



SUCCESSSTORY | **Widow gets Home**

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Zakia, aged 28 and a widow, lived in a tent with her son in village Mamarwala of UC Ghousabad in district Dera Ghazi Khan of southern Punjab, and faced lot of miseries. She had only one room house where she used to live with her son named Amir, before the flood. Zakia gets bare assistance from her father and brothers to make her ends meet.

“My husband died few years ago, of heart attack, which was the biggest loss of my life and I was, once again dependent on my father and brothers. The only thing I had was my home. At that time I was never ever thought that one day I would become shelter less, homeless”, recounts Zakia about the miseries of her life.

Zakia continues her sad story: “After my husband’s death, flood was the second big disaster for me and I lost my only property. My home was completely damaged by flood and it took all my possessions. I had very little food and all my attention was to keep my son alive and fulfill his basic need after losing all my belongings and the house”.



Figure 1:- Zakia standing near her tent.

When flood struck her village, she moved with her parents to another part of UC Gouseabad where they took refuge in an old house of a landlord. The landlord provided basic support for one month. “Before flood, my brothers supported me as I have no income source but now they also have lost

everything in flood so they are unable to help me financially. It was such a feeling of helplessness, emptiness and distress. I had no resources to reconstruct my house but I was hopeful that one day dear Allah will find a way to help me”.

Zakia then continued: “Allah sent the angels in the shape USAID Bahaal Project. They registered me for transitional shelter after the physical verification of my damaged house”. “Bahaal team also provided me the support of the contractor for the construction of transitional shelter, which is an indeed, was a great support for me. Finally, with the great assistance of USAID -Bahaal team the reconstruction of shelter is complete and now my son and I have our own home and I am much thanked full to Allah that he provides me shelter to me again through the USAID Bahaal project.



Figure 2 :-Zakia got the T.Shelter.

Looking ahead, now I can fully concentrate fully on my son’s education and health”

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