashida took an active participation in all the training workshops and acquired know how about the tricks of community driven development.

Soon she decided to establish an embroidery centre in her house. AwazCDS encouraged her and supported initially

by providing six sewing machines for her project. She started gathering interested young girls of her area and through her technical expertise enhanced their skills of sewing, cutting & stitching. Within no time her centre became the only 'Women Skill Centre' of Basti Tariq Abad and attracted many poor girls to learn skills to further support to their families. Rashida Says;

*"I have learnt valuable techniques of better entrepreneurship in the regular training workshops. There are about fifty girls this time at my centre who are learning the skills of cutting, sewing, stitching of cloths as well as cooking. Due to non availability of enough space, I have divided their timings and made their groups. Each group comes for four hours. I maintain their attendance register and charge a fee of Rs.50/- from each girl. My husband helped me in my business and bought raw cloth from 'Hussain Agahi Bazar' for its further processing and sale. I earn about 6000/- Rupees per month from my centre."*

Rashida participated in the 'World Social Forum' organized by the Civil Society activists in Karachi last year and set up her stall of embroidery work in the exhibition. She found a tremendous response from the visitors and earned 15000 Rupees from the sale of her cloths. Now she is also running a beauty parlor to expand her services. She has purchased a computerized sewing machine on self help basis. Her VDC has been registered as 'Eeman Citizen Community Board' and she was unanimously elected as President of the CCB.

Rashida's skill centre has now attracted girls from far off areas of Tehsil Multan. She looks more determined and resolute in her commitment to bring socio-economic revolution in the lives of the people. She has proved herself an ideal and symbol of success not only for the women but also for the men of her community.



## YOUTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE, DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS

The program is a part of AwazCDS development endeavors in the region that focuses upon youth for the promotion of peace, social harmony, democratic culture and values in society. The pilot phase of this campaign was launched in the whole of District Multan in the year 2002. The same campaign was extended to other districts of Southern Punjab i.e. D G Khan & Muzaffar Garh for the year 2003 and later in five districts including Rajan Pur and Tribal Areas of district D G Khan in 2004. The campaign remained an internal key of overall development initiatives of the Foundation in the year 2005-2006. Heinrich Boell Foundation supports this program. The basic idea behind the project is to mobilize and organize the scattered youth at one platform and raise awareness and right based advocacy campaigns.

AwazCDS youth awareness and socialization model implements youth awareness campaign for peace, democracy, human rights and social harmony, in which besides political awareness and education, students of educational institutions are encouraged to form their clubs and societies for their social and political integration with the society. Since 23 PARCs, 160 VDCs and 6 SDCs organized by AwazCDS, are working in 16 Tehsil of Southern Punjab.

### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

#### **Targeted Districts:**

*D. G. Khan & Rajan Pur*

#### **Total population of Targeted areas:**

2746736

The Foundation organized 22 issue based REFLECT Circles with 443 selected youth activists of educational institutions. REFLECT Circles are the processed form of participatory learning and action techniques. These are the system of education and mobilization of people by sharing. AwazCDS activists have greatly experienced this tool within its communities and with children in schools. Through REFLECT Circle process a group of people/youth sits in a circle around a table or on ground and draw mappings, initiate dialogue around the certain issue, analyze it, suggest practical & immediate solutions. Most of the REFLECT Circle participants not only joined but also help PARCs in organizing issue based seminars at educational institutions.

Since the student unions are totally banned therefore AwazCDS encourages students to set up their clubs / societies for engaging their fellows in extra curricular healthy activities and for dealing with student's affairs and without any political party affiliation. The Program updates progressive intellectuals and scholars about understating of youth on



enhance their knowledge base.

The Foundation has organized People Awareness and Rights Committees (PARCs) in targeted areas by involving students clubs, societies, CSOs, CBOs and NGOs for social and political recruitment and integration of youth with wider civil society. AwazCDS has conducted issue based research and produced case studies and papers with the help of PARC activists and progressive scholars as quality resource and reference material and for dissemination among all stakeholders. Thought provoking posters and leaflets regarding related themes and issues have also been prepared. In order to ensure participation and interaction of the participants, some issue based theater plays were organized by Multan Theater Group. Usually sensitive issues are raised through interactive theater performances. AwazCDS organized 06 Tehsil and 02 District forums during the year 2005-2006 for advocacy on related themes and issues at local level by involving elected Nazims and local government heads and authorities. This helped PARC members and students in developing their relationship with district management and in mobilizing local resources for their development endeavors. Moreover, community forums have been organized in 08 'Tumans' (Union Councils) of Provincially Administered Tribal Area (PATA).

PARC members have attended Pakistan Social Forum at Lahore and World Social Forum at Karachi. AwazCDS activists organized 07 seminars focusing on peace and harmony. The seminars were attended by thousands of participants.

YAC-PDHR is likely to be expanded in other districts of southern Punjab in the coming years.

## POLICY RESEARCH & ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Civil Society has an important role to perform for the development of the society, by not only providing it with physical services but also by representing & advocating true aspirations and interests of masses. AwazCDS is very clear that mere service delivery cannot bring multifaceted results that it is striving for; nor it is possible for AwazCDS or any other NGO, unlike state, to scale up its service delivery beyond

certain bounds. AwazCDS is of the opinion that in terms of service delivery projects the thrust has to be on piloting, model building for state machinery, gap filling and at maximum enabling the communities to adopt these services for them. Service delivery programs of perennial nature run a great deal of risk of turning an NGO into a service contractor.

The Program aims to conducting qualitative research, analyzing different situations, promoting public debates, dialogues and consensus building processes to help create an informed population for their democratic and political rights. Under this program AwazCDS conducts thematic and issue-based research, promoting public dialogues and analysis.

### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

#### **Targeted Districts:**

*Multan, Muzaffar Garh, D. G. Khan & Rajan Pur*

#### **Total population of Targeted areas:**

100000

### PROPERTY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN 2005-2006

The campaign was launched to highlight sufferings of the poorest communities of the targeted areas in order to provide them property rights at their homelands. The Foundation aims to provide right based advocacy services to the affected targeted communities. One homeless family got property in Basti Shore Kot. Two walks and one seminar were conducted in which 195 participants of the village participated. In another village (Pison Wala), 35 homeless families got property rights through effective advocacy and campaign.

### HUDOOD ORDINANCE CAMPAIGN 2005-2006

The overall goal of this campaign was to create masses acceptance for the repeal of Hudood Laws and pressure on state and legislatures for legislation to abolish the role of *Punchait* and other discriminatory practices promoting violence against women. During the campaign, Tehsil networks/PARCs were developed and strengthen to raise voice and mobilize communities against laws





and customary practices promoting violence against women like *Kala Kali* (honor killings), *Vani* (women given in penance of murder/rape committed by her relative), *Watta Satta* (exchange marriages), Acid attacks, *Punchait* (traditional justice committees) role and *Hudood Ordinance*. The community activists (three from each PARC) were given extensive training to develop their understanding upon the above said discriminatory laws and practices, so as they can further facilitate REFLECT Circles with college/ university students, union council members, male and female community groups in order to educate and mobilize them for further strengthening the lobbying and advocacy campaign against violence issues by organizing Tehsil and District Forums and theatre performances at 13 Tehsils of 4 Districts i.e. Multan, Muzaffar Gardh, D G Khan and Rajan Pur.

23 PARCs participated in different seminars, Forums and dialogues conducted by the Foundation in order to build up consensus to repeal Hudood Ordinance. The study was shared with 447 Parliamentarians and 100 Senators to build up national level Movement for Policy Reforms. Dozens of them followed up the Foundation's initiative through raising their voice in the Parliament on these issues and further contacted with the Foundation to appreciate the ongoing struggle.

### CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED ON INTERNATIONAL DAYS 2005-2006

Awaz CDS head office and field offices conducted various seminars, forums and seminars on international days i.e. International Labor Day, Literacy Day, HIV-AIDS Day, Human Rights Day, Women's Day, Peace Day etc. Thousands of PARC activists and community members participated in the events. Most of the policy level issues regarding the events were raised in the campaigns. Number of participants and the concerned dates of the events have been mentioned in the 'Events Section of the Report' in detail.

### THEATER PERFORMANCES FOR RIGHTS-BASED CAMPAIGNS

On July 21, 2005 theatre performance on 'Women Violence' was organized by the Program team of Awaz CDS and its 5 VDCs in Multan. Theater was performed by Multan Theater Group. Through this performance women were given education not to tolerate violence in any form. There were 250 participants on this event.

Theatre performance on 'Kiln Labor Rights' was organized by Awaz CDS in Muzaffar Garh on August 15 & 16, 2005 respectively. Three Hundred people attended the performance. The theater performance was arranged in a '*Madrassah*'. This reflects a little flexibility in the behavior of '*Mullas*' of target community.

### MONITORING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, 2005:

AwazCDS remained involved in the general and local government elections for voter's education and monitoring process and endeavored for the promotions of democracy, encouragement of the women candidates in the process and extending assistance to the women voters for the last decade and a half. In 2005 when the federal government announced the local government elections, it decided to not only initiate

mobilization campaign for voter's education but also monitor the polling process. AwazCDS formed a monitoring cell which comprised 27 teams having entry passes.

Monitoring teams of AwazCDS set out in southern region of Punjab to monitor the LGE 2005. Total 9 Tehsils named Multan, Khanewal, Bahawalpur, Rajan Pur, Vehari, Taunsa, Tribal Area, Rohjan and Jam pur, were visited. During the monitoring, interviews were conducted with the polling staff and voters to know their opinions about the election process and the problems they were facing. The report also got ample coverage in national print media, particularly, Daily JANG, EXPRESS, NAWA-E-WAQT, KHABRAIN, PAKISTAN, SAYANAT, ISLAM, SANG-E-MEEL.

### ADIALOGUE ON YOUTH POLICY

On Thursday, February 03, 2005, AwazCDS organized a dialogue in conference hall of psychology department of Bahaudin Zakariya University, Multan with the youth for assessing their standpoint on proposed youth policy. The main speakers were Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman (CE AwazCDS) and Dr. Khalid Saeed (Coordinator Psychology Department). In that dialogue AwazCDS distributed the questionnaire designed by the government among 75 students to show up their opinion regarding the Youth Policy. Nearly 70% of the students declared discussion to be precondition for evolving any policy. AwazCDS also sent this report to print media and the government officials.

### INTEGRATED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

The Program has been started to evolve a sustainable Integrated Primary Healthcare system in selected villages of Tehsil Vehari by strengthening the existing public health facilities as well as by initiating community driven health mechanisms that will be providing preventive and curative health care and basic health education and training & linkages development facilities for better policy level advocacy on related issues with in the framework of partnership with Plan Pakistan.

As a first step, 'Village Sehat Committees' are organized in the targeted areas. The 'male health educators' (MHE) and 'Community Health Workers' (CHWs) are selected by the committee members and trained through extensive health related workshops and further attached with local health institutes in order to build up their capacity. The Program is imparting primary health care education to people especially womenfolk and youth in the targeted villages of District Vehari especially for mother & child

healthcare and nutrition issues, family planning and reproductive health through Village Sehat Committees, Health Development Network (HDNs), Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Male Health Educators (MHEs). During training workshops indigenous techniques are introduced in community for cheap and hygienic nutrition and for improving mother and child nutrition through suitable diets. Sehat Khazana scheme has been introduced in the community through Village Sehat Committees for emergency handling of health related issues of villages particularly women and children. " District Health Development Committee " established by the district government is being strengthened for ensuring health facilities at grassroots level and for advocacy on health related issues by involving CHWs, trained TBAs, BHUs/ RHCs staff, LHWs, authorities of local government health departments, elected Nazims/ Councilors of the targeted villages and other civil society organizations working in District Vehari. Health Melas are organized at Union Council/ Cluster Sehat Committee level by involving all the targeted communities and major achievements will be shared among the larger public and government authorities. These melas are helping in making common people aware about the seasonal diseases and their impacts upon human life and in mobilizing them for adopting early precautionary measures.

### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

#### **Targeted Districts:**

*Vehari*

#### **Total population of Targeted areas:**

75000

The Foundation has organized 29 Sehat committees in the targeted villages. 29 Male Health Educators and 46 Community Health Workers have been trained and imparted with technical skills through 02 training workshops conducted for Male Health Educators and 2 workshops conducted for Community Health workers. Through effective liaison 06 CHWs have been appointed as Lady Health Workers (LHWs) by the Government Health Department. About 5274 people got direct benefit from 16 organized Sehat Melas at Union Council Level.

## ERADICATING THE CURSE OF DISPARITY

Exploring one's own potential is difficult but worthwhile for long term sustenance of a noble cause. 34 years old Anees Bibi looks determined to offer her paramount services to the 115 families of 63KBN, a remote and deprived village situated in Union council 26 of District Vehari. After participation in 6 month's basic health training course conducted by AwazCDS, she devoted herself for the women of her community.

Lack of existence of basic infrastructure, high population growth rate, high mortality and illiteracy rate, social & political backwardness were the major issues disclosed during initial survey of AwazCDS team in the area. Anees Bibi was one of those CHWs (community health Workers) who were trained under integrated primary health care program (IPHP) to facilitate the women of her village through better delivery services. Unlike TBAs (traditional birth attendants) she works confidently with a professional approach. She participates in the refresher courses and enhances her technical skills on regular basis. The Rural Health Centre of the union council lacks professional doctors and LHVs. In such a miserable health situation, Anees Bibi has proved herself a blessing for her community. She says;

*"AwazCDS has trained and equipped me for normal delivery cases. Many women of our village were upset due to the misconduct of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs). I have done 35 successful delivery cases since 2004. If any case seems me beyond my technical caliber, I take the women to City Hospital in time. I try to provide my twenty four hour services on volunteer basis. People are hand to mouth and can not pay check up fee. But, to perform my duties on sustainable basis I have started to charge Rs 10/- per patient."*

Anees Bibi is trying to create an environment where people can expect health services at their door steps. The increasing rate of population is the major threat for the economic well being and prosperity of the village. So, she is emphasizing on family planning and guides women about necessary preventive measures. The women of the village are satisfied on her extraordinary role that she is playing for her area. Being a member of 'Sehat Committee', she participates regularly in the meetings and educates her community about health and hygienic issues.

As her journey towards a healthy future has started, since there is a dire need of people's participation in strengthening her hands as much as possible. Her approach is strong, but for the sustenance of this task, she is expecting an encouraging response from the community.

## COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH & DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

On a scale of destruction, the October 2005 South Asian earthquake was the biggest disaster to ever hit Pakistan. Immediate relief efforts were focused on taking care of the dead and injured, and providing food and shelter for people that had been displaced. Given the magnitude of the disaster, geographically scattered terrain, and lack of pre-earthquake information on the region, gathering such information proved a difficult undertaking.



In this situation of national upheaval, AwazCDS decided to intervene the affected areas of NWFP to work for relief and rehabilitation of the affected community under its community based health and disaster management program started in collaboration with CARE International. District Mansehra is located in North Western Frontier Province (NWFP) with an estimated population of 1.436 million (2005) and an area of 4579 sq. It was heavily affected by the earthquake with figures of almost 17,000 dead and over 140,000 houses damaged.

The aim was to initiate work through relief efforts and later streamline sustainable community driven development through imparting participatory approaches of formation and strengthening civil society organizations in the most affected targeted areas.

## HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

### **Targeted Districts:**

*District Mansehra*

### **Total population of Targeted areas:**

23137

## APNA GHAR-HALF WAY HOME

To initiate relief efforts, a well constructed building having 24 rooms, 12 washrooms and 20 shelters was declared as 'Apna Ghar- Half Way Home'. 83 patients (21 male, 34 female and 26 children) got the treatment of injuries (Lumbar, clavicles, femur, and tibia fractures) amputation and accommodation, food, clothes. More than 300 family members got relief goods like clothes, food and accommodation and sports goods for trauma counseling of the affected children.

## HEALTH AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

40 groups of activists were organized (20 male and 20 female) as Village Development Committees in the most affected areas of Tehsil Balakot and Mansehra. 40 people from the VDCs were trained and their capacity was enhanced regarding primary health, first aid and psychotherapy to facilitate their respective communities. 14042 patients got the preventive and curative health facilities from 40 mobile medical camps and 10 established tent clinics. The

Foundation further signed MOU with DHQ, KBDO and LRBT, due to which 300 patients got free treatment. 12 TBAs (traditional birth attendants), 5 CHWs and 5 MHEs have been attached with DHQ and KBDO for practical training.

04 female VDCs have been equipped for running vocational centers in their respective communities where about 100 women are getting skills regarding knitting, cutting and stitching. VDCs have started their own savings and internal lending through effective planning, record-keeping and motivational skills. 2 female VDC members have become the members of District Finance Committee for decision making, due to their effective role, they have played for their area. The skilled CHWs and MHEs have been provided the necessary medical equipment for their long term role for their community.

## STRUGGLING AGAINST THE PERIL

Future is an outcome of uncertainties and hopes. But, some people keep natural vision of setting their own destiny according to their own preferences. 28 years old Maroof Ahmad, is one of those who know the trick, how to utilize today's minute for the thriving future.

Earthquake left nothing in 'Kappi Gali Sangar', the hilly, arid village of Union Council Ghanool situated in Tehsil Balakot. Roads and tracks remained block for the first half-year of the disaster due to massive land sliding. Maroof was frantically looking the children dying from horrible arctic weather due to lack of basic curative health facilities. It was the turning point of his life, when he thought to work for saving their lives.

Awaz CDS approached the area under its 'community based health & Disaster management program' soon after the catastrophe. Maroof, as an ardent activist not only put forward his own services but also motivated others to join 'Hamsafar Development Committee', the male VDC organized by Awaz CDS in the area. Maroof was selected as the Male Health Educator and participated regularly in all health related training workshops. The workshops were arranged with an aim to train 20 male health educators and 20 female community health workers in Awaz CDS targeted areas. The emphasis was on capacity building of the trainees regarding basic and advance health & hygiene, emergency relief, reproductive health, supporting and participating in mobile health camps, facilitating tent clinics, medicine record keeping and sustainable provision of basic health facilities to the local community.

Maroof has proved himself a competent MHE, having a strong view to upgrade the basic health and hygiene conditions of his area. He not only provides in door basic health facilities to his community, but also educates them





on hygiene and reproductive health issues during regular VDC meetings. Committed young man believes on self-sustenance of his work so, he raised mutual funds of Rs. 15300/- from the cots distributed by Awaz CDS as an initial relief in the area. By this fund, the local community converted Awaz CDS tent clinic into durable shelter on self-help basis. He says:

**“I have purchased some medicine total of Rs. 1200/- from our mutual funding. Patients now feel pleasure to pay Rs. 10/- for their treatment. Whatever I have learned, I try to provide my best services to my people. I have treated about 850 patients on self-help basis so far. Community is now well aware about basic health and hygiene issues and related procurement measures.”**

Although, the destroyed Basic Health Unit has not yet been constructed by the Government, but as compared to last year, Maroof's village is looking safer and healthier. He is committed to ensure, not to leave any child die, during this winter season.



## WOMEN AWARENESS & POST EARTHQUAKE EMANCIPATION PROGRAM

Through launching this program, the Foundation focused on to sensitize and organize grassroots communities and government bodies as well as civil society activists working in earthquake affected areas on gender issues to better understand the importance of women involvement and participation in relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. This also provided women entrepreneurs and opportunities regardless of discrimination on the basis of gender.

### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

#### **Targeted Districts:**

*District Mansehra*

#### **Total population of Targeted areas:**

23137

The Foundation selected 40 women community leaders from targeted 20 communities and conducted 3 days basic skills development training for record keeping & Community Mobilization as well as advance skills enhancement training for accounts record keeping and report writing. The Union council members and Local Government Authorities were also approached through interactive dialogues. 3 days basic gender sensitization training workshop was organized followed by advance gender & development training for the figureheads. Regular field exposures further enhanced the capacity of the activists.

Gender Awareness sessions were conducted with 20 male and 20 female VDCs as well as dialogues were arranged on respective issues. The Foundation prepared a need assessment of community women for entrepreneurship development and established referral productive linkages of these active VDCs with micro-credit institutions as well as livelihood recovery opportunities through building their effective contacts



with the stakeholders. The productive linkages with line departments were strengthened through developing referral slips and effective monitoring system. The Foundation further organized 2 Provincial level dialogues with key stake holders on gender issues. About 600 women activists participated in the women awareness, post-earthquake emancipation and gender sensitization activities. 07 women started their own entrepreneurship business in their respective areas.

### GLITTERING STARS

Effort is prerequisite to achieve the set targets of life. Even so, one discovers the secret that after climbing a great hill, there are many more hills to climb; not for wetting but whetting one's nerves.

The members of 'Dosti Development organization' the female VDC of 'Shohal Kadal' are looking very pulsating and vibrant. They have decided to combat with the impoverished circumstances and to achieve economic sustainability before long. The village is situated at the bank of River 'Kanhar' in Union Council 'Shohal Maizullah' in Tehsil Balakot. It has total population of 700 masses and situated at a height of 3200 ft. from the sea level.

The VDC has ensured its effective participation in sensitizing, mobilizing and organizing the local community on gender issues. Women involvement and participation in the existing and future development initiatives in the area is the key objective of the organization. Twenty-five passionate members of the organization under the fervent leadership of 'Saiqa' have established an embroidery Centre named as 'women skill Centre' at their village.

Awaz CDS under its 'woman awareness and post-earthquake emancipation program' intervened the area to mobilize the local community to ensure the participation of local women in uplifting their meager economic conditions. For this purpose Rs. 12000/- were provided to the local VDC at their own request to establish the Centre with three sewing machines initially.

28 years old 'Ismat Bibi' is providing her technical expertise to the Centre. She has three months training expertise of working in the Government Skill Centre. She feels herself more committed and proficient due to her active and regular participation in the training workshops conducted by Awaz CDS. These workshops were organized to provide sensitization and basic working skills to the local women for their active participation in the economic growth of their families. She says:

**"There are 25 girls at my Centre, doing their course in sewing, stitching and cutting. Rs. 100/- per month has been decided to charge as a fee. I have allocated one**

**room of my house for this purpose. We have planned to provide skills to our girls and to market our products. Indeed, variety of design, and color combination attracts the customers, so, we shall emphasize on that. Our aim is to strengthen our economic conditions."**

The destitute economy of the area is in dire need of such zealous initiatives by the local community. Efficiency-centered and profit-taking products in combination with market-oriented approach can bring their dreams of economic revival to be true.



### STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The Program focuses to develop and strengthen the local government's development initiatives (in the form of Citizen Community Boards) at grassroots level in urban and rural union councils at Multan by ensuring community participation for effective and efficient utilization of community and District Government's available resources.

#### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

##### **Targeted Districts:**

*District Mansehra*

##### **Total Population of Targeted Areas:**

23137

The Foundation organized two days training workshop for the targeted 29 CCBs in Tehsil Mansehra, Balakot in coordination with National Democratic Institute (NDI) and went through their extensive training regarding Local Government System, their roles, responsibilities, authority structure of Union Nazims and Councilors, as well as composition and authorities of sub committees in local Government System.



The Foundation also organized a public forum on Water Crises and its impacts upon Earthquake Victims at Press Club Mansehra. About 85 participants from different Union Councils participated in the Forum. Notable speakers were the political leaders of the District, having strong community background. The participants put forward their demands as follows:

- Water Sanitation Treatment plant at existing Water Supply Schemes.
- New water supply scheme at Bhoot Katta Mansehra.
- Hepatitis B test and vaccination facilities at all local areas.



Most of the CCBs have started very productive contribution in their respective communities.

### AWAZ MOTHER & CHILD HEALTHCARE CENTER (AMCHC)

In 2002 AwazCDS initiated this project to meet the curative and preventive needs of the five contiguous suburban settlements around Multan viz. Qasim Bela, Muhammad pur Ghotta, Langarial, Arjwain Sharif, and Jalilpur. Though it was mainly mother and child healthcare centre, yet there are a number of integrated activities emanating from it. For example through this project not only services in MCH sector are delivered but in basic and primary healthcare are also being rendered. The centre has also developed strong referral linkages with the tertiary level health facilities i.e. Civil Hospital, and Nishtar Hospital Multan.



#### HIGHLIGHTS 2005-2006

##### Targeted area

Multan

##### Targeted population

13000



Currently the health project is addressing the MCH and Primary Healthcare needs of a population of no less that 13000 people dwelling in these five communities. AwazCDS is running the centre through the service charges earned from this project and by utilizing its own resources. In the year 2005-2006, 1852 patients were examined for Rs. 10/- per patient check up fee. 118 family planning cases were treated. The centre provided anti-natal check up facility to 136 patients. The vaccination against different fatal diseases was provided to most part of the population. 10 patients during the year was referred to Nishtar Hospital Multan due to conduct USG, X-Ray etc. 05 Health Surveys were conducted in which different health related issues were closely examined. AwazCDS health team admitted 11 patients in the centre for their treatment. 07 delivery cases were conducted during the year.

## EVENTS

# 2006

**BOARDS OF DIRECTORS MEETING-2006**

**ANNUAL REVIEW & PLANNING MEETING-2006**

**WORLD SOCIAL FORUM-2006**

CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION ON PAK-INDIA PEACE INITIATIVES

SEMINAR ON WATER CRISES AND ITS IMPACTS UPON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

CONFERENCE ON INTERFAITH & SOCIAL HARMONY

SEMINAR ON TRADITIONAL SOCIETIES: CUSTOMS & PRACTICES

CONFESION PROCESSION FOR BLOODSHED IN 1947 &1971

RALLY FOR NUCLEAR FREE SOUTH ASIA

EVENTS ATTENDED

FEEDBACK SESSION

**SOME OTHER EVENTS**

*Awaz*<sup>CDS</sup>

REPEAL HUDDOD  
ORDINANCES

*Awaz*<sup>CDS</sup>

STOP VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-2006

The Board of Director's meeting for the year 2006 was held in Islamabad on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30pm, presided by the Chairperson AwazCDS, Professor Dr. Fayyaz Ahmad Hussain. All other members of the board participated in this extraordinary meeting with same vigor as in the past. The board expressed its satisfaction on the institutional development and sustainability. The members appreciated the utmost potential and commitment of the staff members to meet seventy USAID management standards and qualification for IMCP certification. The board reviewed the ongoing Programs & some new policies and ratified Annual Progress & Audit Report of the Organization. The members showed their satisfaction on the financial position of the Foundation and stressed to further promote self-dependency culture as a measure to gain long term sustainability. Moreover, the election was held for selection of office bearers of board members for the next term ending May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, the CEO / General Secretary, thanked all members to participate in the meeting and decided the date and venue of the next meeting through consensus.

## ANNUAL REVIEW & PLANNING MEETING-2006

AwazCDS conducted its annual review (2005-2006) & Planning Meeting (2006-2007) from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Fort Manro, a hilly recreational location in Southern Punjab. All Managers, Program Officers & Field Social Organizers from the head office and field offices participated in the meeting. In its inaugural session, Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman, the Chief Executive welcomed all the participants and congratulated them on their achievements during 2005. He articulated his unbound confidence on the capacity and professionalism of the staff members. He showed his satisfaction on the efforts made by the staff members for achieving IMCP certification by meeting 70 USAID management standards.

The outcomes & impacts of the activities of all programs undertaken throughout the year 2005 were analyzed and comprehensively discussed. The planning was carried out for the implementation of next phase of activities under the ongoing programs in AwazCDS head office and field offices. Some new organizational policies were discussed for their implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

The best colleague of the year award was given to Shehzada Waqas (Program Officer AwazCDS Head Office) while Mr. Javed Hussain (MFO Ali Pur) received the runner up shield. The Research & Documentation Unit was declared as the best team of the year and Ms. Kehkashan Hanif of the Unit received her award while Youth Awareness Campaign (YAC) and Women Rights & Emancipation Program (WREP) teams were declared as runner up. The outstanding performance award was given to Mian Muhammad Asim (Manager Finance) & Miss Huma Wamiq (Monitoring & Management Executive) on their extra ordinary efforts for



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the implementation of the organization's policies. The best performance award was given to Mr. Sultan Mehmood Malik (MFO Mansehra) for his devotion and outstanding role in different field offices while Mr. Tariq Mehmood Chishti (MFO Taunsa) was awarded for his best performance during the early phases of earthquake disaster.

At the end, the Chief Executive thanked all the participants for their keen attention in all the sessions for making the Annual Review & Planning Meeting successful and wished them all the best to achieve their laid down targets for the ongoing year.

## WORLD SOCIAL FORUM -2006

AwazCDS, as a vibrant Civil Society Organization participated enthusiastically in the third polycentric World Social Forum-2006 held in Karachi. Being the member of National Organizing Committee and National Program Committee of WSF, the role of AwazCDS was very unique in this unusual gathering. The Foundation's delegation was lead by Mr. Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman, the Chief Executive, and comprising forty two social and political activists including twelve women from its Peoples Awareness and Rights Committees and Vaseb Development Committees from far off areas of Southern Punjab. AwazCDS set following objectives for the event:

- Providing an opportunity of learning and exposure to grassroots community activists selected them from among AwazCDS VDCs, SDCs (Student Development Committees) and PARCs working in fourteen Tehsils of Southern Punjab.
- Building linkages with national and international organizations & movement for experience sharing and strengthening local struggles & movements.
- Raising voice on selected local , national and international issues affecting people's rights of expression, living by relating them with the selected themes of WSF
- Mobilizing international and national community to join struggle against non-democratic regimes, state violence/ terrorism, discriminatory laws, nuclear proliferation and societal customary practices.

The creativity-centered banners and printing material were significantly highlighting the social issues, which was appreciated by the national and international participants. AwazCDS organized Information Dissemination & Publication and Handicraft stalls which were visited by more than *seven thousand participants*. Further to this, the Foundation organized Seminars, Dialogues and conferences on socio-political, peace and democratic issues at the occasion.

## SPOTLIGHT: CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION ON PAK-INDIA PEACE INITIATIVES

**No. of Participants** 254

### Notable Participants

Mr. Gregore Anstey (Heinrich Boell Foundation)  
 Ms. Saima Jassam (Heinrich Boell Foundation)  
 Mr. Imad Sabi (Novib Oxfam Netherlands)  
 Ms. Marise Van Amersfoort (Amsterdam)

### Notable Speakers

- Professor Dr. Ramesh Dixit (Lukhnow University India)
- Ms. Corinne Kumar (Asian Women Human Rights Council, New Delhi, India)
- Ms. Shobha Gautam (Nepal)
- Dr. Sunilam (Member Legislative Assembly Madhya Pardesh, India)
- Irfan Mufti (Secretary Pakistan Social Forum)
- Khawaja M. Waseem (President Pak India Peoples' Forum NWFP-Pak)
- Citizen's Initiatives, Gujarat, India)
- Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman (C.E. AwazCDS-Pakistan, Coordinator, Pak-India Peace Coalition, Multan)

### Key Recommendations

- SAARC countries should be declared visa free countries, at least India and Pakistan should open their borders for the migrants of 1947
- Both the countries should reduce their defense budgets by 25% and utilize the amount in poverty reduction and in provision of basic health education, sanitation and drinking water facility.



- Gujarat border should be opened up like Khokhropar Mona Bao
- Both the countries should stop nuclear missile testing and purchasing nuclear technologies from U.S. and others
- Both the countries should declare Kashmir non military zone and all kind of military forces should be taken out and people of Kashmir should be involved in the peace initiatives

### SPOTLIGHT: SEMINAR ON WATER CRISIS & ITS IMPACTS UPON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

**Number of Participants** 700

#### **Notable Speakers**

- Mr. Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman (CEO AwazCDS) acted as the moderator for the seminar whereas the following were the notable speakers
- Mr. Rasool Bukhsh Paleejo (President, Pakistan Awami Tehrik, Sindh)
- Mr. Mustafa Talpur (ActionAid- Pakistan)
- Mr. Mansoor Karim Sial( Secretary General, Pakistan Seraiki Party, southern Punjab)
- Mr. Christopher John (Anjuman Mazarin Punjab)
- Mr. M. R. Swapan Bhuiyan (Bangladesh Kirshok Federation)
- Mr. Nasir Javed Ghuman (Ghareeb Kisan Tehrik)
- Mr. Janisar Khalil ( Pakistan Kisan Ittehad)
- Mr. Khadim Hussain ( Action aid Pakistan)



#### **Key Recommendations**

- 1991 water accord between provinces is illegal and it must be repealed
- All the stakeholders should be involved for making any decision regarding water distribution among Provinces
- Ravi Bias treaty among India and Pakistan must be reconsidered and revisited
- No big dam on Indus River
- Irrigation Development authorities should be abolished and water distribution and tax collection system should be handed over to the farmers committees.

### SPOTLIGHT: CONFERENCE ON INTERFAITH & SOCIAL HARMONY

**No. of Participants** 350

#### **Notable Speakers**

- Mr. A. H. Nayyar (Researcher SDPI)
- Mr. Nazim Ali Nizami (Gadi Nasheen Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (India)
- Ms. Jagriti Rohi (Vision, India)



- Ijaz Inayat Masih (Chairman Interfaith Friendship Forum of Pakistan)
- Professor Akram Mirani ( Minority Rights Commission of Pakistan)
- Father Boni Mandus (Human Development Centre- Pakistan)
- Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman (AwazCDS- Pakistan)

#### Key Recommendations

- We demand such a social and political system that should be free from religious hegemony
- Repeal all discriminatory laws promulgated in the name of religion any where in the World.
- Repeal 295 c and other blasphemy laws.
- Reinstate the original name of Pakistan i.e. Democratic Republic of Pakistan.
- Revise curriculum and abolish all chapters and essays promoting hatred towards others religions
- Interfaith councils should be developed at grassroots levels to promote religious and social harmony

#### SPOTLIGHT: SEMINAR ON TRADITIONAL SOCIETIES: CUSTOMS & PRACTICES

**Number of Participants** 126

#### Notable Speakers

- Ms. Arundhati Dhuri (Insaf Foundation, New Delhi, India)
- Mr. Abdulqadir Junejo (Chairman, Jeay Sindh Mahaz)
- Mr. Hameed Akhtar Shaheen ( Seraiki Qomi Movement)
- Mustafa Baloach ( SPO-Balochistan)
- Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman (AwazCDS- Pakistan)
- Sardar Abrar Khan Nutkani (PATA District D G Khan)

#### Key Recommendations

- Repeal all the discriminatory laws promoting violence against women.

- Stop WTO interventions to save the local cultural heritage and traditional customs promoting social harmony
- Stop imperialists agenda by establishing regional economic blocks
- Developing countries should start globalization process from below
- Say not free trade and demand for fair trade
- Privatization of natural resources and public enterprises must be stopped
- I litarization of states in the name of terrorism must be stopped
- Local languages and cultures should be given support to flourish
- Legislation should be made against the customary practices like *Karo Kari, Watta Satta and Vani*

#### SPOTLIGHT: CONFESSION PROCESSION FOR BLOODSHED IN 1947 & 1971

A confession procession was organized by the elderly delegates present in WSF belonging to Pakistan, India and Bangladesh in coordination with AwazCDS- Pakistan on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The purpose of the procession was to register the confession that "the common people of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh were not responsible for the genocide and bloodshed occurred during wars of 1965, 1971 and 1947's separation.

The demonstrators were shouting like " we are one" and " no one dare to separate us from each other" the governments of our countries stop wars, nuclear missile testing and struggle against poverty and starvation. The participants promised that we will not allow our countries to go for war any more and we will support every step that will be taken towards peace and harmony. The participants demanded from the state authorities of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh that they should not fight with each other and differences among the states in sub-continent must be solved with dialogue and mutual discussions. They also demanded from the governments to declare SAARC states visa free and people should be given

<sup>1</sup> Provincially Administered Tribal Area in Southern Punjab currently known as de-excluded area in Punjab





opportunity to have access to each others markets freely and fairly.

### SPOTLIGHT: RALLY FOR NUCLEAR FREE SOUTH ASIA

A rally was organized by AwazCDS which was started from KMC chowk to the WSF venue and attended by more than 300 national and international delegates. The representatives of Gandhi Peace Foundation from India also participated actively in the rally. The participants were holding the placards displaying messages like stop nuclear arms race in south Asia. This is the land of *Sufis*, *Sadhus*, and Saints who have always promoted peace, interfaith and social harmony in society. The participants were also holding posters saying messages for interfaith and social harmony. The participants were shouting slogan nuclear free: south Asia. Both the posters published by AwazCDS-Pakistan took maximum attention of national and international delegates and peace activists, print and electronic media and youth.

### SPOTLIGHT: EVENTS ATTENDED

Besides organizing a number of seminars, conferences, rallies and forums, the activists and delegates of AwazCDS-Pakistan, its VDCs and PARCs members also attended other forums and activities organized by different national and international organizations and groups.

The following were some of events/ activities / forums attended by AwazCDS-Pakistan's delegates at WSF 2006 Karachi.

- Inauguration Ceremony which was addressed by well known scholar Mr. Tariq Ali, and others
- Dignity Forum
- South Asian Women Conference organized by an organization from Nepal
- Pakistan national consultation on Global Call Against Poverty (GCAP) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Seminar on the Bloch National Question in Pakistan
- Adverse Impacts of WTO on Farm Communities
- Making violence unthinkable a conference for the promotion of non violence in world.
- Neo liberalism, privatization and its impacts upon poor countries and communities
- Kashmir issue forum on thinking rationally not emotionally.

### SPOTLIGHT: FEED BACK SESSION

AwazCDS-Pakistan has organized a feedback session with its delegates in the late evening on 28<sup>th</sup> at the grassy plot in the premises of the WSF. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Imad Sabi representing Oxfam-Novib, an organization which has supported most of the activities of WSF process. Mohammad Zia-ur-Rehman, the Chief Executive, of AwazCDS-Pakistan welcomed the participants and delegates and

Mr. Imad Sabi for attending this meeting. Later he invited the participants to share their views about the WSF and its outcomes and impacts.

In the end Mr. Imad Sabi thanked all the participants for sharing their learning and said that this process is continued for the last five years and organizers have been sharing the similar kind of successes and critiques upon this forum since its beginning. Next year the WSF is planned to be held at Nairobi, Kenya in African continent. He appreciated the role of AwazCDS-Pakistan in WSF process as well as the efforts made by the delegations of AwazCDS-Pakistan for making their every activity thought provoking objective-centered and successful.

## SOME OTHER EVENTS

- The Foundation celebrated international Women's Rights day on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Sindbad Hotel Multan. 115 people participated in the forum. Moreover the day was celebrated in 13 Tehsils of Targeted Districts. Majority of field activists, volunteers and local communities participated in the forums, seminars and rallies.

- AwazCDS celebrated International Environment Day on June 05, 2006 at Multan. More than one hundred got the awareness about environment pollution and the diseases caused by pollution.

Second Pakistan Social Forum was organized at Lahore on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. AwazCDS participated in the Forum and highlighted important national level issues

- AwazCDS organized a seminar on HIV/AIDS on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Sindbad Hotel Multan. civil society activists, Lawyers, Journalists and Students from different Schools and colleges participated in the event. Mrs. Naseem Choudhary (Member National Assembly), Dr. Naseer Muhammad Nizamani (Country Director FHI), Shaista Khalid (Executive Director FHI) were among the valuable guests.

- Awaz CDS organized A seminar on September 08<sup>th</sup>, 2005-International Literacy Day with

About 121 participants from different walks of life participated in the event. The main objective was to highlight the importance of education in the nation's development. Another event for the same cause was celebrated in Seet Pur in which about 100 people participated.

- A dialogue was arranged on September 16, 2005 by the field team of AwazCDS on international peace day. Members from community based organizations, press and PARC Ali pur participated in this dialogue. There was a total 15 members in this dialogue.

- The team of field office Vehari, arranged a dialogue on Literacy Day. Challenges of our education system were discussed in this dialogue. Twenty two people, out of which there were 15 male and 7 females attended this dialogue. EDO Education, EDO Literacy and DO Social Welfare were also present on the occasion.

- On international HIV Aids Day, Plan Pakistan, AwazCDS and RASTI jointly organized a forum and walk on dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2005. More than 200 people participated in the event. Tehsil Nazim Vehari Mian Saqib Khurshid presided the event. Theater performance was also the part of the forum.



**PUBLICATIONS**

**2006**

**PRECIOUS LITTLE DIFFERENCE**

**PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION ABOUT DISCRIMINATORY LAWS  
& CUSTOMARY PRACTICES PROMOTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION OF PROVINCIALY  
ADMINISTERED TRIBAL AREA (PATA) , D G KHAN & RAJANPUR DISTRICTS-2005**

**STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GRASSROOTS  
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

**HUDOOD ORDINANCE: DEFECTS & COMMENTS**

**PUNCHAYAT SYSTEM IS CONTEMPT OF STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

**REFLECTION**

**WSF POSTERS**

**SOME OTHER POSTERS**

*Quarterly*

**Reflection**

**REFLECTION**

July - Sep 2005



Continuing its journey to highlight socio-economic, political and gender based issues of targeted areas, AwazCDS Resource Centre, under its research and documentation unit, published number of booklets, pamphlets, and reports based upon solid research and studies conducted in the year 2006. The publications are prepared by the staff members and external resource persons based upon experiences and field exposure. Some important publications are discussed as under:

### PRECIOUS LITTLE DIFFERENCE

This booklet is a blend of case studies, highlighting various socio-economic issues of the targeted areas and success stories having a reflection of continuous struggle of AwazCDS and its activists against the peril existing in the society.

The threats to human health and hygiene through blind industrialization, lack of civic amenities and sewerage systems, scattered wastes and garbage, and polluted water has been discussed and elaborated. It has been emphasized that women can bring change through their active participation in the socio-economic development process and livelihood initiatives. The role of civil society activists in bringing sustainable development in their respective communities under AwazCDS Integrated Community Development and Empowerment Program has been discussed through elaborating the success stories of most ardent VDCs of the targeted areas.

The sustainability factors of the development initiatives in the field of health, education, community development and women empowerment have been described in the booklet. Special care was given to undertaking quality research and data collection.

### PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION ABOUT DISCRIMINATORY LAWS & CUSTOMARY PRACTICES PROMOTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The booklet has revealed many brutal ways of violating women rights under the guise of prevailing discriminatory laws and customary practices. It is comprised of a study conducted in thirteen Tehsils of

Southern Punjab. The crux is to highlight the importance of revisions and amendments in the current discriminatory laws and new legislation against inhuman customary practices. Along with conceptualization of existing customary practices such as *Karo Kari*, *Watta Satta*, *Vani*, *Aas Aaf* etc, the efforts of AwazCDS to overcome the menace have also been discussed, which contain a wide range of activities undertaken under the community driven REFLECT circles, forums and conferences. The aim is to create masses acceptance for the repeal of Hudood & Qisas-o-Diat Ordinances and family laws as well as legislations against customary practices. The experience of 390 REFLECT Circles in 226 union councils has been discussed in which 7764 persons (62 percent females) from different walks of life and professions participated. In addition, the experience of 13 Tehsils and 4 District Forums has also been shared.

Among the conventional customs and practices Watta-Satta or exchange marriage is the most common practice (64 percent) and followed in all Tehsils but very common in Tehsil Taunsa and Jatoi. However, it is least practiced in Multan and Muzzaffargarh. Divorce is significantly high (31% incidences) in all Tehsils but more in Jatoi where Watta-Satta is also well in fashion. However, it is very unusual in Tribal area and Jampur. Panchayat system and domestic violence exists in 98 union councils. It is common in Rajan Pur but not reported in Muzzaffargarh. Domestic violence is reported in 15 REFLECT Circles of Rajan Pur and KotAddu and was not reported in Jalal Pur Pirwala. Karo-Kari custom is followed in Tehsil Rojhan and Tribal Area the most and was not reported in areas, which are either semi-urban or not dominated by Bloch tribes. However honor killing is well in practice in tribal area and Tehsil Jatoi. Dowry is largely practiced in Shujabad followed by Rojhan and D G Khan but no participant from Tribal Area reported about it. Rape incidences are frequent in Jatoi whereas participants of Jampur, D G Khan, KotAddu, Taunsa and Jalal Pur Pirwala did not report about it. Vani was reported in 22 REFLECT circles and equally popular and practiced in Kot Addu and tribal area.

The early age marriages are prevalent in Shujabad. The custom sale and purchase of women for marriage or lust purposes is quite frequent in Rajan Pur and Tribal area. Rights of women in inherited property are normally denied in KotAddu and Tribal area.

## Precious Little Difference

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION OF PROVINCIAALLY ADMINISTERED TRIBAL AREA (D G KHAN AND RAJAN PUR DISTRICTS) 2005

The booklet is an extract of baseline study conducted by AwazCDS in tribal areas and PATA communities on socio-economic and political issues. The data was collected through research paradigms used by the social scientists and researchers and from various sources. The respondent's age group of 18 years or above included 50% female belonged to the Tribal area villages.

The survey was conducted in 8 Tumans consist of 437 villages of Districts D G Khan and Rajan Pur. However, only 10% (45) villages, 406 households were surveyed. A proportionate sample value of 40%, 30% and 30% was applied to Kutcha, Semi-Pucca and Pucca houses respectively.

The booklet reveals that education facilities available to the PATA villages are 50% Primary level, 20% Middle level, 13% up to Secondary level, whereas in 17% villages the educational facilities are non-existent. Only in 30% villages Primary level educational facilities are available for females with the exception of 2 villages where female secondary schools are established. With regard to the education levels of the respondents 85.3% women are illiterate, 13.2% have passed primary and just 1.5% women have passed middle level education. Unfortunately no women has reached or ever attended higher secondary level of education. This is mainly because the non-availability of the educational facilities in mostly villages of PATA.

Only 4% of the villages have basic health centers or dispensaries. In only 20% village proper water supply is available while in the remaining villages the people use water coming from Chashmas (springs) or Johars (ponds) which are also used by the animals. Sanitation and sewerage facilities are totally non-existent in entire villages surveyed. Electricity is available in only 16 villages out of 45 surveyed. The remaining 29 villages of the rest of Tumans are without electricity. Transport facilities are invariably not available in these villages, except a few, which use pickups or animals for transportation.

The booklet also reveals that customs like *Watta-Satta*, *Chatti*, *Kala-Kali*, honor killing, marriage with Quran, and early age marriages within close family members / relatives are in practice without exception. Women suffer violence, as people spoil the life of their sisters and daughters by selling them under '*Vani*' or similar customs. Mostly the innocent women are killed by declaring them as Kali.



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### Peoples' Perception About Discriminatory Laws

### & Customary Practices Promoting Violence Against Women



A Study Conducted in 12 Tribals of Southern Punjab

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Awaz Foundation Faisalabad Series for Development Studies

### Socio-Economic and Political Situation of Provincially Administered Tribal Area (PATA) (D.G. Khan and Rajan Pur Districts) 2005



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## STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (SLGDI)

The booklet reveals the local Government's grassroots Development initiatives especially the establishment of Citizen Community Boards and the role played by AwazCDS in strengthening these initiatives in the southern districts of Punjab. The aim is to facilitate local community to understand the valuable aspects of the system for general awareness and integrated capacity building of the civil society activists.

All technicalities and procedural guidelines needed in the formation of Citizen Community Boards, their capacity building, projects inception and long term sustainability are clearly demonstrated with experience of field survey and exposure. The booklet has been published with financial support of Devolution Support Program (DSP), Government of Pakistan.

## HUDOOD ORDINANCE; DEFECTS & COMMENTS

This booklet has brought together various burning issues found in contentious '*Hudood*' Ordinance. The arguments have been given for its complete repletion under the guidance and conceptual clarification of Islamic Research Institute '*AL- MUARRAD*' Lahore. Dr. Javed Ahmad Ghamdi, the famous religious scholar stressed the need of its repeal through effective arguments in the light of commandments of '*The Holy Quran*' and '*Sunna*'. It has been emphasized that all discriminatory laws against the women should be repealed and the Holy *Quran* should be translated in its true learning spirit.

It has been revealed that there are about 120 discriminatory laws such as *Hudood* Ordinance, *Qisas-Wa-Deet* Ordinance etc. which have been declared inhuman and un-Islamic by the national and international human rights and religious activists. These laws have been wrongly co-related with '*The Holy Quran*'. The well-known, contemporary religious scholars have strongly opposed all such discriminatory laws and supported the efforts of AwazCDS to repeal them.





## پنچائیت نظام ریاستی ہدایتی نظام کی توہین ہے

پنچائیت نظام ریاستی ہدایتی نظام کی توہین ہے۔ یہ ایک ایسا نظام ہے جس نے ہمارے دیہاتوں میں لوگوں کو بے اختیار بنا دیا ہے۔ اس کے ذریعے لوگوں کی زندگیوں کو برباد کیا گیا ہے۔ اس کے خلاف لڑنا ہمارا فرض ہے۔

## PUNCHAYAT SYSTEM' IS CONTEMPT OF STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The leaflet was published with an aim to condemn the exploitative and illegal role of 'Punchayat system' which is being practiced in our remote areas side by side our state judiciary. The feudal minds in the country, for their long term survival, have made their own decision making bodies in the underprivileged areas to suppress the voice of the poor. Lack of participation of the local women in the decision making process brings about their exploitation. The brochure is an effort to unveil the menace and to bring social justice through legislation against 'Punchayat System'

## SIX YEARS OF QUARTERLY 'REFLECTION'

The newsletter 'Reflection' initially comprised of 4 pages, is now comprised of more than 20 pages and is being published in Urdu and English languages separately with more information on regional and national issues of poorest of the poor and is being widely disseminated around the country.

The broader objectives of the Foundation to publish the Quarterly Newsletter are:

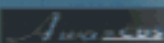
- Collection of information on issues related to social development, peace, human rights, cultural and social harmony and other issues of political, social and economic significance.
- Dissemination of information to a wide-range of civil society groups, academic institutions, research groups, human rights organizations, literary groups and social activists.
- Support development initiatives through providing useful information and provide communication support for local struggles.

'Reflection' is a liaison with international donor community and with government departments to assist member community organizations access their resources. It also promotes community achievements and highlights community events. It also serves to inform the community members about available resources and resource agencies.

# Quarterly Reflection



# REFLECTION



Awaz Foundation Pakistan : Center for Development Services

## ریفلیکشن



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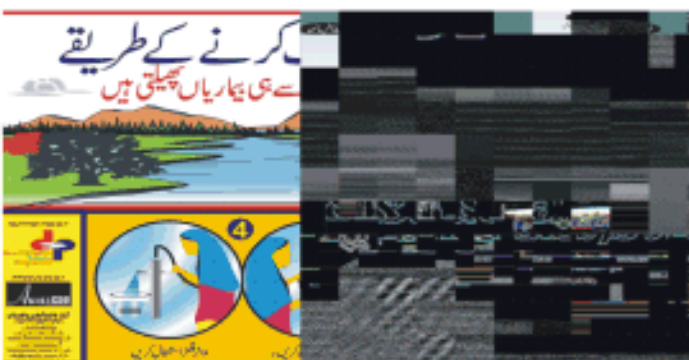
SOME OTHER PUBLICATIONS



**WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2006**

**Stop Nuclear Arms Race in South Asia**

**This is the land of Sufis, Sadhus & Saints**



**Awwaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services**  
**Dedicating Year 2006 to Earthquake Victims**

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**World Social Forum 2006**

**ALLAH / GOD / BHAGWAN IS THE ULTIMATE REALITY AND TRUTH**

**Promote and Practice Religious Tolerance & Interfaith for Social Harmony and Peace**

**Let us make our own world**

World Social Forum 14/15-16 March at Karachi

AWWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN

Sl. No.	Topic	Speaker	Language	Time	Venue
1	Religious Tolerance and Interfaith Dialogue	Dr. M. M. Khan	Urdu	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	AWWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN
2	Religious Tolerance and Interfaith Dialogue	Dr. M. M. Khan	Urdu	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AWWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN
3	Religious Tolerance and Interfaith Dialogue	Dr. M. M. Khan	Urdu	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	AWWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN
4	Religious Tolerance and Interfaith Dialogue	Dr. M. M. Khan	Urdu	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	AWWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN





SOME OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Believing in Peoples' Own Potential**

**Awaz CDS**

**Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services**

*How it all started*

Unlike most of its contemporary CSOs which came into being in the aftermath of a natural disaster or a man-made one, Awaz was not a consequence of any particular such an incident. Awaz was founded in 1995 by a group of local university graduates who were politically enlightened and realized that they owe a great deal of return to the society at large. Widespread ignorance, poverty, sectarianism, violence, non democratic culture & values, human especially women rights violations and social backwardness of the region of Southern Punjab because of the feudalism and constant military regimes only provided extra impetus to this group of youth. Awaz is an Urdu word, which means voice. The whole idea was to provide a platform to facilitate and capacitate marginalized communities to raise their voice against socio-economic and political disparities of the region.

Whereas it had become already evident throughout the world and elsewhere in the country that the 'development' and 'empowerment' approaches to well being of masses is the panacea, any community work that was being done then in most of Southern Punjab was of welfare or charity nature. As the founders of the organization were politically enlightened, the organization has been making every effort to promote a vibrant and pluralistic civil society in Pakistan right from its inception.

**SAGA OF ENDEAVORS**

**MULTIYEAR PROGRESS REPORT 2002-2005**

**Awaz CDS**

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**Quarterly Reflection**

July - Sep 2005

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**Women Rights & Emancipation Program**

**Objectives**

- Provide basic health and hygiene education and improve functioning of existing public water supply & sanitation facilities
- Enhancing the literacy and education in programme area
- Empower people, especially women and youth through group formation, training and networking
- Establish policy level advisory committee on socio-economic
- Facilitate, mobilize, which includes social network development

**Head Office**

**Field Office Area**

**Values**

**Mission**

**Introduction**

**Major Activities**

- Empowering Tribal Youth Community of 10 Tribes of East District
- Capacity building workshops for Field-level staff
- Conducting 1000 Hours' Cycle of social audit
- Various interventions and support including a community clinic, water supply through organizing Tubewells, District Forum, Clubs and Promotions

## AUDITOR'S REPORT & FINANCIAL SUMMARY

# 2006

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### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We have audited the annexed balance sheet of **AWAZ FOUNDATION PAKISTAN; CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** as at June 30, 2006 and the related income and expenditure account and cash flow statement together with the notes forming part thereof (here-in-after referred to as the financial statements for the year then ended).

The financial statements of the organization as of June 30, 2005 were audited by another auditors whose report dated January 15, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

It is the responsibility of the board of directors to establish and maintain a system of internal control, and prepare and present the financial statements in conformity with the approved accounting standards as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting policies used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion and after due verification, we report that;

In our opinion, financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the organization as at June 30, 2006 and of its surplus and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the approved accounting standards as applicable in Pakistan.

Dated: 20-01-2007  
Place: Multan



*M. Yousuf Adil Saleem*  
M. YOUSUF ADIL SALEEM & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

CONSOLIDATED (PAK RS 000)

Receipts (Donations)	2006	2005
Oxfam Novib	6,924	6,447
CARE International	4,359	-----
Plan International	2,469	1,271
European Union	204	2,377
Heinrich Boell Foundation	1,465	1,096
NDI	143	
216		
Technical Assistance Fund	27	171
	<u>15,591</u>	<u>11,578</u>
<b>Cost of Projects</b>	<b>(13,126)</b>	<b>(8,640)</b>
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Other Income	210	103
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<b>Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>3,041</b>
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
CONSOLIDATED (Rs in 000)**Non Current Assets**

Operating Fixed Assets	3,712	2,344
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**Current Assets**

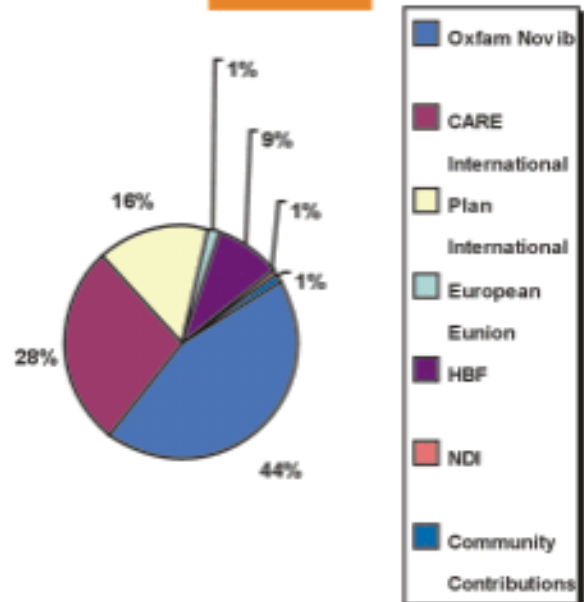
Non-current assets Classified as held for Sale	50	-
Accounts Receivable	-	43
Advances	334	90
Cash and Bank Balance	3,412	1,610
	<u>3,796</u>	<u>1,743</u>

<b>Total</b>	<b>7,508</b>	<b>4,088</b>
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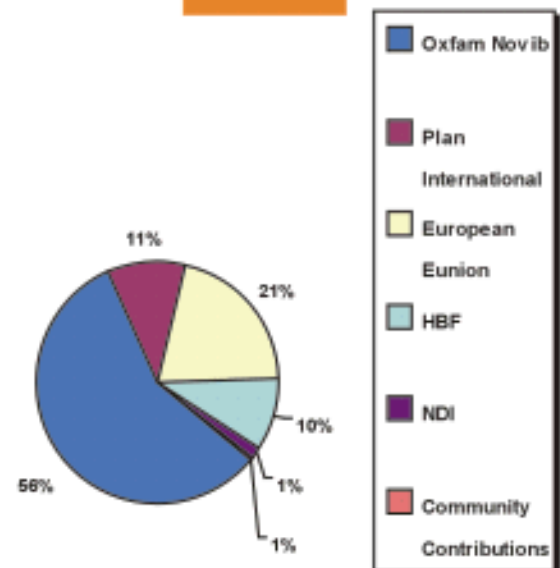
**Funds & Liabilities**

General Fund	6,691	3,927
Staff Retirement Benefit	212	23
Current Liabilities	605	137
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<b>Total</b>	<b>7,508</b>	<b>4,087</b>
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DONATIONS 2006



DONATIONS 2005



## FACTS AT A GLANCE

# 2006

### Organization

*AwazCDS is a Non-Government, Non-Profit Organization, registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860. The Governance at present consists of a General Council, Board of Directors and Management Committee.*

### Established

*Head Office (1995), Field Office Multan (2002), Field office Vehari (2004), Field Office Ali Pur (2004), Field Office Mansehra (2005), Field Office Taunsa (2005), Field Office D. G. Khan (2005)*

### Board of Directors

*Prof. Fayyaz Ahmad Hussain (Multan)  
Chairman*

*Dr. Nasira Jabeen (Lahore)  
Vice Chairperson*

*Mr. Aftab Alexander Mughal (Lahore)  
Treasurer*

*Ms. Sofia Noreen (Islamabad)  
Member*

*Mr. Javed Ahsan (D.G.Khan)  
Member*

*Mr. Amjad Rashid (Abbotabad)  
Member*

*Mr. Azhar Saeed (Islamabad)  
Member*

*Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman (Multan)  
Secretary / Chief Executive*

### Vision

*A progressive, prosperous and peaceful society, where people's institutions are performing at their best of potential and where opportunities are ensured for all.*

### Mission

*To facilitate community development and empowerment through capacity building and policy research and advocacy with community participation with especial focus on youth and women*

### Objectives

- *Provide basic health and hygiene education and improve functioning of existing services as a means of community mobilization;*
- *Enhance literacy and education in the program areas;*
- *Promote indigenous leadership especially in youth at educational institutions through socialization & political education and establishing their societies*
- *Empower people, especially youth & women through group formation, training and networking;*
- *Undertake policy level advocacy and conduct research on related themes;*
- *Facilitate mechanisms that promote tolerance, social harmony and peace in society.*

### Staff

53 Regular Staff Members (18 female & 35 male),  
39 part time field social organizers (26 female &  
13 male)

### Volunteers

736 volunteers (480 females & 256 male) as  
office bearers of AwazCDS Vaseb Development  
Committees (VDCs) in 92 different villages and  
wards of poorest communities with which  
AwazCDS works while 390 members of AwazCDS  
local Network, known as People's Awareness &  
Rights Committees (PARCs) at Tehsil Level.

### Monitoring & Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation system that is  
being practiced is simple and participatory. It is  
based on the indicators identified in the Logical  
Framework Analysis of each program/project.  
The process includes a two way sharing and  
accountability based on feedback and direction.  
External evaluation and audit process is done by  
independent professionals.

### Annual Budget

18 Million Rupees per Annum Approximately

#### Projects (History Review)

##### Community Uplift Program 2005

- Health education project
- Ahmad Pur Sanitation Project
- Awaz Mother & Child Health Care Centre
- Awaz Hunar Markaz
- Awaz Home Schools

##### Integrated Community Development & Empowerment Program 2005

- Civil Society Strengthening Project

##### Policy Research & Advocacy Program 2005

- Campaign Against WTO Policies
- Democratic Rights and Community  
Education Project
- Campaign for Interfaith & Religious  
Harmony
- Campaign Against Acid Attacks on  
Women
- Campaign Against Industrial Estate

#### Effluents in Multan

- Campaign against the Distt. Government  
Multan for embezzlement in Public Funds

#### Youth Awareness Campaign for Peace, Democracy & Human Rights 2005

#### Women Rights & Emancipation Program 2005

#### Integrated Primary Health Care Program 2005

#### Community Based Health & Disaster Management Program 2005

#### Women Awareness & Post Earthquake Emancipation Program 2005

### Publications (History Review)

- Challenging the Feudalistic Myth; A  
study on Mukhtaran Mai Case
- Comparative Study on Manifestoes of  
Pakistan's Significant Political Parties
- Constitutional Amendments through  
Legal Frame Work Order and  
Parliamentary System
- Multi year Progress Report 2002-2005
- Youth Awareness Campaign for Promotion  
of Peace and Social Harmony Jan. - July  
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