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BAHAAL PROJECT | Emergency Relief and Early Recovery for the Flood Affectedes Across Pakistan

The floods of July 2010 were the worst in the history of Pakistan. After eight months flood water still remains in the village of Umed Ali Junejo located in the Union Council Jamali, of District ShahdadKot. The inhabitants of the village were still in urgent need for early recovery projects that would help them in rebuilding their lives. The beneficiary assessment team of USAID *Bahaal* project approached this village for provision of transitional Shelter. Bibi Mumtaz, a mother of six young children says that it was great blessing of Allah that He brought SRSO *Bahaal* Project team to our village. They were the first representative of an organization who came to our village to provide us aid in terms of transitional shelter.

Flood water struck the boundaries of Mumtaz's village with ruthlessness and swept away all her assets. She left her village with grief and spent five months in a relief tent at Sukkur. She went back to her village in the month of January and was shocked to see flood water still standing in her village. Her house was completely damaged by floods. She says, "I came back to my village with a slight hope that there might be something left for us to rebuild our life again but I was shocked to see the carnage of the flood water. I have lost all my life possessions, my house, my land and my cattle."

She further speaks about her miseries, "we are bound to spend our days and nights under the open sky. I was so hopeless because there was no way for us to rebuild our house. I was worried about my young children as they were getting ill due to harshness of weather and poor hygiene conditions."



Allah blessed us by sending *Bahaal* team in our village" says Mumtaz.



Mumtaz standing in her temporary kitchen



SRSO-Bahaal beneficiary assessment team registered Bibi Mumtaz for transitional shelter after verifying her details and she has been issued her first installment of Rs. 10000. “This transitional shelter is a blessing of Allah. It will bring light and hope to our lives,” expresses Bibi Mumtaz happily showing her gratitude for the *Bahaal* project.

Moreover she says, “I have received the first installment of Rs. 10,000. With it I have started construction on my house with the assistance of my neighbors and relatives. The work is going at very decent pace. I will be able to complete my one room transitional shelter soon which will protect my young children. It will be very happy moment of my life and for this I am very thankful to USAID–*Bahaal* project.”

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