

IGG Alleviates Rozal's Burden of her Daily Drudgery

In the village of Meer Abdul Qayum Ward Godi in union council Nodiz of district Kech, Rozal and her family of six children and husband live in a single room mud house. They collect firewood from the nearby resources to sell in the market. Rozal says, "Wood collection is the only source of our income. We leave our house for firewood collection early in the mornings and return in the late evening." Rozal and her husband made sure her six children are fed once a day at least. With her family's state being so dire none of her children could be sent to school.

She says, "We harvest/collect tree branches, woody parts for fuelwood and also the felling of trees. Then we trim down and make bundles and carried to our house maintaining a stock. Earlier, we used to carry bundles on our heads to be marketed at the roadsides. Now, as we have a donkey with a cart, my life has become easier." This used to be a daily drudgery for Rozal and this is why she decided to use her Income Generating Grant of PKR 33,400 to buy a donkey and a cart to carry fuelwood to be marketed. She says that the assets have saved her from the daily physical strain. It has also saved her time.

Now, her oldest son and husband take the cart to the surrounding villages to collect and market the firewood. Also, her son takes the donkey and cart to carry loads on villagers' demand and makes up to PKR 500 per day. And this is a sum Rozal would have found unimaginable not too long ago, after all they received the IGG one year ago.

As the IGG assets has saved Rozal's energy and time, she has now reared two goats. She says, "I spend my time looking after my livestock and children. Now, we have enough milk supply for daily consumption." She hopes to educate her youngest son who is now six years old. She finishes her story by exclaiming, "We have just improved our livelihood a bit. Alhamdulillah we are in better position now. These are the first steps; we have a long way to go."

