

Naseema's Story

54 years old Naseema lives with her husband (60 years old), and son, 14 live in a single room mud house in Gandowi village in Kuddan union council of district Kech in Balochistan.

She says, "Our financial conditions worsened when my husband became blind three years ago. Earlier he used to do daily wage based work as mason. I used to do embroidery work for the villagers, but now my eyesight is weak, I cannot see properly. My son is young, and we did not want to send him out to earn living. We begged for food from neighbours. It was difficult. Fortunately, the members of the community organisation nominated my name for a grant. I received a grant of PKR 33,400. With this money we purchased stock for a shop. We opened the shop at our home, my son and I look after the stock and earnings. As we are told to sustain and extend the items in shop, we try our level best to do so. Right now, I have stock worth PKR 45,000 and PKR 20,000 cash to purchase more items. We earn PKR 300-400 profit per day."



Ms. Naseema's home based small grocery shop is the sole source of income for her family. Her 14 years old son attend a government school. He studies in grade 8. She says, "Earlier we were dependent on neighbours for food, now we have sugar, flour, oil and other basic needs at our own home."

Income Generating Grant under BRACE Programme has smoothened the family's food consumption, and saved Nasima's 14 years old son from becoming a child labour.