

Transforming Gender Roles in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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Leveraging Inclusive WASH For Empowerment - LIFE Introduction

Goal

Gender equitable and socially inclusive WASH services for improved health conditions of marginalized groups.

Outcomes

- 1. Expanded inclusive and sustainable WASH services
- 2. Improved inclusive WASH governance systems
- 3. Increased women's, girls', and other marginalized groups decision making around WASH
- 4. Knowledge Management and Learning



Project Snapshot



168,750 clients



73 villages



3 target districts (Peshawar, Buner, Swat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)



Working in the communities si



Inclusive WASH Jirgas (IWJ)

An entry point for LIFE

Inclusive WASH platform for women of different ages, abilities, and backgrounds

An opportunity for women to come together and discuss their WASH issues

Men in Buner

"No, never. It's
against our culture,
norms, and values.
Women are not
involved in meetings
or initiatives or

Making women valuable mobilizers and leaders in their communitie



Addressing GEDSI issues

Ensuring GEDSI in LIFE Project

On-boarding not only a transgender person, but also Women staff with Disabilities and unique potentials. Transforming IRCs history and culture

Adopting locally acceptable approach to work in conservative societies like Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Utilizing women potentials, influential, religious and opinion leaders

Working with gender minorities being the most vulnerable group



Role of Women IWJs in changing gender stereotypes

Eliminating taboos associated with Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)

Women Empowerment through entrepreneurship with increased control over resources and participation in HH level decision making

Gender Minorities have been safeguarded through WASH entrepreneurs

Visiting surrounding villagers to influence other women to change hygiene and defecation practices



Role of IWJs (Contd.)

Constructions of latrines and water sources on selfhelp basis

Increased women political participation and leadership e.g. 10 women leaders contested in local bodies election held in 2022

Building effective linkages with service providers through unprecedented Exposure visits of more than 50 women leaders



Meeting of Women IWJ

IWJ members during a Leadership session





IWJ members of Dab Naguman during a session



Women of Dab Naguman Village visited a neighboring village called Changarabad and mobilized them to construct latrines.



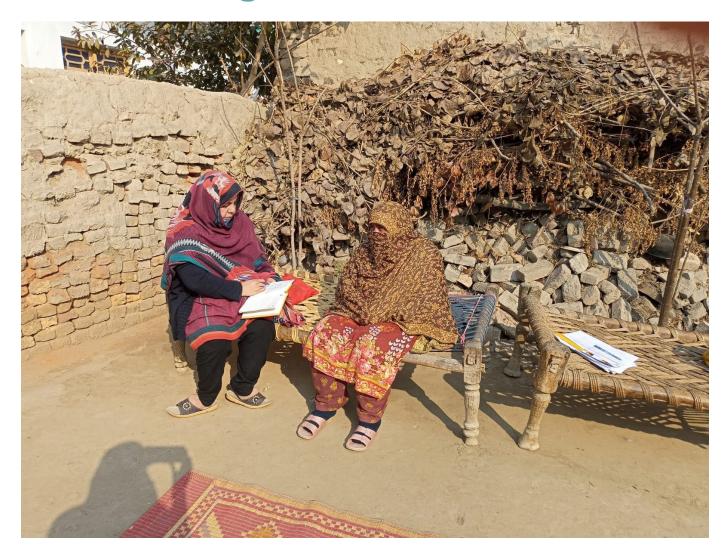
Sameena is the President of her village Jalabela Bala in Peshawar. She led the IWJ from the front turning Jalabela Bala into a model WASH village



"For the first time a women's Jirga was being formed and a young girl was being selected as its president. I had to lead all the women most of whom were my seniors in age. Building consensus among them was not going to be easy, but I remained optimistic and with my community's support I managed to carry out this job well."



Rubina Sher Mohammad was affected by polio when she was a little girl



"The contribution of this Project in my life is that the membership of IWJ has given me plenty of self-confidence. I can sit down among few people and speak up with assurance for my rights and the rights of other persons with disabilities."



"I believe that no matter how bad things get, as long as we are alive, we should keep going on with life and take responsibility for the solutions of our problems."



"It has become easier for me to move around and manage my expenses better and independently. With the help of the entrepreneurship kit and training, I earn adequate to meet my medical expenses and contribute to my family income. I am also dealing well with my mental health challenges."



"I am thankful to IRC and all the villagers for their support and trust. We have started the journey, but it will not stop here. I have already started promoting MHM agenda at village level and our journey will continue till we have achieved our objective of dignified life for all."



Thank You!

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