

Baithak 2025: Blooming, Fiercely.



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Baithak - Challenging Taboos



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Preface

Blooming, Fiercely is Baithak's annual impact report, a deep dive - a hymn, a note of our journey, purpose, and the values that continue to shape our work. It is a moment to reflect on our roots, what and how has been nurtured, and recognize the care, solidarity, and collective effort that allow our work to grow.

In nature, we often find quiet lessons on resilience. Within it exist colours of sisterhood, the presence of solidarity, and echoes of care and purpose. Flowers have long been powerful symbols across different schools of thought, from ancient Greek philosophy to Eastern philosophy and spirituality to Existentialism & Environmentalism. They have been a source of abstract concepts and associations offering a natural bridge between human reflection and the rhythms of the world around us.



At the heart of a flower's existence is alignment, the quiet commitment to becoming what it was meant to be. The journey of a flower from a seed to roots, buds, and finally, petals unfolding into bloom is more than a natural process. It is a reminder that growth is gradual and grounded. It teaches us how something small, when nurtured with care and held firmly in its roots, can slowly take form and fulfil its purpose.

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Like flowers, we remain rooted in our values, rising with intention, and blooming together.





About Us



Baithak - Challenging Taboos is a grassroots-led, women-led, feminist organization that works to strengthen community-led efforts for improving girls' and women's sexual and reproductive health and rights, climate, and gender justice across Pakistan.



Our work begins in communities that are often overlooked in decision-making spaces: underserved, migrant, and climate-affected communities, where girls and women have limited access to information, opportunities to reflect, learn, and express themselves, and meaningful ways to participate in shaping their lives.



In these contexts, silence around gender, health, and rights is often enforced through socio-cultural norms and structural barriers. Baithak works to challenge and mitigate those silences.





We support young girls and women, grassroots activists, and frontline workers to understand their rights, strengthen leadership and advocacy, and organize within their communities. Alongside this, we engage government actors, civil society, and institutions to strengthen gender-responsive approaches to climate action, gender-based violence prevention, and community wellbeing. We also work with young boys and men on positive masculinities, male allyship, and gender based violence prevention.



Our work spans community organizing, feminist leadership and movement-building, capacity strengthening for grassroots organizations, and policy advocacy. Across all of this, Baithak centers lived experiences and indigenous knowledge, ensuring that solutions are co-created with the people most affected by injustice and inequities.

In 2025, this approach allowed us not only to expand our reach, but to deepen the impact of our work across multiple regions.



Our Mission

Our mission is to enable grassroots communities to advance reproductive health and rights for girls and women by creating safe spaces for reflection, dialogue, and learning. We center indigenous knowledge and lived experiences, ensuring that the realities, needs, and aspirations of girls and women guide programs, policies, and advocacy.

Through partnerships with youth leaders, civil society organizations, and government stakeholders, we work to strengthen feminist leadership, build resilient movements, and amplify grassroots voices in national and global advocacy spaces.

Our Vision

We envision a society where every girl and woman (in all their diversities) has resources, safety, and agency to make informed decisions about her health and wellbeing. And women's reproductive health access across Pakistan.



Our Core Values

Baithak's work is grounded in feminist values that guide how we show up, who we center, and how we remain accountable to the communities we work with.

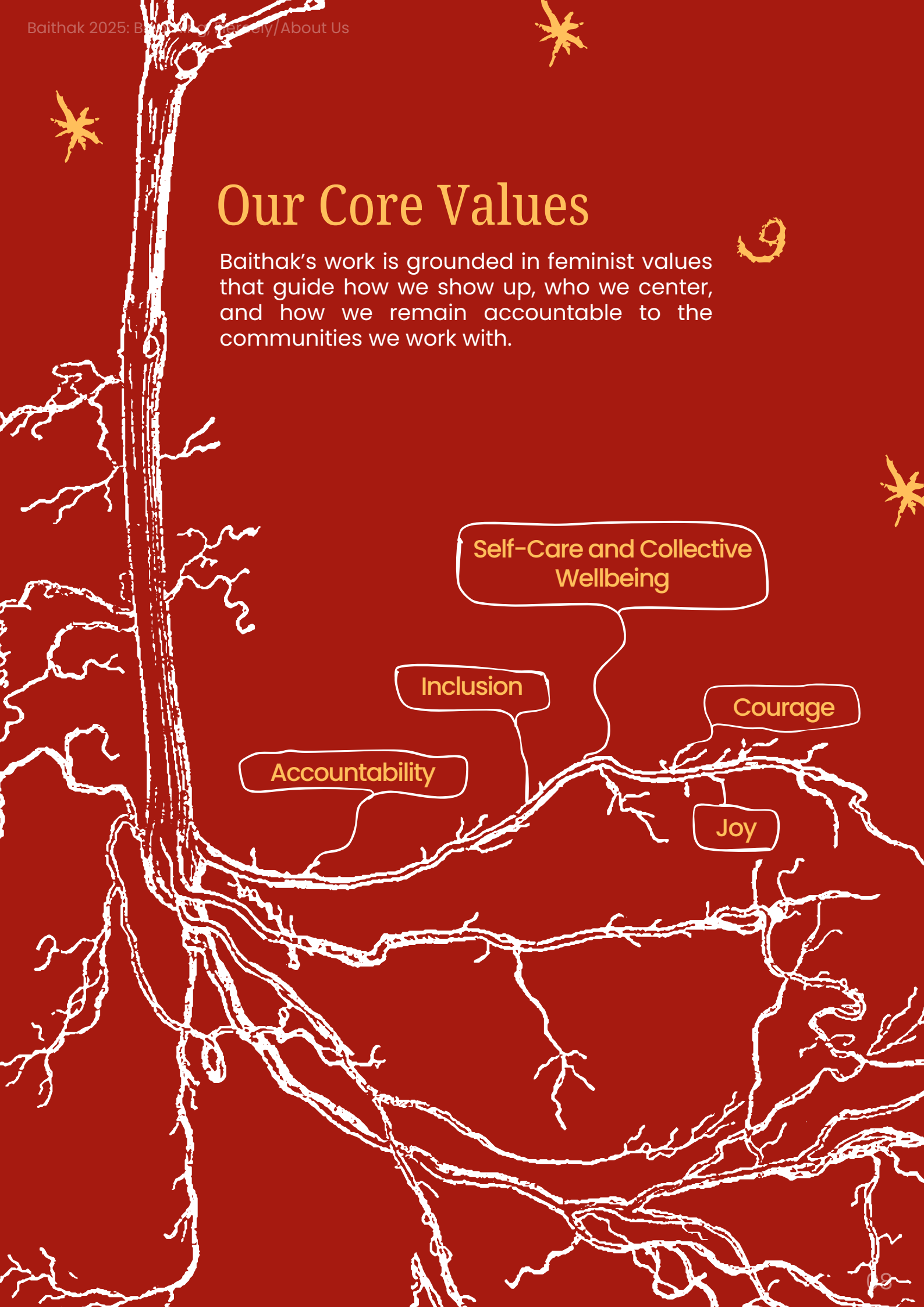
Self-Care and Collective Wellbeing

Inclusion

Courage

Accountability

Joy



Why 2025 Mattered?

For Baithak, 2025 marked a year of deepening impact. Over the past few years, we have worked to create spaces where young people, women, and grassroots activists can speak openly about issues often surrounded by silence, including gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and climate injustice.

In 2025, we began to see these efforts take deeper root.

The year unfolded within complex social, political, and climate-affected contexts that continue to disproportionately impact girls and women. Persistent stigma around SRHR, shrinking civic spaces, and increasing economic and environmental pressures reinforced the urgency of community-led feminist responses.

In this moment, we reaffirmed our belief that dialogue, learning, advocacy, and collective co-creation with communities, young people, civil society, and government are essential to meaningful and long-term change.

We saw participants who once joined Baithak spaces as learners begin facilitating conversations in their own communities. Grassroots activists stepped into stronger leadership roles, and discussions that began in small groups expanded into wider community engagement.



Our work also moved beyond dialogue. Through capacity strengthening, partnerships, and advocacy, Baithak engaged grassroots organizations, community leaders, and institutions to advance gender-responsive climate action, wellbeing, and gender justice. During the year, we also supported grassroots organizations and community groups through small grants, enabling them to lead initiatives rooted in their own contexts and priorities.

More than anything, 2025 reminded us that the change we work toward is possible. Across communities, we saw courage, leadership, and collective action emerging in places where these conversations once felt impossible. At the same time, it was a year of organizational learning and reflection. As Baithak expanded its reach and partnerships, we remained committed to listening closely to communities, adapting our approaches, and staying grounded in our values of inclusion, care, courage, and joy.



Baithak's Philosophy in Practice

Baithak's engagements are informed by the belief that sustainable feminist transformation happens when communities are recognized as leaders of their own learning and action.

In 2025, this value underpinned all our engagements, ranging from provincial-level dialogues with the government through **Capacity-building & Rights-based Climate Action (CRCA)**, partnerships with CSOs through **Grassroots Resilience for Climate and Gender Equity (GRACE)**, feminist movement building and leadership through **BehnChara Collective (BCC)**, and school-level engagements through Asaani, to emergency responses during floods.

In all these, our engagement strategy remained participatory, where instead of providing answers, we facilitated spaces for reflection, dialogue, and decision-making with those most impacted.

Through the provision of knowledge, skills, and resources directly to grassroots leaders, including micro-grants, we facilitated communities to lead initiatives and take ownership of them. Safe spaces, whether in classrooms, community meetings, or field visits, facilitated open discussions on taboo topics such as gender, body autonomy, and rights, and built solidarity among participants. At the same time, we linked grassroots findings to larger institutional spaces, ensuring that experiences shaped policy debates and collective actions.





In addition to our grassroots-level engagements, innovative approaches and knowledge products helped give voice to the grassroots, making learning and advocacy culturally relevant and participatory.



Responsiveness has been an important aspect of all programs, whether it is responding to emerging needs in flood situations or modifying a session to suit the context, and we have made it a point to listen, learn, and act together. The growth, confidence, and leadership that have been observed in 2025 are a result of Baithak's philosophy, which we will continue to do in 2026.

Impact

In 2025, Baithak's work unfolded across multiple regions of Pakistan through partnerships, community dialogues, training, and collaborative initiatives. These engagements brought together young people, grassroots activists, civil society organizations, and institutions to learn from one another, reflect on shared challenges, and explore collective responses.

230

Community sessions facilitated across themes of health, rights, gender, and climate justice.

32 Districts across Pakistan (in Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan, KPK, GB, and AJK), reflecting a growing number of community-led engagement. 9 districts were specifically reached as part of the 2025 flood response efforts.

29

Civil society organizations partnered with, strengthening collaborations and collective advocacy efforts.

11,000+

Menstrual kits and 500+ safe delivery kits provided during crisis response efforts of floods in 2025.

214

Grassroots activists, frontline workers, teachers, and government actors trained, strengthening their capacity to facilitate discussions around climate and gender, respond to challenges, sustain community-led initiatives, and make their departments period-friendly.

07

Gender Action Plans, indicating gender-responsive climate action and response, formulated by the provincial and district disaster management authorities of Sindh.

26 **Consultations with government actors** and institutions, contributing to dialogue on gender-responsive policies and practices.

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Civil society organizations partnered with, strengthening collaborations and collective advocacy efforts.

Our work impacted the lives of approximately

160,000

girls and women leading to the strengthened understanding of their rights, confidence in decision-making, and participation in community processes.

07

Small grants provided to grassroots groups and initiatives, enabling locally led responses on gender and climate justice.

Feminist Movement Building & Leadership

Through BehnChara Collective (BCC) and other community initiatives, 2025 was a year of growth, connection, and shared learning for young women and grassroots leaders. These spaces became more than gatherings, they were circles of sisterhood and solidarity, where participants could speak openly about the challenges often silenced in everyday life, from access to healthcare and mobility to asserting decision-making and bodily autonomy.



We learned that movement building is inseparable from care and reflection. Our **Hope, Healing, and Resistance Circles** became intentional spaces for women to share their experiences, process difficult realities, and find support from one another.

The conversations within these circles revealed the intimate relationship between resistance and healing, serving as a reminder that sustaining social change requires not only courage and advocacy, but also collective care.

Stories of Change:

Across these spaces, stories of change began to emerge in quiet but meaningful ways.



For Aftab from Talhar in District Badin, the BCC became something deeply personal. Reflecting on the experience, she described it as **"a space where all the sisters can speak, listen, sit, and decide."** In a community where the idea of women gathering together openly once felt unfamiliar, Aftab began facilitating monthly circles where girls and women could meet, share their experiences, reflect on issues shaping their lives, and strengthen their leadership and advocacy skills.

In the beginning, many participants arrived shy and hesitant, unsure of what it meant to sit together and speak openly. Over time, these spaces began to change. Conversations that once felt difficult became possible, and women began finding strength in each other's presence.

One issue that often surfaced in these conversations was the persistence of child and forced marriages in the area. Aftab shared how, over the past months, she has witnessed small but meaningful shifts. Girls have begun asking questions, expressing their concerns, and speaking more openly about decisions that affect their lives. For Aftab, seeing this shift unfold has been deeply moving.

“This feels like a lifetime achievement for me”, she reflected, describing the sense of trust and ownership that women in her community have begun to feel toward the space they built together. Through this journey, Aftab also discovered something new about herself. While she had long identified as a schoolteacher, she began to recognize her own ability to organize, communicate, and bring people together.



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“This feels like a lifetime achievement for me. I did not call myself an activist before but through the BehnChara Collective, now I proudly carry this identity with me.”

- Aftab, BCC Activist

Similar reflections emerged from Baneen in Larkana, who has been working with school-going girls through her initiative Illumination of Hope. Through conversations on climate justice, gender-based violence, and sexual and reproductive health, she has been creating spaces where young girls can speak openly and build confidence in their own voices. For Baneen, the experience of BehnChara was transformative not only for her work but also for how she saw herself as a leader. **“Through BehnChara, I have been able to educate myself,”** she shared. **“I feel more confident in my ability to lead, organise, and advocate.”**



What began as a safe space for her soon extended to the girls she worked with. She described the collective as something that **“seeped its way”** into the spaces she was creating, shaping how conversations were held and how support was offered. In her words, **BehnChara came to represent honesty, commitment, compassion, hope, and support;** values that now guide the spaces she facilitates with young girls in her community.



Responding to Crisis & Community Needs

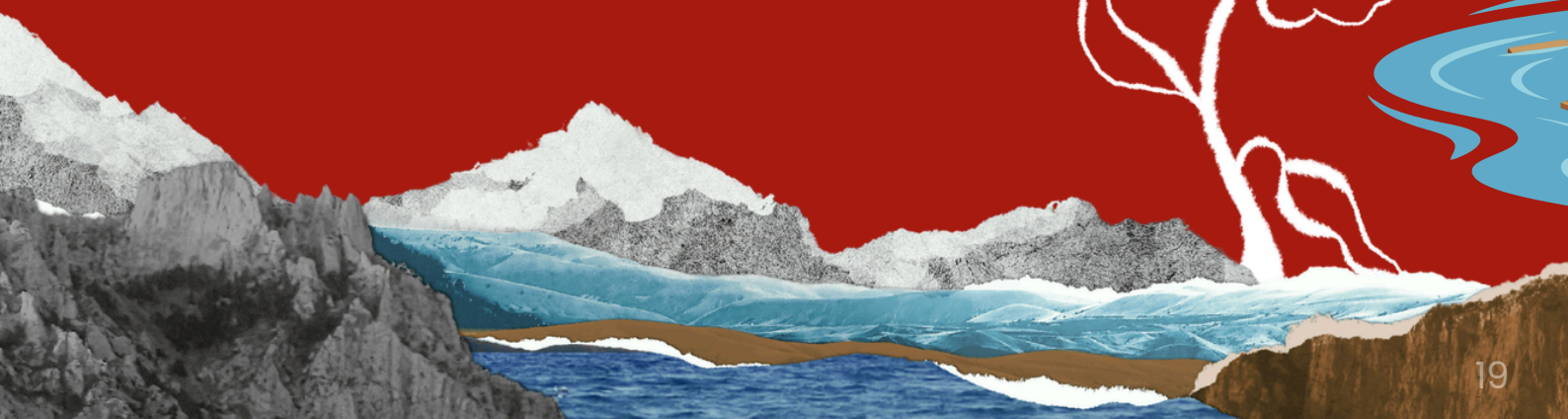
Baithak has long stood alongside communities navigating climate-related challenges, from floods and earthquakes to infrastructure damage that shapes daily life. Women and girls face the heaviest burdens during these disruptions, with limited access to healthcare, safety, and essential resources.

Through the ongoing engagement with local partners and BCC members, we responded to the floods by coordinating fundraising, procuring menstrual and maternal health products, packaging them, and ensuring their transport to affected areas in GB, KP and Punjab, mobilizing support where it was most required.

Behnchara Emergency Fund and Crisis Support

The Behnchara Emergency Fund has been a critical part of this work, enabling timely support to individuals and communities during crises. Whether it was ensuring menstrual and safe delivery supplies reached affected areas or supporting communities to navigate immediate challenges, the Fund has allowed action to meet urgent needs without delay.

To strengthen those on the frontlines, we also developed a [Gender-Responsive Flood Relief Checklist for CSOs and Frontline Workers](#), offering practical guidance to keep relief efforts attentive to gendered realities and the safety and dignity of women and girls. Read the distribution report [here](#).



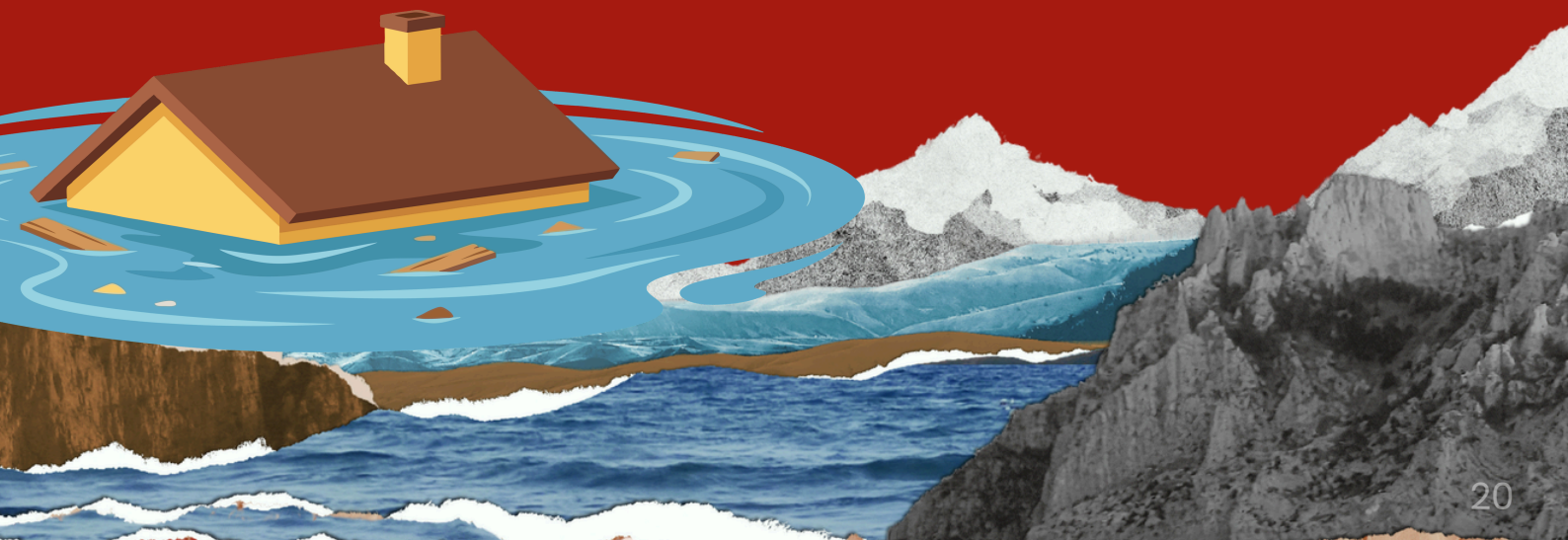
Stories of Change:

When the floods swept through communities, members of BCC quietly began reaching out, checking in on their communities, and listening to stories that often went unheard in broader relief efforts. They witnessed everyday struggles that followed: missing menstrual products from relief distributions, limited privacy and sanitation facilities, and the overlooked needs of pregnant women and adolescent girls.

In Gilgit-Baltistan, Muheen from District Ghizer responded by creating spaces of care within her community. Drawing on the trust she had built through local BehnChara gatherings, she began facilitating small healing circles where women could speak openly about the losses and uncertainty they were experiencing after the floods. These gatherings offered a moment to pause, reflect, and share the emotional weight



many women were carrying while continuing to manage the responsibilities of daily life. For Muheen, the relationships built through BehnChara had already created a foundation of sisterhood and openness, making it possible for women to come together even during a time of crisis.



In South Punjab, Adeeba Amin from Multan focused her attention on another reality that had surfaced during the floods: the experiences of pregnant women and new mothers navigating disaster conditions. During her visits to flood-affected areas, she began noticing how women who had given birth during or shortly after the crisis were carrying deep emotional stress and trauma, yet very few spaces existed for them to process these experiences. Reflecting on this, Adeeba shared,

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“As an activist from South Punjab, I realized how urgent it is to ensure that those women are cared for. Those wounds need space to heal.”

- Adeeba, BCC Activist



Through the BehnChara Grants 2025, Adeeba was able to continue documenting these realities and advocating for greater attention to maternal mental health and emotional wellbeing in disaster response. Her work has opened conversations around care, resilience, and support for women whose experiences often remain invisible within humanitarian narratives.

Strengthening Knowledge & Community Engagement

Baithak's work this year continued to grow through conversations; slow, thoughtful and often intimate exchanges that revealed how communities understand and navigate their own realities. Consultations, research, dialogue and listening spaces became moments to pause with people, learn from their experiences, and reflect on what support truly means in their contexts. Our approach

remained rooted in the understanding that communities hold deep knowledge, and that meaningful work must begin by honouring what they already know.

Across Sindh and Punjab, study drives invited young people, educators, women, and local stakeholders to speak about the everyday negotiations of health, care, and rights. These engagements took place in Thatta, Badin, Matiari, and Dadu, while in Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Attock, Chakwal, and Gujrat. Each of these conversations brought forward perspectives that often remain unheard in formal policy discussions, encouraging communities to raise their own questions, articulate concerns, and share what possibilities they imagine for themselves.



Field visits in GB and KP brought us closer to communities through climate-related disasters. Women, young girls, local leaders, and frontline workers reflected on the gaps they repeatedly encounter; limited preparedness systems, uneven access to healthcare, and response mechanisms that often overlook gendered needs. What communities share with us does not end in reports; their insights form the soil from which future initiatives will grow, ensuring Baithak's work remains rooted in lived realities.



Alongside these engagements, Baithak developed several knowledge products shaped not only by the insights shared with us, but also our own experiences, observations, and learnings from the field. These include:

- Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management (MHM) training tools for teachers and facilitators in both English and Urdu, ensuring accessibility across diverse learning environments

Each resource reflects a commitment to making knowledge participatory, created with communities, refined through feedback, and used by those working closest to them. What emerged through this work was not only information, but a shared understanding that knowledge grows strongest when it is collective, contextual, and grounded in lived experiences.

Reimagining Masculinities & Engaging Men as Allies

Our work on gender-based violence prevention in 2025 focused on engaging young boys and men in critical conversations around masculinity, power, and responsibility. Through these spaces, participants reflected on how gender norms shape their own lives and the lives of those around them, and began to question and unlearn harmful expectations.



These conversations remained grounded in everyday realities, from relationships within families to roles in communities, encouraging young men to think about care, accountability, and the choices they make. Through reflective training in 5 districts in Sindh, young men were supported to understand concepts of positive masculinities and allyship.

After the training, they facilitated conversations within their own communities, engaging other boys and men in dialogue and extending these reflections beyond the initial spaces. This work contributed to building a growing network of young men who are not only questioning harmful norms, but also taking small, meaningful steps toward more equitable and non-violent ways of being.



Supporting Teachers to Lead MHM Education

This year also carried forward our work with teachers in government and community-based schools in Jamshoro, Dadu, Thatta, Badin, and Khairpur. What guided this work was a quiet intention to support the adults who stand closest to young learners, and to offer them tools that make conversations about menstrual health and dignity both possible and comfortable.

After the training, teachers returned to their classrooms and began holding sessions with students from Grade 6 to 8. For many students, these were the first moments where someone spoke to them openly, without embarrassment or silence, about the changes their bodies go through. Teachers often shared that these conversations softened the atmosphere in their classrooms, turning curiosity and confusion into understanding.





STEREOTYPE

Are periods a secret?

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PERIOD PAHELI

MYTH STATEMENT

I can go near plants on my period, they won't die!

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HOW TO PLAY

- Gather your friends/ cousins / sisters and see who can get BINGO first!
- Colour the boxes that are true to you.
- If you get five in a row (across, up and down, or diagonal), shout BINGO!
- It's all about sharing, learning, and knowing that you're not alone!

BINGO

Skipped school because of your periods	Asked a friend to check if your clothes were stained	Heard about a period-related health issue (like Polycystic Ovary Syndrome)
Had irregular periods	Used a period tracking app	Comforted a friend during her period
Craved junk food or sweets	Got your period at the same time as your bestie or sister	Changed your pad on time
Had really bad cramps	Talked to someone about period myth	Took a warm shower to feel better
Fell irritated or moody	Felt bloated	Helped someone learn how to use a pad

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To accompany them in this work, we created a teacher's toolbox. Inside were fun, engaging games to spark discussion, art supplies, and emergency menstrual kits for students who might need support in managing their period during the school days.



Policy Advocacy with the Government

Our engagement with government actors has always been guided by a simple principle: **those who make decisions must hear directly from the communities most affected.** This year, dialogues with officials, including a focused convening in Karachi and Badin, created space for reflection on how disaster preparedness and climate planning could better account for gender, equity, and social inclusion. These conversations surfaced the everyday realities of women, girls, and other marginalized groups during climate crises, ensuring that policy discussions were grounded in lived experiences rather than abstract frameworks.

With this ongoing work, **the Capacity-building and Rights-based Climate Action (CRCA)** project played a pivotal role. Through CRCA, we partnered with the **Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA)** and **District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs)** across Sindh to strengthen gender-responsive practices and improve coordination with CSOs. Needs assessment workshops helped uncover gaps in disaster response systems, while multi-day capacity-building training equipped government staff to consider gendered impacts and integrate inclusive approaches in their planning.

The dialogue and training processes resulted in the creation of district-level Gender Action Plans, designed to serve as living tools that guide more accountable and inclusive disaster management. By bridging grassroots knowledge with institutional systems, these efforts not only strengthened government capacity but also amplified youth and community voices in shaping climate and disaster governance.

Provincial and District-level Dialogues Photo Gallery



Amplifying Grassroots Voices Globally

In 2025, Baithak continued to ensure that the lived experiences, insights, and priorities of grassroots communities across Pakistan were brought into global conversations. By participating and co-creating international advocacy spaces, we connected local realities with broader policy discussions, building solidarity, visibility, and influence beyond our immediate communities.



Through engagement in forums such as the 9th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum in Bangkok, Young South Asian Leaders Initiative (YSALI) in Bangladesh, Conference of Parties (COP) 30 in Brazil, and the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025 in Colombia, Baithak shared community-led research, case studies, and evidence-based recommendations. These engagements highlighted critical intersections between reproductive health, gender justice, climate resilience, masculinities, and feminist leadership, ensuring that the voices of those most affected informed global dialogues and policy considerations.



We also presented our male engagement initiative, Masculinity Manifesto, at the International Conference on Family Planning in Colombia as a community-rooted approach to reimagining masculinities and preventing gender-based violence.



Our engagement also extended into more intimate & community-centered global spaces. In Cali, Colombia, a leadership workshop brought together young people and community members to reflect voice, agency, and feminist leadership. These exchanges created opportunities for shared learning across contexts, reinforcing that the challenges and aspirations around gender justice and rights resonate across borders, while also strengthening connections between grassroots movements globally.



What our partners say



“As mentor for the Gender Just Climate Solutions (GJCS) awardees, I had the chance to visit Pakistan and meet many of Baithak’s board members and staff in September 2025.

My experience working with Baithak was truly inspiring. I could witness first-hand how this unique civil society organisation engages with communities with an unwavering commitment to centering the voices and experiences of marginalized women and girls in all their diversities. Baithak initiated safe spaces, the BehnChara Sisterhood Collective, where young women use art to articulate their struggles and hopes, challenge deep-seated taboos while building trust and self-confidence through feminist pedagogy. The sessions are real catalysts for positive change. Baithak also works with men as allies to fight against stereotypes, gender-based violence and foster positive masculinities.



What our partners say

This work is critically important in Pakistan’s current context, where recurrent torrential rains, catastrophic floods, displacement, and systemic gender inequalities severely affect rural women. Baithak’s gender-inclusive climate toolkit - GICA - adopted by disaster management authorities - addresses a glaring gap: policies tend to overlook gender-specific needs in crisis response. By training over 100 district authorities' staff and integrating grassroots recommendations into district plans, they are shifting institutional mindsets, even if progress is incremental.”

**Anne Barre, Gender and Climate
Senior Expert and Mentor, WECF**



What our partners say



“I particularly appreciated Baithak’s work in bringing a comprehensive approach to menstrual health and dignity, whether through their peer education approach, communications work, research, or educational materials.

I value the strong communications lens in this work. The development of engaging materials and toolkits that are accessible and interactive makes learning about menstrual health more approachable, fun and helps young people engage with the topic in a positive and empowering way. I also really appreciate how proactive the team is in communications and how they work with other partners in the ecosystem collectively, not just as an individual organisation. This collaborative approach really strengthens the impact of their work.”

**Dr. Haya Solaiman,
Global Advocacy Officer, Fòs
Feminista**

What our partners say



“Baithak’s community-rooted approach and integrity make them exceptional grassroots partners. Through our collaboration on the Asani Project, we are working together to eradicate period poverty and stigma so girls can stay in school with confidence and dignity every day of the month while building a scalable blueprint for period-friendly schools in Pakistan.”

**Tasneem Ghogawala,
Founder and Chair, TASSEL Inc**

Carrying 2025 Into 2026

As we move into 2026, Baithak continues to carry forward the energy, learning, and relationships built throughout 2025. The year behind us was shaped by powerful shifts that happen when communities feel seen and heard. These small, personal, and grounded in trust moments continue to guide how we work and what we imagine possible for the year ahead.



Throughout 2025, we expanded our commitment to creative activism, using art, storytelling, and participatory learning to bring complex issues into everyday language and everyday spaces. The guides, visual stories, and research briefs developed during the year remain living tools, designed as resources that communities and partners can shape, adapt, and carry forward. They now form the foundation for our 2026 learning and engagement work.

What defined 2025 for us was an intentional rhythm; moving with communities rather than ahead of them, listening deeply, and designing initiatives that honour lived experiences. As we step into 2026, these reflections continue to shape our direction, helping us strengthen what worked, reimagine what needs more care, and open space for new approaches to feminist leadership, collective healing, and community-driven advocacy.



What Are We Looking Forward to in 2026?

BehnChara Grants Implementation

The grassroots organizations supported through BehnChara grants will be taking forward initiatives across Pakistan in 2026, from Sindh to KP, and from Balochistan to Punjab. These locally led projects will focus on empowering adolescent girls and mothers in climate-affected communities, strengthening youth leadership in gender-responsive climate action, and creating safe spaces for learning, healing, and dialogue.

South Asian Menstrual Health and Dignity (MHD) Institute

A dedicated platform for learning, knowledge creation, and capacity strengthening on menstrual health and dignity. This institute will nurture educators, community leaders, and youth activists to transform understanding into practice across communities.

Feminist Archival Institute

Through documenting stories, experiences, and community knowledge, we aim to preserve feminist histories while amplifying contemporary practices, ensuring the voices of women and girls remain central in shaping social memory and action.

Period Dialogue

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Psychological First Aid (PFA) Training

Frontline community actors will be equipped with practical skills to respond to crises with care, sensitivity, and a gender-responsive approach, helping communities navigate challenges with support and empathy.

Work on Masculinities

Sessions and initiatives engaging men and young boys will continue, encouraging reflection on power, care, and accountability. These efforts aim to build inclusive, violence-free communities where men act as allies in gender justice and reproductive health.

Collaboration with Government

Building on our engagement in 2025, we will sustain dialogue with government actors, strengthening youth participation and co-creating solutions that integrate gender and social inclusion into disaster preparedness and climate governance.

Healing and Care Spaces

Intentional spaces for reflection, emotional resilience, and collective care will be expanded, recognizing that sustaining feminist organizing requires attention to wellbeing, solidarity, and shared support.



Parting Note

This year, our journey bloomed in the most unexpected ways. We saw it in the women and girls who spoke openly about their struggles and dreams, in the young men who began to question what it means to be an ally, in teachers bringing new knowledge into classrooms and seeing eyes light up with understanding.

We saw it in communities where floods and crises could have drowned hope, yet together, with care and solidarity, we ensured that menstrual kits, maternal supplies, and support reached those who needed them most.

We saw it in circles of healing and reflection, where silence transformed into stories, stories into solidarity, and solidarity into action. We saw it in our dialogues with the government, where lived experiences and grassroots insights began shaping how disaster preparedness and climate action could truly include those most affected. We saw it in the quiet persistence of youth-led initiatives, and in the laughter, reflection, and courage that bind our collective work.

As we step into 2026, we carry these blooms with us. The petals of this year's growth are fragile yet strong, rooted in care, resilience, and shared purpose. They remind us that change is never a single act, but a rhythm of collective care, learning, and courage. The garden we are nurturing is alive with women, girls, and youth taking root, rising, and opening themselves to the possibilities ahead.

