

Working for Women's Empowerment and Democratic Governance

Outreach and Volunteers



We believe in:

Working for women's empowerment & democratic governance

Developing social capital for sustainable change

Organization and mobilization of local communities

Networking & alliance-building with human rights groups

Promoting women leadership at all levels

Building capacities of grassroots organizations

Promoting volunteerism, transparency and accountability

Strengthening local advocacy and actions



We have reached out to and mobilized:

● **605,540**

Ultra-poor families who are ranked below poverty line.

● **249,000**

Poorest of the poor women in 12,450 village-based women committees in 430 union councils.

● **105,671**

Out-of-school children (44,225 boys and 61,446 girls of age 5-12) in contact for their enrollment at school.

● **75,000**

Community women networks through 1,500 women leaders in 30 district-based groups.

● **3,251,420**

Women & men through 134 CSOs under of GEP Pakistan Gender Coalition. Also with:

- 9 public sector universities for promotion of gender equality and behavioral change;
- 12 government and private shelter homes; and
- 6 help lines in major cities of Pakistan for survivors of violence against women and girls.

● **39,000**

Marginalized women and men in 1,300 AAWAZ Village Forums. Also with:

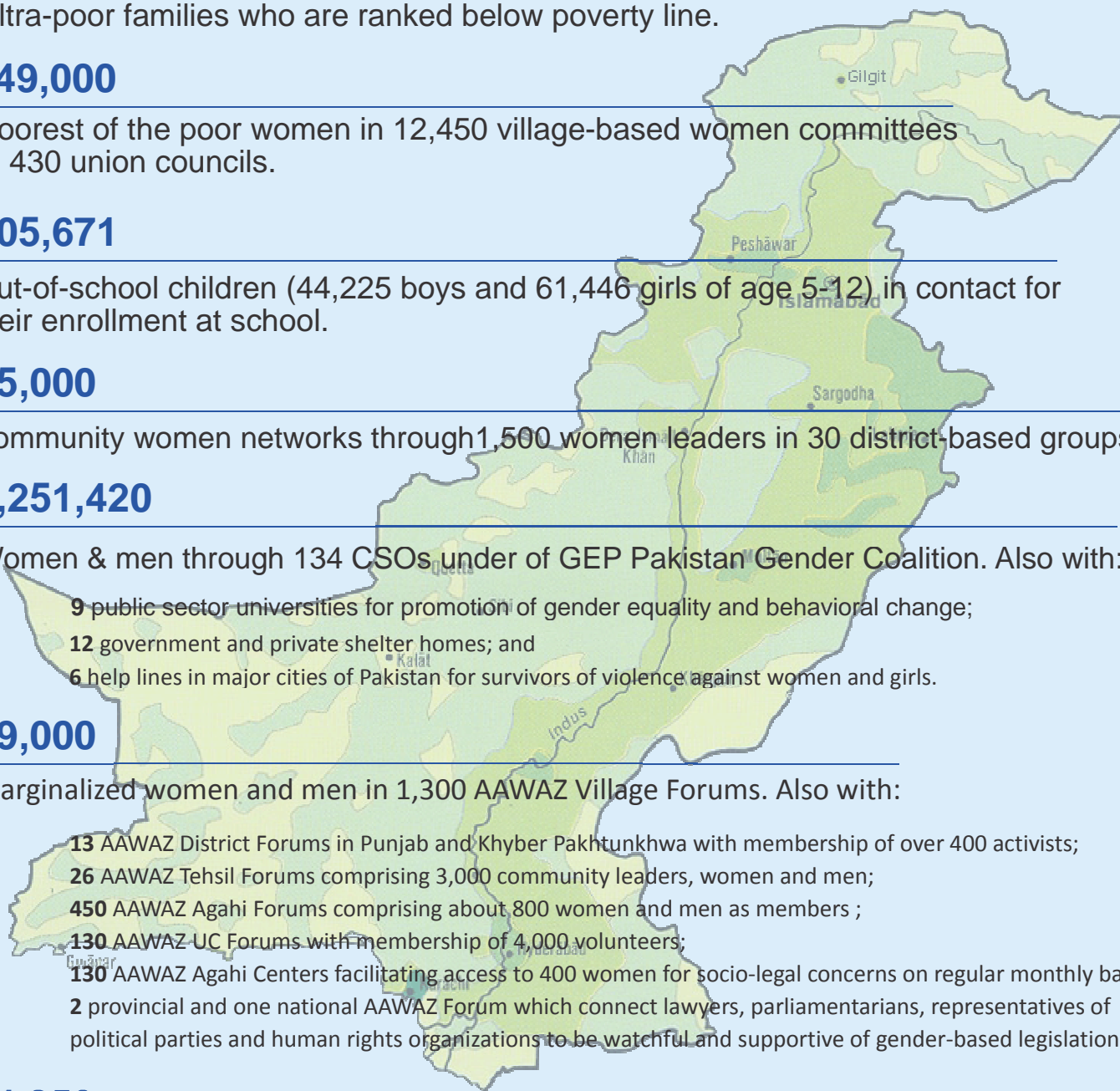
- 13 AAWAZ District Forums in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with membership of over 400 activists;
- 26 AAWAZ Tehsil Forums comprising 3,000 community leaders, women and men;
- 450 AAWAZ Agahi Forums comprising about 800 women and men as members ;
- 130 AAWAZ-UC Forums with membership of 4,000 volunteers;
- 130 AAWAZ Agahi Centers facilitating access to 400 women for socio-legal concerns on regular monthly basis;
- 2 provincial and one national AAWAZ Forum which connect lawyers, parliamentarians, representatives of political parties and human rights organizations to be watchful and supportive of gender-based legislation.

● **31,250**

Social and political workers, lawyers, media personnel and human rights defenders in Citizens' Action Committees (CACs) in 73 districts of Pakistan with diverse membership of about 1,250 community-based organizations.

● **65,000**

Women, men and youth in 2,600 Information Network Centers (INCs) for dissemination of knowledge and information across Pakistan.



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Aurat Foundation acts as a catalyst to enable critical groups to influence policy, legislation and programmes for greater economic and political power for women in society. In advocacy on women's rights issues, Aurat Foundation has strategized to develop linkages with grassroots organizations and macro-level decision-makers. A mutually collaborative relationship has also been developed with various departments and organs of the Government of Pakistan.



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