

Annual Progress Report 2016-2018



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

AWAZ Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services (CDS) is a non-for-profit, non- governmental and non-political organization, striving for the socio- economic development and political empowerment of the vulnerable populations- especially women and young people across Pakistan. Since 1995, AWAZ has been focusing on the needs of carefully selected communities in South Punjab- who are often marginalized in the current status quo. AWAZ follows rights based approaches for sustainable development and poverty alleviation and strives towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2015-2030. As a member of United Nations' Social and Economic Council (UNECOSOC) and several other regional and global forums, AWAZ has emerged as a strong global voice from the South. AWAZ's policy research and advocacy programming covers the whole country and is managed through central office in Islamabad.

At the heart of Foundation's operations has been the core belief that adopting rights based approaches creates a direct and cyclical impact on social and economic development. AWAZ also consistently follows through and reflects on national and international development guidelines, such as SDGs and several regional / global charters.

1.2 Our Governance Structure

AwazCDS has three-tier governing systems with a general body (GB), a Board of Directors (BoD) representing eminent scholars and development professionals from various civil society organizations and educational institutions. In addition, the Chief Executive AwazCDS represents the organization as Secretary of the BoD. The members of Board of Directors meet Biannual or annual basis.

Chief Executive performs with the support of Senior Management Team (SMT) i.e. comprised of all key management staff and SMT meets every Monday morning or as per the requirement to take decisions collectively.

1.3 Core Organizational Values

AWAZ will ensure compliance of following set of values:

- a. **Integrity & Excellence:** AWAZ team aspires to live to the highest standards of personal honesty attitude and behavior and never compromises our reputation
- b. **Dignity:** AWAZ strongly believes that every person has a deep need to be respected as a human being and not to be humiliated. The respect of human beings is a core universal value. Respecting the human dignity also includes recognizing his or her human presence and relating to them in a way that enhances their individual being.

- c. **Accountability:** AWAZ takes responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results, and being accountable to supporters, partners and, most of all our targeted communities.
- d. **Collaboration:** AWAZ promotes respecting and valuing each other, thrives on its diversity, and works with range of community groups and partners to leverage our strength in making a difference;
- e. **Creativity:** AWAZ is open to new ideas, embraces change, and takes disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for targeted communities.

2. AwazCDS 5th Strategic Business Plan 2018-2022

AWAZ has revisited its strategic priorities in 2017 and aligned it with the emerging socio-economic and political needs of its targeted communities. This strategic plan sets forth next five years' programming roadmap for the organization for the period January 2018-December 2022.

2.1. Key Programme Priorities & Theory of Change 2018-2022

When viewed from the lens of AWAZ's core competencies, the development needs of the country, especially of South Punjab were distilled into following key thematic programmes:

- 1- Education Programme;
- 2- Health Programme;
- 3- Environment & Climate Change Adaptation Programme
- 4- Peace building & Conflict Resolution Programme

AWAZ also aims to emphasize on and integrate following cross-cutting programmes in each of its key thematic programmes:

- 5- Policy Research and Advocacy Programme
- 6- Civil Society Strengthening Programme
- 7- Governance, Accountability and Gender Justice Programme

Vision

AWAZ envisages a democratic, prosperous and peaceful society where everybody enjoys rightful spaces and choices of life

Mission

AWAZ aims to catalyze the integrated and innovative solutions which foster action and change for securing the future of our generation

3. Global Impact

AwazCDS is member of major global, regional and national networks and UN Bodies including UNECOSOC, Humanitarian Accountability Partnerships (HAP), IUCN, CIVICUS, Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP), Action/2015, Beyond 2015, Forum Asia, Asia Democracy Network (AND), Asian Development Alliance (ADA), Regional Campaign Coordination Team (RCCT) on WASH, End Water Poverty, Pakistan Development Alliance, NHN, Pakistan CSO Alliance, FAFEN and many more.

AwazCDS-Pakistan is the active part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets forth “A plan of action for people, planet and prosperity” and “seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom.”



AwazCDS Pakistan is prepared to move forward with a number of initiatives to implement and monitor the newly adopted SDGs in Pakistan.

Through its advocacy work around the world, AwazCDS-Pakistan knows the intrinsic link between fundamental rights and happy, healthy, prosperous, and stable societies.

AwazCDS-Pakistan is playing its important role in the implementation of SDGs in Pakistan; advocacy dialogues were jointly organized by Awaz CDS Pakistan, Inter University Consortium Social Sciences (IUCPSS), and Centre for Policy Studies, CIVICUS, AGNA and Pakistan Development Alliance at Comsats Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) Islamabad for the Promotion of fundamental rights in Pakistan,

Ensure, strengthen and support meaningful participation of the people, especially those living in poverty and marginalization.4. Projects, Programs & Events

During more than two decades of its existence, Awaz undertook seminal work on rural characteristics, best and replicable social development practices, education health, HIV/AIDS, concentration on niche products, environmental hazards, policy advocacy, lobbying and networking with emphasis on women, youth and children issues, and the nature of area poverty itself. It serves as a Learning and Knowledge Center, with a focus on improving the socio-economic, political and human standards of over 45 million people and advocating for their rights bestowed in the Constitution of Pakistan and in compliance with various international conventions. It also serves as a Human Resource Development (HRD) Centre, particularly for the communities and CSOs and relevant departments of government. It pioneered some studies on a variety of issues confronting to the marginalized communities including women and children. A network of PARC, civil society organizations and development scientists evolved and increasing support from the donors provided for further growth of the organization. Awaz therefore, is an organization, where the solutions are created by identifying, testing and disseminating options.

AwazCDS-Pakistan has successfully run 13 Projects/ programs since July 2015-June 2018. Its main focus was young people between the age of 12-18 years, poor and marginalized communities and groups, women, children, socially excluded groups, parliamentarians, district and provincial governments and institutions etc.

5. Our Contribution in Social Development 2015-2016

1. Enhancing socio-economic development through investing in human capital in Punjab (Technical Vocational Education & Training) Program

Under this initiative AwazCDS-Pakistan has targeted 2555 rural women and youth for three to six months Specific Trade Training Courses. This youth belonged to poor, marginalized and vulnerable communities of 20 union councils and 832 villages of 4 districts (Multan, Muzaffargarh, Vehari and Rajanpur) of south Punjab. AwazCDS-Pakistan has worked with, 04 private and 09 government TEVTA institutes and civil society organizations to enhance the employability and income generation skills and opportunities for youth.



AwazCDS-Pakistan with the generous support of European Union and Technical Support of Care International in Pakistan has contributed rupees 23,442,836/- to 9 (male and female), Government Technical and Vocational Training Institutes in District Multan, Vehari, Rajanpur and Muzaffargarh for provision of tool kits to the 1520 graduates to the , 25 safety kits, 25 fire extinguishers Co2, 25 fire extinguisher with dry power and 25 first aid boxes to the TEVTA institutes. More over AwazCDS-Pakistan has also given support by establishing 02 computer labs in district Vehari (male) and Muzaffargarh (female) Government TVETA institutes so that students may learn new techniques and market standards. So far AwazCDS-Pakistan has contributed rupees: 50074564/- in terms of training of TETA teachers and principals for learning innovative approaches and new teaching methodologies, students fee for 3 and 06 months specific (Rs: 2585 to Rs: 42000/- per student) and travelling (3000-3500per student).



Tool Kits Distribution

Tool Kits	Quantity
Beautician Tool Kits	423
Computer Tool Kits/ Tabs	174
Electrician Tool Kits	187
Embroidery Tool Kits	61
Tailoring Tool Kits	535
Welding Tool Kits	140
Total	1520

AwazCDS-Pakistan has also trained 240 Women trained in Home based micro-entrepreneurship marketing and leadership skills. They have been engaged in several national and district level

exhibitions and linked with market and Micro Finance institutes. AwazCDS-Pakistan has distributed 1520 tool kits among TEVTA Graduates under its TVET project in District Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur and Vehari.

2. WARHI (Women And Reproductive Health Initiative)

Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services in partnership with Ministry of Health (MOH) and Technical Support of “CARE International in Pakistan” is complementing “WARHI” (Women and Reproductive Health Initiative), in catchment area of 36 target health facilities of Districts of Multan and Muzaffargarh.



The WARHI project focuses on building capacity of the public sector to improve access, availability and quality of family planning services as well as strengthening the district health management which will further contribute to Pakistan’s Stabilization Strategy and its intermediate results

MoH stakeholders played a pivotal facilitating role in capacity building activities (trainings) of health facility staff, conducted joint monitoring visits to project activities while WARHI field team penetrated in the community with all relevant information to mobilize them and opened new venues of close contacts with target population. IEC materials in local language with colorful pictorials and broadcasting of radio programs, involving religious leaders, public stakeholders, beneficiaries and above all members of local village health committees provided utmost back-up to boost the confidence level of target community on those information’s which were negating different stigmas and misconceptions associated with FP and PAC services. So a solid progress towards achievements registered. During the reporting period is as follows:

Data Analysis. July 2015 to April 2016.									
Months	IUD	Implant	Injectable	OCP	Vasectomy	Tubal Ligation	LAPM	%age LAPM	%age IUD
July 2015, April 2016	6926	2433	6177	5864	1	964	10324	46.00%	68.00%

AwazCDS-Pakistan investment in Public sector under its WARHI project

Category	USD	PKR
<i>Short Play and Jingle Program on Radio for Public Awareness</i>	20,277	2,129,085
Laptops, Ultra Sound Machines, Examination Beds, Flatbed Scanners, Furniture, UPS Batteries HP Printer etc.	136,114	14,291,947
Civil Work, Marble Ceiling, Maintenance, Cupboards, Rent, Repair Water Tank etc	181,856	19,094,880
Clinical Trainings and Refreshers	150,992	15,854,160
Medicine, Medical equipment's, IUCD kits, Surgical consumables etc.	552,101	57,970,625
Total	1,041,340	109,340,697

3. Provision of Mobile Health Services to Floods Affected Communities in Punjab (August to October 2015)

AwazCDS-Pakistan initiated this project in District Rajanpur and targeted 3 U/Cs named Sabzani and Umer Kot from Tehsil Rojhan, Hajipur from Tehsil Jampur. All of three Union Councils were badly affected due to the flood 2015, and declared as flood climatic affected areas by the District Administration.

Project Target Groups

- Women of Reproductive Age (15-49 years)
- Pregnant and lactating women, Girls (0-15 years)
- Children (0-14), Male and Disabled persons.

Following were the main achievements:

1. 10761 patients received the free medicines during health camps and follow up visits. Patients were given medicines which were sufficient for a week time. And Trained Lady Health Visitors conducted counselling session on Antenatal, postal natal and family planning with women who visited the mobile medical camps.
2. Pregnant women were also facilitated with 299 Clean Delivery Kits.
3. Health and hygiene session were given to 6493 (3324 Female & 3169 Male)



4. Citizens Action for Democratic Governance (CADGP) project

This project was initiated by AwazCDS in collaboration with Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) from May 2015 to March 2016, in order to strengthen key areas of election-related institutional oversight and citizens demand work, successful electoral and democratic reform advocacy. AwazCDS-Pakistan engaged 1402 persons (including 890 male, 481 Female and 31 transgender) in this project.

5. Engaging legislators for universal access to WASH in Pakistan LCG

A project entitled as “Engaging legislators for universal access to WASH in Pakistan” was initiated by AWAZ Centre for Development Services Pakistan with the technical and financial support of Water Aid in Pakistan in order to build support for universal access to Drinking Water, Improved Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) as a basic human right by 2030 in Pakistan. The main objective of this project were to form and strengthen a Legislators Core Group (LCG) on WASH in Punjab to advocate and take actions for sensitization and realization of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as basic human right and establishment of WASH Caucus Group (WCG) in Punjab Assembly.

AWAZCDS formulated a “legislatures Core Group on WASH” in Punjab Assembly based on the Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) Punjab with equal gender and geographical representation. The main purpose of this Core group was to highlight the fundamental issues regarding WASH, its policies, budget allocation & distribution and developing logical strategic planning for tackling the issues in a smart way. Project staff of AWAZCDS usually legislatures were engaged in capacity building training, meetings, and exposure opportunities at national and international level and enhanced their interest in rights based agendas.



Policy Brief on WASH with LCG members

6. “Citizens’ Peace Action Committees (CPAC’s) to counter Violent Extremism (CVE)”

A project with the title of “Citizens’ Peace Action Committees (CPAC’s) to counter Violent Extremism (CVE)” was implemented by Awaz Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services with the technical and financial support of DAI, in district Bahawalpur. The overall objective of this project was, to develop and empower a diverse network of individuals, organizations, and government leaders that can advocate and implement initiatives to counter violent extremism in Punjab.



Staff and community were trained on peace and tolerance through capacity building training workshops. Community did 50 community actions in their areas.



7. Youth for Peace Initiative

The overall objective of this project is, to train students and faculty/administration members of public universities on CVE narratives and increase ability of trained students and faculty/administration members in carrying out CVE related initiatives. An objective is to develop and empower a diverse network of individuals, organizations, and government leaders that can advocate and implement initiatives to counter violent extremism in Punjab.

AwazCDS-Pakistan is successfully implementing this project with the partnership of IUCPSS. (IUCPSS is a collective of 34 public and private sector universities and maintains cordial relationship with university administration)



6. Our Contribution in Social Development 2016-2017

1. Ujala

In order to contribute towards improving the basic human rights and health status of adolescents in Pakistan, Awaz Foundation Pakistan has successfully implementing a 2 years project (Oct 2016-Sep 2018) named Ujala for creating rightful spaces and choices of life for young people. This project is launched with the support of Global Fund for Women in 44 districts from 4 provinces of Pakistan. Ujala is a movement building project in which initiatives are taken for inclusion of a wide range of marginalized groups and to engage decision makers to bring legislative changes particularly for Women & Youth in Pakistan. The interventions under Ujala are designed to reach out to maximum community members with the key messages on reproductive health and rights to stop Gender Based Violence, Early Age Marriages for creating an enabling environment for young people and women.



There are 44 Partner Organizations and 176 staff members of these organizations are trained on Reproductive health rights, Gender Based Violence, Early Age Marriages and related laws and policies. There are different sensitization campaigns, community actions, media campaigns, and Policy and advocacy forums, learning forums which are organized at National, Provincial and District levels. Approximately 50,000 people including young people, men, women, parents, teachers, religious leaders, policy makers are reached with key information around the project themes.

2. Get Up Speak Out

AwazCDS has implemented 01 year project with the title Get up Speak out Project which has supported in strengthening the process of developing civil action networks on reproductive health rights of issues by means of its memberships in the Pakistan Parwan Alliance (PPA). The Pakistan Parwan Alliance (PPA) is the largest alliance of organisation working on Reproductive Health and Rights (RHR) in Pakistan. The Pakistan Parwan Alliance was established under the Parwan (local name of UFBR in Pakistan) programme in Pakistan with the core objective creating a big network of like-minded organisations for lobbying and advocacy for SRHR education and services. GUSO partner's membership in PPA s has increased opportunities for joint advocacy on access to Life Skills Based Education (LSBE) and Youth Friendly Services, help in developing research and information sharing networks; and streamlining the formation and dissemination of evidence-based arguments recommending policy reforms on key thematic issues. Different leading organizations from across Pakistan were the members of Pakistan Parwan Alliance. A joint advocacy strategy was developed for the identification of key thematic priorities for the Alliance for the poli.cy and advocacy.

3. Improving Women Participation in Electoral Process

Awaz has implemented this project in District Bahawalpur. This project focused on the importance of electoral and political participation of women among relevant stakeholders including ECP, NADRA and political parties. Awaz has done mass sensitization by educating, communities and stakeholders for CNIC registration of un-registered women. Awaz has identified 44049 women who were not registered in NADRA and further facilitated 17122women in the registration of their CNICs.

4. Prevention Plus

Awaz has successfully implemented a year project Prevention plus in District Multan. The basic objective of the project was to promote men and boys' involvement as equitable, non-violent caregivers and to engage men in positive parenting, equitable caregiving, and violence prevention and in maternal, new-born, and child health. In this project AwazCDS-Pakistan promoted gender equality. Achieving gender equality

requires a reconfiguration of power relations. There were different sensitization sessions organized and approximately 3000 school teachers, parents, young boys and girls are engaged.

8. Our Contribution in Social Development 2017-2018

1. Umang

Awaz is implementing a 3 years Project Umang for enhancing quality secondary education for girls in South Punjab through system strengthening and increased financing. This project is focusing to mobilize stakeholder's to gain their support for better governance, accountability and increased financing for girls' secondary education in South Punjab. It will also ensure that girl's secondary schools are accessible and have adequate facilities for quality education through reforms in planning and addressing socio-economic and cultural barriers.



2. Where Pakistan Stands on Implementation of SDGs 2018

In order to connect and highlight the status of global commitment of our government on SDGs since Sep, 2015, AwazCDS/Pakistan Development Alliance have carried a mapping/assessment on the current status of SDGs at National and Provincial level that identifies the accomplishments, opportunities, challenges and gaps. A comprehensive mapping/assessment tool was developed and firsthand information is collected by organizing consultations at Provincial level. In these consultations elected representatives, members of Parliamentary task force on SDGs at National and Provincial level, Planning & Development Departments at all provinces and other stakeholders participated and shared the updates.

In order to highlight and share key findings of the assessment, a series of policy to action forums were organized and National and Provincial level in which government bodies, parliamentarians and other related stakeholders were engaged. This policy to action forums provided the opportunity to generate a dialogue at National and Provincial level for greater accountability, better participation, increased financing for SDGs implementations and engagement of CSOs in VNR process at various levels.

The report shares equally strong voices of approval for the SDGs framework which is now an effective lobbying tool. The report acknowledges that SDGs have been useful in

sensitizing governments, providing a platform, opportunity of collaboration and identifying gaps in social development. It also portrays accumulated efforts of assessment and policy to action forums that set the way forward for the consideration and follow up of all related legislatures, decision makers, and other stakeholders.

The complete assessment is available at Pakistan Development Alliance's website and the link is given below,

<http://pda.net.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Where-Pakistan-Stands-on-SDGs-2018.pdf>



22nd Board of Directors meeting

Provincial event at Lahore under TVET





Participating in PCSW event



National Forum on Policy to Action on Implementation of SDGs



Meeting with Village Health Committees



CE Sharing AwazCDS projects with Governor Punjab.



Engaging parliamentarians under LCG program



Youth engagement under Schools for Life Project



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