

“Addressing the Plight of Widows Under BRACE”

Noor Khatoon – Income Generating Grant Beneficiary from Khuzdar

BRACE Programme Team from Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) travelled to Balochistan to explore the daily battles of Baloch and Pashtun widows as they face restrictions on inheritance, remarriage and social welfare.

Noor Khatoon from Village Zameen Kher in Union Council Bhalonk Karkh, Khuzdar has been widowed for more than 10 years. She is a mother to 4 children and her eldest is 10 years old. The death of a partner at any time can leave many women without rights to inheritance or property. The plight of widows is magnified by a long-term struggle for basic needs, human rights and dignity. Noor lives with her late husband's brother and previously relied on him for her daily financial and social needs. She had nothing of her own.

In August 2019, she received 3 goats as an Income Generating Grant under the European Union in Pakistan funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme. She is very happy to have an asset to her name. Noor works hard daily and has increased the number of goats to 5.



