



SUCCESS STORY

Noreen finds a purpose of life!



Village Malik Nizamuddin of Union Council Makhan Samoon, District Mirpurkhas has a total population of 3000. Most of the residents are Punjabi speaking, while Bheel and Megwar communities reside in the surrounding villages. Majority of the villagers work in fields, some are engaged in labor or small business while a few are government employees.

26 years old Noreen resides in this village. She got married to her cousin when she was 21 in 2011. After one year, the couple had a baby girl who filled their life with happiness. Unfortunately her brother-in-law showed bad intentions for Noreen which resulted in her getting divorce from her husband. She started living with her parents along with her minor daughter.

Dejected but undeterred, Noreen expressed her interest and was selected as Community Health Worker. She attended the training of 11 days and started to educate others on mother and child health. She termed it as she found a new purpose in her life. Her first client was her sister Sonya who started her TT vaccination course before her marriage.

During March to May 2016, Noreen made marvelous efforts in her intervention area. She is working in an area of 700 population where she has formed four community (women) support groups and one Village Health Committee. She conducted three CSG meetings in each of her support groups and found constructive feedback from the community. Around 15 women have been referred by Noreen. She visited the nearest health facility and met the medical staff. In next visit, she went to the Basic Health Unit with eight referred women. She shares that for the very first time she felt that she must go with these women to get maximum response from the hospital staff as well as for better future correspondence of referred clients.

