



## **FINAL REPORT**

# **Christian Community Devastated by Mob Violence in Jarawala Pakistan 2023**



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## Location of the Project:

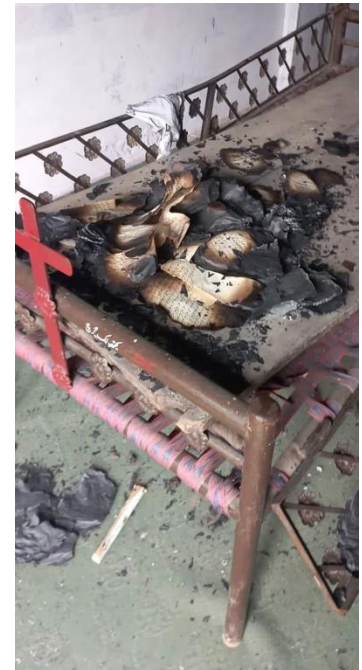
Sr.No	Name of the Area
1.	Esa Nagri- Jarawala Faisalabad
2.	Christian Town - Jarawala Faisalabad

## Project Background:

Horrible incident happened on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 in Jarawala -Faisalabad Pakistan. This incident not only affected the people's homes/churches but left unforgeable memory in Christian people's mind especially the kids, this will be the lifetime trauma for this generation and may be next generation will be affected too because of this trauma.

According to Local reports and interviews people explained that torn pages of the Quran, with alleged blasphemous content written on them, were discovered near Jaranwala's Isa Nagri (Christian colony) area, triggering one of the worst spells of violence against the minority community in recent years.

The Salvation Army Church in Jaranwala was among the five churches vandalised. Videos on social media showed a handful of men on the roof of the church, the largest in the city, attacking its front facade and attempting to dislodge the cross on top. Some of the purported videos on social media showed police officials standing amid the crowd of onlookers as the attackers continued vandalising the churches.



Houses, businesses and graveyards belonging to the Christian community were also targeted as violence gripped the city of 230,000.



A total of 21 churches were burnt, and more than 200 houses have been destroyed and burnt. People were evacuated from homes otherwise no doubt they would have been killed too.

## **PROJECT BENEFICIARIES:**

**Beneficiaries:** 50 affected families and 50 School going affected children, total 100 beneficiaries



## **GOAL OF THE PROJECT:**

1. To provide Food and house item to 50 families in Esa Nagri and Christian Town - Jarawala Faisalabad- Pakistan.
2. To provide Christian Bibles in Urdu Language to 50 families Esa Nagri and Christian Town - Jarawala Faisalabad- Pakistan.
3. To provide school supplies to 50 children in Esa Nagri and Christian Town - Jarawala Faisalabad-Pakistan.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:**

1. The project seeks to provide Food and house items to 50 affected families.
2. This project seeks to provide Christian bibles to 50 affected families.
3. The Project seeks to provide school supplies to 50 school going affected children.

## **ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN:**

*Following activities were undertaken to implement the project.*

1. As the funds were transferred in the account of Agape Pakistan right after that Agape Pakistan planned to utilize Funds to purchase following item:
  - a) Food (20kg 50 bags of Wheat flour),
  - b) House items (queen size 50 Comforters and 50 boxes of 76-piece dinner set).
  - c) 50 Christian Urdu language Bibles for 50 Christian families.



d) School supplies (pencils, eraser, sharpener, notebooks, bags, and uniforms) for 50 school going children.

2. Executive Secretary Ms. Asia Gill and National Program Coordinator Disaster Management Mr. Noel Anjum informed our local community organizer Mr. Qaser about the Project implementation and sent Project plan to him for further proceedings of Distribution.

3. Mr. Qaser ( local community organizer from Jarawala ) started his preparations and made lists of 100 affected families and children. And it was important to select the very deserving families and children.

4. Mr. Qaser made lists and issued tokens to affected/deserving 50 families and 50 children of Jarawala District Faisalabad Pakistan.

5. The Local Development Committee (LDCs) (consists of local people, was formed by Mr. Qaser to choose the most deserving people affected by this incident. LDCs also helped the organization in deciding for distribution locations and played main role to keep discipline and avoid fights during the distribution of items which is very important because **people are so deserving and need everything, and they**



**sometimes attack on RELIEF TEAM AND TRY TO SNATCH EVERY THING FROM THEM.** Discipline is always the biggest challenge in affected areas according to our experience. But Agape Pakistan team has 17 years of experience now to work in the field during emergencies and other disasters. That's why they are very expert now to handle this kind of challenge.

6. National Program Coordinator Mr. Noel Anjum and Executive Secretary Ms. Asia Gill were also present with emergency the Team of Jarawala Faisalabad and they also paid regular visits for the purpose of monitoring of the planned activities of the Project. Mr. Noel Anjum and Ms. Asia Gill travelled from main city Faisalabad to



affected areas (Esa Nagri and Christian town) for the better implementation and monitoring of the Project.

7. Purchase committee was nominated by Executive Secretary Ms. Asia Gill, and it was consisting of Finance Officer Mr. Raiz Masih, National Coordinator Mr. Noel Anjum to conducted market survey of Faisalabad District for the purpose of price quotations of Wheat flour, dinner sets, comforter, Urdu language Christian bibles and school supplies. After conducting of the survey, the committee gave the Report to Agape office and then finally Agape Pakistan purchased all the items.



8. Purchase Committee ensured that the vender met the quality, Quantity and delivery of the goods provided in time. Moreover, original Recites and bills were provided by the vender.



9. Mr. Qaser selected the two-distribution points in both affected areas for Agape Team to distribute items among 100 families in Jarawala Faisalabad. During selection of Venues for distribution safety & Security of people and staff was kept in mind by local organizer. At each distribution an average of 50 families were present (50+50=100).

#### 10. Distribution Ceremonies were arranged in accordance with the needs of the area. Below mentioned points were considered:

- Tokens were provided to the families before the distribution.
- The beneficiary was provided with food and non-food items in an organized and disciplined way so that the dignity of the beneficiary was not degraded.
- Food and non-food items for 100 people were distributed in two different places.
- A distribution format was prepared which includes the following information.
  - a) Full name
  - b) Father name

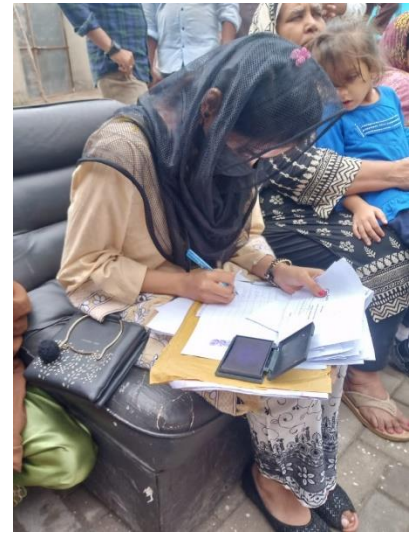




- c) Full Address
- d) Signature /thumb impression
- e) No. of family members

**Means of verification that the beneficiaries have received the specified item.**

- Tokens were given to the beneficiaries by the Agape Pakistan with the logos of Agape Pakistan.
- Original receipts and bills of purchased items.
- Agape Pakistan has a Distribution list format and attendance sheet that will be used as evidence that the beneficiary has received goods.



**Outcome:**

- After receiving the goods affected Families got relaxation that they can spend 30 days with this food package and more than 30 days with non-food items.
- And deserving people got some time to



focus on finding some work/jobs for themselves and their families.

- Since Christian families' homes got burnt along with all the belongings that's why they were so happy to receive bibles again for their families and for themselves and



this shows their strong faith in God and they proofed, no matter what happened with them they are still strong in faith.

- Local development committees are now united & strong enough than before because they worked hard in emergency for the development of local Christian community and also, they have a strong relationship with Agape Pakistan.

### **Future Plan:**

The Christian communities of Jarawala District Faisalabad have so many problems due to this incident. The major need for food and non-food items of families has been taken care of with the help of our generous partners, but problems and needs are more than this due to burnt and broken homes. Major and big need of **renovation of the homes** have been shared by local Christian community because most homes DO NOT HAVE ROOFS and in winter season it will be challenge for them to live without doors, windows and roofs.

The other biggest need is the **Christian school** because Christian children are still in trauma, and they are scared to go to Muslims schools and Government schools after this incident.

Therefore, Christian communities has shared with our team if they would have Christian in the area that will be very helpful for them to send their children to school without any fear in their minds and children's mind.

We request to our generous partners to please consider the current needs of the Jarawala areas and support Agape Pakistan with your gifts and prayers to work for needy and deserving people in future.

**God bless you all,**

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