



AWAZ-E-NISWAN

Annual Report 2020- 2021

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Organization at Glance



Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN)

Awaz-e-Niswan is a membership-based network of women voters (aged 18 years and above) across the country. It is not affiliated to any political party or organization and aims to represent the concerns of women voters in Pakistan irrespective of their political, social or geographic locations. Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN), was established in 2016 as a pilot project. It was incorporated as a non-profit in November 2017 with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan under the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017).

Goal

Increased political commitment towards the needs and concerns of women voters in Pakistan with gender responsive political processes.

Objectives

1. To increase the visibility and influence of women voters and their issues amongst duty bearers including elected representatives through the formation of a vibrant national network of women voters
2. To draw attention and resources to priority areas of concern of female voters and engage with elected representatives and government functionaries to address these issues.

Awaz-e-Niswan Charter

Women citizens of Pakistan, ages 18 years and above, who understand and accept the AAN Charter, can become members of the national network. Groups of members living in geographical proximity will be encouraged to form local chapters to address local issues.

All individuals who wish to become members of Awaz-e-Niswan are required to read and accept the following principles that form the core of the Charter of Awaz-e-Niswan.

Principles

1. Women are full-fledged citizens of Pakistan able to exercise all their Constitutional rights.
2. Women have the right to political, economic and social participation and advancement.
3. Women have a right to live a life free of violence.
4. Women have the right to participate at all levels of decision-making, whether in their homes, their communities, at the workplace or in politics.
5. Women have a right to be engaged in political processes without fear of violence.

Key Activities of the Year



National Training of Trainers on Political Education and Mobilization

A series of AAN ToTs on Political Education and Mobilization of Young Women Leaders was held in Islamabad during December 2020. In first TOT, representatives from AAN partner organizations were trained. In the second Tot, Women Participants from Sakhar, Mardan, Hyderabad, Ghizar, Sargodha, Quetta, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Gilgit were part of the training. The purpose of the training workshop was to familiarize the participants with AAN, its rationale, objectives and methodology which Auart Foundation and SAPPK will replicate in their respective districts. Moreover, the training workshop aimed to educate and inform participants on important issues and topics pertaining to women voters like voter and political education, politics, democracy, communication and its different strategies.

Three-day activity ensured equal learning opportunities and inclusivity of all the participants. For this purpose, facilitator engaged participants in different individual and group activities which helped participants in grasping the core concept of the issues discussed. At the end of the three-day activity, certificates were distributed among the participants.

AAN Awareness sessions in schools

District coordinators of AAN partner organizations, and an individual consultant from Quetta-Balochistan held cumulatively 20 college sessions in their respective districts for 610 college students. As part of AAN methodology, 600 KAP forms were distributed among them for their assessment to identify college students as YWLs.



AAN coordinators from Karachi, Chakwal, Hunza and Peshawar conducted awareness sessions in schools of their respective districts. Coordinators had an informative and interactive discussion with students about democracy, politics, and the role of women in politics as per the context.



AAN TOT for Young Women Leaders

Cumulatively, in 5 targeted districts, the district coordinators from Peshawar, Chakwal, Hunza, Karachi and an individual consultant from Quetta conducted 5 ToT sessions for 100 college students as YWLs.

The objective of the two days training of trainers with young women leaders was to provide the female college youth with the necessary knowledge and skills.

- To understand the concepts of politics, democracy and political education
- To understand the significance of women's sustained political participation in electoral and governance processes.
- To develop political education and mobilization sessions for community women in their neighborhood.
- To be familiar with the Awaz-e-Niswan network and roles expected from them including holding community meetings, training of women community leaders and formation of local chapters.

ToT methodology includes a mix of brainstorming, lectures, discussions, small group presentation, and role-playing techniques were used for this political education and mobilization training. Participants were provided with an opportunity to prepare and deliver a practice session on community meetings with their fellow participants by using the training techniques learnt during the ToT.



GB Elections 2020

General Elections were held in Gilgit Baltistan during November 2020. AAN female members participated with fervor and enthusiasm in pre-election activities. AAN chapter members held meetings with women voters in Hunza and Gilgit and urged them to vote in General Election. Moreover, AAN chapters met candidates to discuss prevailing issues of their areas and also presented AAN Charter of Demand. Candidates acknowledged their efforts and promised further discussion and action on demands stipulated by AAN chapters.

Meeting of the AAN Chapter members with candidates of Gilgit-Baltistan Elections 2020 and presenting AAN Charter of Demand to the candidates.



Monitoring visits (Mardan, Rawalpindi and Karachi)

AAN's Meal officer held monitoring visits to Karachi, Mardan and Rawalpindi to monitor and observe the replication of chapter formation methodology of Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN) under JAZBA and replication ToT for Young Women Leaders (YWL) in District Mardan and to seek the Trainees feedback. During the meeting, Meal Officer observed that training was participatory and delivered with clear understanding Training content was delivered effectively in a participatory way where Trainer had command on the content. Meal officer further seek project staff and beneficiaries feedback where District coordinator shared her concern over parents' permission to young age girls due to security reasons, participants asked about engagement with AAN in future if they become AAN's online members. Some of the noticeable challenges were closure of the schools/colleges in identifying the young girls due to COVID-19, lack of family support to young women leaders in arranging trainings for community women and chapter formation, community women did not get permission from the male family members to be part of the chapter formation.

Gender sensitization training of journalists

Awaz-e-Niswan (AAN), under JAZBA Project, organized two-day training on 'Gender Sensitive Reporting Skills' to build the capacities of journalists and district correspondents of print and electronic media to enhance the visibility of women as voters. The trainings were conducted in Karachi and Lahore in February and March. Around 30 Participants from Punjab, KPK, Sindh and Baluchistan participated in the training. The training focused on women's rights movement, challenges faced by women in political participation and how reporting on women concerns by media can empower and encourage women voters. Objective of the training was to

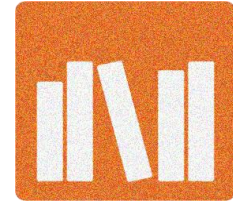
- To enhance the capacity of journalists on reporting that can increase the visibility and influence of women voters.

- To create awareness on women’s strategic and practical needs and interests.
- To shift focus of reporting from portrayal of women as victims to women as voters while following the basic rules of gender sensitive and ethical journalism.

These two-day trainings focused on issues like raising women as voters, women concern as voters, impact of ignoring women concerns on media and reporting on women concerns. Participants were divided into different groups where they discussed women concerns in areas like education, politics, economy, media, health and justice.



Partnerships and collaborations



AAN has partnered with South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP-PK) and Aurat Foundation to execute “Jamhooriyat aur Baikhtaiar Aurat” (JAZBA) project.

AAN has also collaborated with Women’s Voice and Leadership-Pakistan (WVL-Pakistan) project, during 2019 which is part of Women’s Voice and Leadership (WVL) Programme, a global initiative funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Projects

Jamhooriyat aur Baikhtaiar Aurat (JAZBA)

Jamhooriyat aur Baikhtaiar Aurat is a four-year program to enhance political empowerment and enjoyment of rights by women and the marginalized in Pakistan. The program will be implemented by South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP-PK), Aurat Foundation (AF) and Awaz e Niswan (AAN) in twenty-five districts, and aims to indirectly impact an additional ten districts in the four provinces and Gilgit- Baltistan. The program will focus on women and youth (both female and male) as well as vulnerable populations such as minorities and transgender communities, giving voice and visibility to their concerns and needs.

AAN’s learning experience will complement efforts of the project to promote gender-responsive political participation with an enhanced feminist perspective, AAN would be responsible for increased evidence-based advocacy by women, youth and CSOs for advancing the rights of women, marginalized and transgender persons and increased capacity of Awaz e Niswan for inclusive and expanded membership of sustained

Specific activities of the program will include the following.

- Training provided to women and youth for leadership in the community and local government.
- Voter education training organized for women and youth groups and chapters of Awaz e Niswan.
- Young women and men sensitized for addressing Gender-based Violence.
- Support provided to institutionalize evidence generation on the intersection of women’s empowerment with political participation, GBV and responsive governance.
- Support provides for the formation of Awaz e Niswan district chapters for meaning full engagement with duty bearers.
- National, provincial and district secretariats of Awaz e Niswan established and strengthened.

Women's Voice and Leadership-Pakistan (WVL-Pakistan)

The project is part of Global Affairs Canada (GAC)'s Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) Program, a global initiative to support the capacity and activities of local and regional women's organizations and movements seeking to empower women and girls, advance the protection of women's and girls' rights, and achieve gender equality. The project seeks to increase Pakistani women's and girls' enjoyment of human rights and to advance gender equality in Pakistan by strengthening the individual and collective capacity of women's rights organizations (WROs).

under this project, AAN will work with the country's diverse geographic and demographic groups, that are inclusive of ethnic, religious, and linguistic minority groups, and that possess gender expertise in different thematic areas by using a strategic combination of funding mechanisms and capacity strengthening support, AAN is expected to strengthen and sustain itself, and to deliver programming that better meets the needs of the women they serve. AAN's ability to influence gender-transformative policy will be enhanced. WVL-Pakistan is built on three pillars that correspond to its three intermediate outcomes:

1. Improved management, programming and sustainability of local WROs in Pakistan, particularly those representing vulnerable and marginalized women and girls.
2. Enhanced delivery of campaigns and programming by WROs to advance gender equality in Pakistan.
3. Increased effectiveness of national and sub-national women's rights platforms, networks and alliances to effect gender-sensitive policy change and implementation in Pakistan.

Capacity Building



Mou with partner organisations

In December 2020, Awaze Niswan entered in to partnership with four women lead organization in Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This MoU established the collaboration between the Awaz e Niswan and partner organisation to achieve the following:

- To inform, educate and mobilize women voters in districts Chakwal and Rawalpindi
- To facilitate the formation of two local chapters of women voters in each district
- To facilitate engagement of local chapters and women voters with district and provincial duty bearers, on issues prioritized by local chapters including budget based advocacy.

Gender Sensitization training

During February 2021, Senior program officer, program officer and MEAL Officer participated in training on Gender Concepts, GBV issues and Community Mobilization conducted by Oxfam. Action plan developed as part of the training and share with Oxfam. The first part of the training was held in Lahore, second part was conducted online

Gender Sensitive Budget Training

Senior program officer and Finance Officer received training on Gender Transformative Planning, Budgeting and Accountability conducted by Oxfam.

Training on Advocacy skills

In February, MEAL Officer attend Advocacy and Campaigning Skills Training conducted by Oxfam. As part of the action item, advocacy and campaigning plan was developed and shared with trainers.

Quarterly Review Performance Meeting

Participation in Review, Reflection and Learning (RRL) session organized by Oxfam. SPO, member EC, and MEAL officer attended RRL sessions. Shared inputs in CAT Year 2 update, CAT Prioritized Ranking, PMF, OCAS Foundation Feminist

Virtual Training on Oxfam's Feminist Principles

The AAN team attended a three hours virtual session on “Gendered Impacts of Pandemic & Introduction to Oxfam Feminist Principles” on 16th July 2020. The objective of the session was to better understand Oxfam feminist principles and the utilization of such principles in existing programmes.

Publications

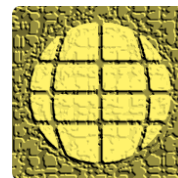


AAN has collated, developed and disseminated the information from project activities targeting the key stakeholders, partners, AAN online members and policy makers.

Publications during 2020-2021:

- Policy brief on 'Engendering Political Participation and Enhancing Inclusion'
click here to view <https://aan.org.pk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/ENGENDERING-POLITICAL-PARTICIPATION-AND-ENHANCING-INCLUSION.pdf>
- Policy brief on 'Young Women Voters'
click here to view <https://aan.org.pk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Young-Women-Voters.pdf>

Financial/Audit Report



**AWAZ-E-NISWAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021**

The Board of Directors
Awaz-e-Niswan
Islamabad

October 6, 2021

Dear Sirs

**AWAZ-E-NISWAN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**


We enclose the above referred financial statements of Awaz-e-Niswan (the Company) for the year ended June 30, 2021 with our draft audit report thereon initialed by us for identification purposes. We shall be pleased to sign our report in present or amended form after:

- a) Financial statements have been approved by the Board and signed by the Chief Executive Officer and a Director authorized in this behalf.
 - b) We have received representation letter on the lines of the enclosed draft, duly signed by the Chief Executive Officer and a Director authorized in this behalf.
2. During the course of our audit we noted that initial contribution from the following members has not been received as at June 30, 2021. This is a non-compliance with the licensing conditions of the license granted under section 42 of the Companies Act, 2017. We recommend that initial contribution is received from the members to comply with the licensing conditions.

Name of member	Amount (Rs)
Abia Akram	200,000
Aliya Sethi	200,000
Farrah Taufiq	200,000
Romana Bashir	200,000

3. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the cooperation and courtesy extended to us by all concerned during the course of the audit.

Yours truly



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF AWAZ-E-NISWAN**

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the annexed financial statements of Awaz-e-Niswan (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2021, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in fund balance, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and we state that we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the statement of financial position, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in fund balance and the statement of cash flows together with the notes forming part thereof conform with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and give the information required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), in the manner so required and respectively give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at June 30, 2021 and of the surplus or deficit, the comprehensive income or loss, the changes in fund balance and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting and reporting standards as applicable in Pakistan and the requirements of Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Board of directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report

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that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Based on our audit, we further report that in our opinion:

- a) proper books of account have been kept by the Company as required by the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);
- b) the statement of financial position, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in fund balance and the statement of cash flows together with the notes thereon have been drawn up in conformity with the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017) and are in agreement with the books of account and returns;
- c) investments made, expenditure incurred and guarantees extended during the year were for the purpose of the Company's business; and



d) no Zakat was deductible at source under the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980).
The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Asad Ijaz.



Chartered Accountants
Islamabad: October 22, 2021

AWAZ-E-NISWAN
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT JUNE 30, 2021

	Note	2021 Rupees	2020 Rupees
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	4	1,157,044	246,474
Intangible assets	5	990,000	-
Long term deposit		84,000	40,000
		<u>2,231,044</u>	<u>286,474</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivable from members	6	800,000	869,714
Advance income tax		406,286	523,618
Advances, deposits and prepayments	7	358,097	550,900
Cash and bank balances	8	6,431,047	5,519,351
		<u>7,995,430</u>	<u>7,463,583</u>
		<u>10,226,474</u>	<u>7,750,057</u>
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
FUND BALANCE			
General fund		2,412,883	1,273,305
Restricted donors' fund	9	2,209,447	-
		<u>4,622,330</u>	<u>1,273,305</u>
Deferred capital grant	10	317,001	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued and other payables	11	426,777	111,308
Contract liability		4,860,366	6,365,444
		<u>5,287,143</u>	<u>6,476,752</u>
		<u>10,226,474</u>	<u>7,750,057</u>
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The annexed notes 1 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Chief Executive Officer


Director

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Note	2021 Rupees	2020 Rupees
INCOME			
Revenue		8,892,410	3,734,556
Grant income recognized	9	6,062,192	-
Amortization of deferred capital grant	10	72,507	-
Other income		2,649	282
		<u>15,029,758</u>	<u>3,734,838</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Program expenses	13	(12,607,631)	(2,346,323)
Operations support expenses	14	(568,190)	(1,025,060)
Finance charges		(2,966)	(1,100)
		<u>(13,178,787)</u>	<u>(3,372,483)</u>
SURPLUS BEFORE INCOME TAX		<u>1,850,971</u>	<u>362,355</u>
Income tax expense	15	(711,393)	(298,764)
TOTAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>1,139,578</u></u>	<u><u>63,591</u></u>

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 Chief Executive Officer


 Director

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	2021 Rupees	2020 Rupees
Surplus for the year	1,139,578	63,591
Other comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u><u>1,139,578</u></u>	<u><u>63,591</u></u>

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Director

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Rupees
Balance as at July 1, 2019	1,209,714
Total comprehensive income for the year	63,591
Balance as at June 30, 2020	<u>1,273,305</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,139,578
Balance as at June 30, 2021	<u><u>2,412,883</u></u>

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Chief Executive Officer


Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	2021 Rupees	2020 Rupees
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus before income tax	1,850,971	362,355
Adjustment for non cash income and expenses		
Depreciation of property and equipment - note 4	244,138	10,361
Amortization of intangible asset - note 5	110,000	-
Finance charges	2,966	1,100
	357,104	11,461
	2,208,075	373,816
Changes in working capital		
Receivable from members	69,714	530,286
Advances, deposits and prepayments	192,803	(550,900)
Contract liability	(1,505,078)	6,365,444
Accrued and other payables	315,469	51,308
	1,280,983	6,769,954
Cash generated from operations		
Movement in restricted donor's fund	2,209,447	-
Movement in deferred capital grant	317,001	-
Income tax paid	(594,061)	(822,382)
Finance charges paid	(2,966)	(1,100)
	3,210,404	5,946,472
Net cash generated from operating activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment for acquisition of property and equipment	(1,154,708)	(256,835)
Payment for acquisition of intangible asset	(1,100,000)	-
Payment of long term deposit	(44,000)	(40,000)
	(2,298,708)	(296,835)
Net cash used in investing activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loan repaid to director	-	(130,286)
	-	(130,286)
Net cash flow from financing activities		
	911,696	5,519,351
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		
	5,519,351	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		
	6,431,047	5,519,351
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year - note 8		

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Chief Executive Officer


Director