“Empowering Widows under BRACE Programme”

Raheema – Income Generating Grant Beneficiary from Khuzdar

European Union in Pakistan aims to draw attention to the plight of widows and to galvanise the unique support that they need under Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme.

This Programme is an opportunity for action towards achieving full rights and recognition for widows. This includes providing them with information on access to a fair share of their inheritance, land and productive resources; pensions and social protection that are not based on marital status alone; decent work and equal pay; and education and training opportunities. Empowering widows to support themselves and their families also means addressing social stigmas that create exclusion, and discriminatory or harmful practices.

Raheema, widowed for the last 5 years, lives with her only son. She is a member of Community Organisation Bitulfut from Village Bhit in Union Council Bhalonk of District Khuzdar.

She received 3 goats as an Income Generating Grant in October 2019 with the help of Balochistan Rural Support Programme. She and her son worked very hard and increased the number of goats from 3 to 8. Since then, she has sold 2 goats and still has 6 goats, which she plans on increasing. Raheema happily declares that these goats are a tremendous support to her income.