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AUGAT ASSICIATION

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Full Legal Name: Aurat Association (AA).

Legal Status:

Registered under the Social Welfare Act 1961 in the year 1994.

VISION:

On an unbiased approaches towards religion, sex and cost struggle for prosperous society on the principle of justice and equality.

MISSION:

To bring about policy and institutional changes by mobilizing deprived and marginalised communities, specially women with a view to creating an environment in which communities at the local level may be able to transform their lives through the equitable and sustainable use of resources.

Organization Outreach:

Mansehra and Abbottabad Districts (Rural Areas).

Highlight of Projects Aurat Association

has completed and in hand (1996 to 2008)

- 1. Micro Credit
- 2. Food for Non Formal Education
- 3. Solid Waste Management
- 4. Women Empowerment Project PK 118
- 5. Women Political Empowerment Project (WPEP).

- 6. Integrated Sanitation and Environmental
 Awareness Project
- 7. Small Business Creation & Development
 Project (SBCDP)
- 8. Parents Teachers Association (PTAs)
 Formation in Govt Schools.
- 9. Reduction of Corporal Punishment.
- 10. Women Empowerment Project for Peace (WEPP).
- 11. Women Political Empowerment Project for Peace (WPEP).
- 12. Rehabilitation of Earthquake affecties, & Shelter Support project along with Debries Removal Project
- 13. Women Empowerment through Education & infrastructure.
- 14. Reduction of human rights violation through multi dimensional intervention
- 15. Uplift Project for Disabled People (UPDP).
- 16. Reduction of Corporal Punishment.

Project Title: Micro Credit

Donor:

ILO (International Labor Organization)

Duration:

March 1995 - Continue

Areas:

Mansehra and Abbottabad Districts

Activities:

It was the start of Aurat Association with no experience of Micro Credit Program. As a result it could not achieve the target. Now at this stage Micro Credit Program is very mature replicating (Grameen Bank Bangladesh Model). For detail please see last pages "Micro Credit Program".

Out Come:

Through this program 78 men & women were provided micro loans of RS 5,000 – RS 10,000/- and they established their micro businesses on successful & profitable basis.

2. Project Title: Food for Non Formal Education

Donor:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Islamabad.

Duration:

March 1996 to April 2002 (7 years)

Areas:

- 1. Potha 2.Mohalla Kanger 3. Ogra
- 4. Junder Banada 5. Jabri 6. Khatan da Gala
- 7. Batungi 8. Harala 9. Tanan 10. Dehri

During the Project period the following food items were distributed and activities completed

- 1. Cooking Oil ----- 6.8 tons,
- 2. Milk Powder ---- 4.8 tons,
- *3. Lentals* ---- *5.1 tons*
- > Started non formal education for women.
- Imparted different type of technical training to women.
- Organized 6 women centers in 6 villages through food program.

OUT COMES:

- Food package motivated male and female (below poverty line) to trust AA and join both hands to work on other developmental projects.
- Through non-formal education a large numbers of women enabled to read and write.
- General public (except clergy) appreciated AA contribution towards helping down trodden people.

Activities:

3. Project Title: Solid Waste Management

Donor:

United Nations Development Program (UNDP - LIFE)

Duration:

July 1996 to June 1998 (2 Years)

Areas:

Dab No 2, Mansehra.

ACTIVITIES:

- ➤ Sensitized the residents of Mohallah Dab No.2 (10 streets) not to dump or scatter garbage in the streets.
- ➤ Imparted training to jobless youth how to run solid waste management program.
- ➤ Initially AA appointed workers and supervisors on salary basis but gradually the house holds started monthly contribution for workers salary.
- Started education classes for workers appointed for Solid Waste Management Project.
- Linkages developed with local town committee for disposal of waste at filth station.
- ➤ Staff visited Orangi Pilot Project, Karachi and got practical knowledge of OPP sanitation system.

- ➤ Attended other UNDP partners working on solid waste management for experience sharing.
- After completion of the project, the task was given to the community to run the program on sustainable basis.

OUT COMES:

- At mohallah and town level realized the importance of solid waste management.
- Reduced garbage and also reduced diseases which were due to ignorance of health care.
- Town Committee Mansehra appreciated AA campaign and extended their cooperation by lifting garbage from dumping station.

4. Project Title: Women Empowerment Project – PK

118.

Donor:

South Asia Partnership Pakistan (SAP –PK)

Duration:

April 1997 to April 1999 (2 Years)

Areas:

Union Council Behali, Mansher City 1-4 & Union Council Datta.

Activities:

- Social Mobilization (Women Groups and Centers formation) replicating Grameen Bank Bangladesh Model.
- > Started Saving and credit program for women.
- ➤ Staff training regarding computer, food preservation, accounting & Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA).
- ➤ Material development (printing of quarterly newsletter) and documentary film.
- Linkages development with other NGOs and Donors, organized Citizen Action Committee.
- ➤ Awareness (Workshop Social development and role of NGOs ')

OUT COMES:

- Motivated male members of different villages to allow AA staff to organize women of their respective villages.
- Organized 4 women centers in different villages by entering in village Potha.
- AA staff got different training of social mobilization, accounting, management from different organizations.

Made exposure visits to other organization in Pakistan and abroad for learning.

5. Project Title: Women Political Empowerment Project (WPEP).

Donor:

Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF), Lahore.

Duration:

January 1998 to December 2007 (10 Years)

Areas:

District Mansehra, Abbottabad & Haripur..

Activities:

- ► Conducted Gender sensitization workshop.
- ➤ Material development (Phamplet, Booklets)

 documentary film "Pathos of highland".
- Film shows on the rights of women.
- New women center formation in 3 villages.
- ► Hand bills against 15th amendment.
- Workshop on the role of women and social development.
- Formation of political action groups.
- Formation of citizen action committees.
- **Workshop on politic and community workers.**

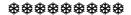
- ➤ Material development (charts) in respect of Women rights.
- Formation of new women centers.
- > Survey regarding women not allowed to cost their vote.
- Lecture on law of registration of marriages and divorces.
- Workshop "Socio, economic and political condition of Mansehra women".
- ➤ Workshop on new local bodies system
- Workshop to motivate male members to allow women to contest election.
- Exposure visit of women to other cities like minded women NGOs.
- Organized elected women groups to get honorarium and developmental budget.
- ▶ Joint meeting of elected women of 3 districts.
- Seminar on human rights situation in Pakistan.
- ➤ Imparted training regarding EDT and handicraft.
- > Setting up handicraft center for women.
- Seminar on International Women day.
- > Organized cultural program at local level.
- ▶ Presentation skill training to women counselors.
- Food preservation training to women.
- ► Health Awareness Training.
- Interactive theatre training.
- ► Para legal training.
- Net-working meeting with local NGOs.
- ➤ Grand meeting of all Centers where Country

 Representative of HBF participated.

- ➤ Printed book on "Gender Equity in Islam"
- Organized women support groups of all centers.
- ➤ Dialogue between parliamentarians and local elected women.
- Seminar on Inter Faith Harmony.
- ➤ Preparation of NIC for women in several villages.

OUT COMES:

- Developed material on different political issues and distributed throughout Pakistan.
- Developed linkages with other NGOs working on women political rights
- Different support groups like lawyers, NGOs, elected local women groups, parliamentarians started moral support to AA.
- Cases of poor victim women were contested and got relief to poor women.
- More women centers and groups were organized in different villages.
- 295 women of 3 sub districts motivated /
 trained who became councilors (majority unopposed).
- Women started campaign to get more developmental funds from Govt.
- Judging the real struggle of AA for right direction, religious fanatics stopped propaganda against A.A.



6 .Project Title: Integrated Sanitation &

Environmental Awareness Project.

Donor:

Swiss NGOs Program Office (SNPO), Islamabad name changed "CHIP"

Duration:

September 1998 to June 2005 (6 Years & 9 Months)

Areas:

Union Council Behali, Union Council Datta,

ACTIVITIES:

- Constructed 640 pour flush latrines in village Potha and settlements.
- Training imparted to community women regarding health & sanitation

OUT COMES:

- First time in the history of mansehra women themselves constructed latrines and got training of sanitation and health.
- Through this project some women started work as Mason on daily wages.
- Peoples of the area do not use open field as latrines.
- Health and sanitation condition has been improved.
- Women of neighboring villages also started similar project in their respective villages.

Women groups of several villages contacted AA to replicate the model in their respective villages.

7.Project Title: Small Business Creation and

Development Program.

Donor:

Civil Society Human & Institutional Development Program (CHIP), Islamabad. Formerly known as SNPO.

Duration:

July 2000 to June 2005 (6 Years)

Areas:

Union Council Behali, Union Council Datta, Union Council Baal Dhaar (Abbottabad).

ACTIVITIES:

- > Staff capacity building
- (1) Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA).
- (2) Management of Micro Credit & Finance
- (3) EDP TOT,
- (4) Office Management,
- (5) Report Writing,
- (6) Exposure visits to different organizations for learning.

- ➤ Community capacity building: EDT, BCE, Technical Training, designing, finishing of different items of handicraft. Poultry and live stock.
- Social mobilization in 5 villages and started different small and medium businesses. Making of bell chimes, jewelry box and marketed.
- ► *Material development.*
- Setting of outlets for sale i.e. Thread Line
 Gallery, Trend Setter, Aamal Organization
 (Islamabad) Murree and Nathiagali, Local
 display center.
- Linkages developed with different organizations of similar nature in Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Sindh, NWFP.
- Participated in different exhibition (Lok virsa Shakarparian, and export promotion bureau and won the prizes.

OUT COMES:

- \$ 155 women & youth started medium and small businesses (embroidery, dairy products, live stock, poultry, general store, stationery shop, book binding, milk, tailoring, welding, Electrician, Plumbering, Wheat straw items, vegetable shop, local food shop, bird shops. etc.
- AA staff got EDP, training and have become resource pool, imparting training to other NGOs on consultancy basis.
- **Business culture is being promoted in the area.**

- Women increasing their income by running different enterprises.
- Women respect has been increased and women ownership concept has been developed.

8.Project Title: Parents Teachers Association (PTAs) formation in Government Primary Schools.

Donor:

World Bank through Govt. Primary Education Program (PEP) Peshawar.

Duration:

November 1998 to June 1999(8 Months)

Areas: District Mansehra

ACTIVITIES

- Program briefing meeting with Education Department, Teachers.
- ► Module and format development
- Formation of 47 PTAs in 47 Government Primary Schools.
- ➤ Conducted regular meetings with PTAs; also follow up visits arranged
- ➤ Opened Bank Accounts of PTAs.
- Registered PTAs with Education Department.

OUT COMES:

- Linkages developed with community in 47 villages.
- Learnt how to deal with Government departments.
- AA introduced in other areas at large in the district level.

9 Project Title: Reduction of Corporal Punishment in Government Schools.

Donor:

Norwegian Human Rights Fund

Duration:

February 2006 to January 2007 (One Year).

Areas:

District Mansehra.

ACTIVITIES:

- Consultative meetings with education department
- ➤ Visited 20 Government Primary Schools and conducted exercises with students and meetings with teachers

- ➤ Formed 20 PTAs in 20 Govt. Primary Schools
- ➤ Conducted Teachers Training regarding CRC, UDHR 4 #
- Developed and distributed material regarding reduction of punishment.

OUT COMES:

- AA got information and experience about worst condition in Govt. schools regarding education system and human rights violation.
- Almost in all schools where AA conducted exercises reduced corporal punishment.
- Drop out rate for the reason of corporal punishment has decreased.

10. Project Title: Women Empowerment Program for Peace (WEPP).

Donor:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Islamabad.

Duration:

September 2002 to September 2005 (3 Years)

Areas:

District Mansehra & Abbottabad.

ACTIVITIES:

- Social mobilization and formation of functional literacy schools in 9 villages.
- Teachers training
 2.Poject cycle management,
 3. PRA, HID, (all centers)
- ➤ AA staff training regarding teaching methodology. social mapping, development and its kinds, Why development is essential, resource mobilization, problem analysis, self analysis, conflict resolution, organizational culture, integrated organizational model, international relations and external factors.
- ➤ Awareness through interactive theatre performance (all centers).
- ➤ Awareness celebrated International Women Day.
- *Micro Finance Training (Staff and community.) →*
- ➤ AA completed its strategic planning for five years.
- ► Health Training to Community.
- ▶ Developed library in all women centers.

OUT COMES:

- 240 illiterate women were educated through Functional literacy Schools.
- Built capacity of AA staff by getting different trainings.

Linkages developed with other organizations through different programs.

11. Project Title: Women Political Empowerment for Peace (WPEP).

Donor:

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. (TFD)

Duration:

(August 07 to October 07) (3 Months)

Areas:

3 Union Council of Mansehra Districts.

ACTIVITIES

- ➤ Program briefing in 12 villages regarding importance of Computerized National Identity Cards.
- ► *Meeting with NADRA.*
- Training women how to get computerized NIC.
- ➤ Women of 12 villages got computerized NIC from the AA and NADRA mobile teams.
- ➤ Material Development.

OUT COME:

288 women of 12 villages got computerized
 National Identity card.

- Developed future strategy with NADRA for close net-working.
- Printed Awareness Raising Material on Birth Registration, Process & Importance of Computerized National Identity Cards.

12. Project Title: Rehabilitation of Earthquake affecties & Shelter Support Program

Donor:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Islamabad.

Duration:

October 2005 to May 2006 (8 Month)

Areas:

Earthquake hit area, Mansehra

ACTIVITIES:

- Appointed 102 staff members (temporary basis)
- Training to staff regarding assessment, token distribution, material distribution, carpenter to construct shelter, Organized monitoring teams.
- Distributed blankets, utensils, plastic sheets in 4 union councils of earthquake effected area.
- ➤ Material distributed for shelter i.e. G.I.Sheets, thermo pol, blankets, plastic sheets, tool kit H/H kit, wire mesh, stove, shovel, pick axe, mallet.

- ➤ Total distribution Phase I: 1272 families

 Phase II 1695 families Phase III 5000

 families.
- Total villages covered 75 excluding villages settlements.

OUT COMES:

- **♦** *Provided employment to local youth.*
- Got experience regarding rehabilitation and reconstruction in devastated areas.
- *Benefited more then 5000 affected families.*

Project Title: Debris removal in Earthquake affected area of Mansehra.

Donor:

Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF), Lahore.

Duration:

November 2005 to February 2006 (4 Months)

Areas:

Earthquake affected area, Tehsil Oghi, Mansehra

ACTIVITIES:

Village Malookra (very devastated earthquake village) was focused to remove the debris.

Women and men started to remove the debris

on the basis of cash for work, also hand pumps were installed. 3 hand pump were installed, whereas debris of 165 houses were removed where affectees started reconstruction.

OUT COMES:

- Most of the NGOs working in earthquake hit area started debris removal as the community basic need.
- Affected community got cash by doing labor job.

13. Project Title: Women Empowerment through

Education & Infrastructure.

Donor:

MISEREOR - Germany

Areas:

District Mansehra and Abbottabad.

Duration:

March 2006 to July 2009 (3 1/2 years)

OUT COMES:

- 320 illiterate women got education up to primary level.
- Mind set of the villagers have been changed regarding sanitation and health.

- We Health improved and deceased diseases especially in infants.
- Provided facility of drinking water more then3500 people.
- Linkages developed between Parliamentarians, law enforcement agencies, general public, intellectuals etc. and AA is playing role of bridge between all stake holders.
- Center women capacity built through technical and management training and they have been motivated that by using local resources generate their income.

14.Project Title: Reduction of human rights violation through multi dimensional Interventions.

Donor:

Norwegian Human Rights Fund (NHRF).

Duration:

January 2008 to December 2008 (Phase I). July 2009 to June 2010 (Phase II).

Areas:

Ditstrict Mansehra and Abbottabad

Main activities.

- Capacity Building: (Para legal literacy) for male and female.
- Gender sensitization & Awareness raising Campaign through workshops (for male and female), Interactive Theatres.
- Material Development.
- Linkages Development & Committees Formation

(The Project is continue / in hand).

15. Project Title: Women Empowerment through

Education & Infrastructure.

Donor:

MISEREOR - Germany

Areas:

District Mansehra and Abbottabad.

Duration:

August 2009 to July 2012 (Phase II)

Main activities.

- Social Mobilization and Center Formation.
- *Vocational Center Formation in 18 villages.*

Capacity Building / Community Training.

Capacity building of women & youth through technical and management training.

- ADVOCACY & AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN.
- **♦** MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT
- Staff Training / Capacity Building / Human and Institutional Development (HID)
- Provision of Fuel Saving Stove / Solar Energy Stove.
- Linkages development between general public, intellectuals, target community, sales market etc.

(The Project is continue / in hand).

16. Reduction of Corporal Punishment in

Government & Private Schools (RCP).

Donor:

KIOS – The Finnish NGO foundation for Human Rights Finland.

Duration:

September 2009 to August 2010.

Areas:

District Mansehra.

ACTIVITIES:

- Consultative meetings with education department
- ➤ Meetings with student in Government Primary

 Schools and conduct exercises with students and

 meetings with teachers.
- ➤ Formation of 50 PTAs in 50 Govt. Primary Schools
- Conducted Teachers Training regarding
 Alternate Teaching Methodologies CRC, UDHR
 4 #
- ➤ Material development regarding reduction of punishment.
- Awareness Raising Campaign regarding Child rights through Local Cable & FM Radio.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF AURAT ASSOCIATION STAFF

Aurat Association staff got the following Trainings from different organizations through different donors.

TRAININGS:

- 1. Role of NGOs in Rural Development.
- 2. Para legal Training.
- 3. Gender Capacity Building.
- 4. Report and Proposal Writing.

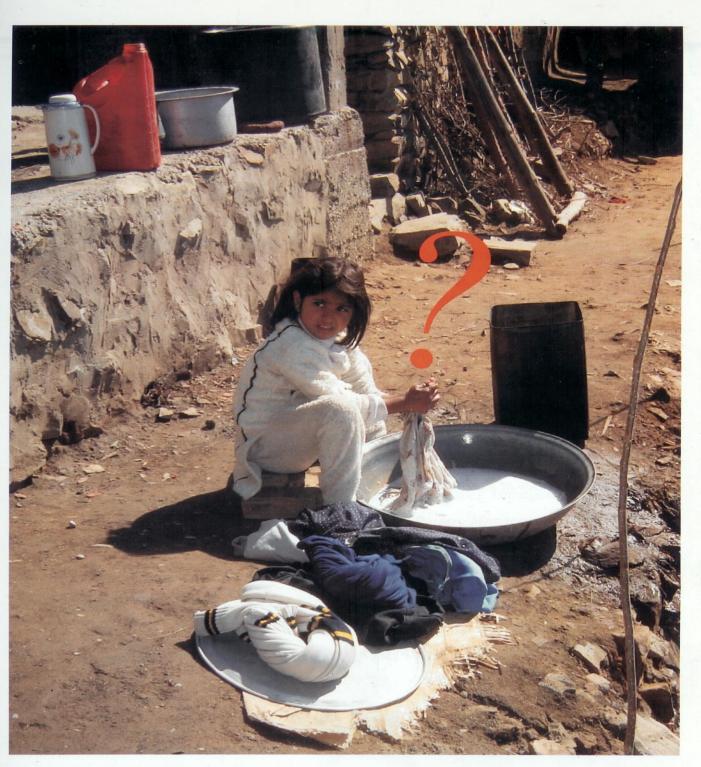
- 5. Study of GRAMEEN BANK BANGLADESH
 MODEL and replicated aurat association
 working Area.
- 6. Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC).
- 7. Basic concept of Human Rights.
- 8. Social Democracy and Justice.
- 9. Religious freedom.
- 10. PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal).
- 11. EDP (Enterprise Development Program).
- 12. Conceptualizing an enterprise Development program Phase I (EDP).
- 13. Designing of Interventions for an Enterprise

 Development Program Phase II (EDP).
- 14. Health and Sanitation.
- 15. SWOT analysis.
- 16. Right integration in programs and projects.
- 17. Logical Framework Analysis (LFA).
- 18. Food Preservation (Jam, Jelly, Detergent Making).
- 19. Field Office Management.
- 20. PTAs Formation.
- 21. Latrine Construction / Health and Sanitation.
- 22. Live Stock Management.
- 23. Poultry Management Training.
- 24. Management of Micro Finance Program.
- 25. Financial Management.
- 26. Functional Literacy Training.
- 27. Textile Painting.
- 28. Paper Mashie Training.

PUBLICATION OF AURAT ASSOCIATION

- 1. Gender Equity in Islam. (English/Urdu).
- 2. Socio, Economic & Political situation of Mansehra Women. (Urdu).
- 3. Local Government System 2000.
- 4. Registration of Marriages & Dissolution of Marriages Laws.
- 5. Violation of Women Rights.
- 6. Credit Policy of Aurat Association.
- 7. Children and our responsibilities.
- 8. 44 Nos. of Quarterly Newsletters.
- 9. Birth Registration.
- 10. Lucent Examples.
- 11. Computerized National Identity Card.
- 12. Yours Vote.
- 13. Gena Aacha lagta hay. HIV/AIDS.
- 14. Documentary Film "Pathos of Highlands".
- 15. Table Calendar 2008

- 16. Audio Cassettes containing human rights songs in Hindko language.
- 17. Wall calendars for Year 2010 containing women & Child rights.
- 18. Video of Theater Play "Kaisa Ghar Kaisey Jannat."
- 19. Booklets on legal protection for working women against sexual Harassment.
- 20. Booklets on Child Rights.
- 21. Booklets on torture against women.



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