

## Case Study

### “Story of a Separated Village Lady”

#### Background Information:

Sami Foundation NGO in collaboration with Concern Worldside-Rapid Fund & USAID-OFDA under the project “Provision of Fodder for Livestock to Drought Affected Households of District Tharparkar” is working in Tharparkar District with the population of 14350 individuals from two Union Councils and 26 villages of Taluka Islamkot. Tharparkar is very scattered and far-flung area and 95% population is living in more than 2400 rural villages. Union Council Sonal Beh is one of the U/C of Taluka Islamkot situated in East of Mithi including 22 villages and 1941 HHs where we are working. Sajwani village is almost 65 Km away from Mithi, 60 Km pakka road and 05 Km Kacha roads also leads to Sajwani village. Sajwani Village is placing with 263 HHs including 1298 Population, which is fodder supported beneficiaries and meet the agreed criteria. Although 31 HHs with the population of 202 individuals are not met the criteria and not fodder supported beneficiaries from same village. The people of this village are very poor and 90% house structures are made from local material called “Chounra” hut and peoples source of income is Livestock and Agriculture but Agriculture is 100% depend on rain falling and unfortunately Thar is facing famine droughts from last three years. Villager’s source of water is average 190ft deep dug wells and they are fetching water very difficult, same as the quality of underground water is not potable for drinking purpose.

#### Family Profile:

31-years Miss Niamat w/o Arbab Ali is living here in this village Sajwani since ancestors. She is only one daughter of her parents and on one another brother or sister of her. Her parents are old age and not in position of earning. They decided engagement of Miss. Niamat in childhood with her cousin (Nephew of her father). The parents thought that the Son-in-Law will support them. Finally she got married 11 years ago with his cousin as selected by her parents. After the marriage God blessed her with 03-daughters and two sons. Her husband were living with her at her parents’ home for initially 05 years and after that he left his wife and he



is now living with own parents but unfortunately Miss Niamat is living with her parents because her parents is no one source without Miss Niamat. They are old age and they totally depend on Miss Niamat. Miss Niamat voluntarily provides the services to her parents and also feeling confined because her husband left her, although she feeling happy because her 03-daughters and 02-Sons are living with her. She is the only shadow of her parents and children right now.

### **Sources of Income:**

Miss Niamat has no own house but she is living at her parents' home, she has 02 Cow and 10 Goats, which is total source of survival for herself and children. She is separated from her husband and now her husband is not supporting to her. She manages the expenses from her livestock and either no any source of income at her end. Her husband is a Driver and supporting to his parents not wife and children. She is living in kacha locally made houses, she wakeup early in the morning, then water catering from deep dug wells and then whole day busy in domestic work and animal catering.



### **Situation Before:**

Its conducted household survey of this village as by applying door to door access during the assessment it's identified that she is separated from her husband and she is bearing the critical situation. It's filled the household assessment form by getting the data from Miss Niamat, by providing the data of household assessment she was excited and worrying. When it's asked from her that why you are separated from your husband? She was innocent and replied that it's up to Allah and Allah knows all the matters related to human. She totally depend on Allah and her parents that there is no any such option of my parents except me. If I will leave them, then I will be called as offense of God. Its asked about the fodder for livestock, she replied that we are purchasing the fodder from market for big livestock and for small livestock arranging locally gross because no one another people at our home for support to us, so just passing the time in zigzag, due to little support of fodder to livestock there is not milk in animals and I and my small children are eating food with chilies and rarely vegetables. When it's asked about the fruit and meat, she wept and replied that there is no any amount to purchase it because my husband separated me and I have no any brother, who support me like that foods and vegetation.

### **Process of Implementation:**

After the assessment its set the criteria of 01 to 15 livestock, so she came into the criteria because she has 02 Cow and 10 Goats. After that it is got approval of the project for U/C Sonal Beh and during the process of implementation it's called the village level broad based meeting and called the each family representative to introduce the project objectives and activities. It's formed the Village Support Group-VSG for the ownership of work and makes easier working relationship between community and

organization. The final list of fodder supported beneficiaries is shared with VSG and beneficiaries as well and the name of Miss Niamat was in list of fodder supported beneficiaries and it's shared with herself, she feel happy and thanked God for such kind of support, including she was thanked for Sami Foundation and its supporting partners by praying hands. After some days its again called to Miss Niamat at village level meeting and issued the Token for fodder support, she again feel happy and came back at home at shared to parents for this kind of support. Now she hoped for the support of fodder for her livestock.

### **Situation Now:**

After the issuing of Token she called for fodder receiving on 11-01-2016 at her village. On that day she came at distribution point and she received the fodder for 02-Cows and 10-Goats. She received 18 Bags of Cotton Seed Oil Cake and



18 Bags of Wheat Husk; each bag weight is 20 Kgs. After that she is serving the fodder to her livestock. Now she is so happy and said that now my animal have milk and I and my children are taking curd, Ghee and milk with meal. I am so happy because now I will use this fodder for 80 days and will try to serve more than 80 days; she said that If I will not receive this fodder support then I may sell my some livestock for the support of kitchen expenses and animals support. Now I will not sell my animals because my serious issue of fodder is resolved. She is serving daily two times fodder to her livestock in little quantity, because she said that I have spent my hard days when ever there is not any kind of fodder for animals, so I will use it properly.

### **Conclusion:**

To support the real needs at village level, who have no any source of survival as it will contribute to enhance the nutrition needs, decreasing of stress, saving of economy and will be better hopes for sustaining the livelihood sources.