

Desire became real

Village Deyatrio is located in far flung deserted area of district Umarkot. The livelihood of inhabitants of village depends on livestock and rain agriculture. Livestock is one of permanent source of income of the people. Majority of people have goats, cows and camels. Rubeena, 18 years young girl, daughter of 65 years old father, lives with her brothers in this village. There are few families in the village who have either one or two goats. Rubeena's family is one of them having one goat. Since her childhood Rubeena was fond of keeping goats in her home. She often used to think buying goats but her desire only remained she had no such amount to buy expensive goat.

Rubeena narrates her story and desire for buying goats. "In my village people have a lot of livestock and they are spending better life than us because my parents have no livestock. Since my childhood I have seen only one or two goats in my home. My neighbors have a lot of goats and cows, when I used to



see their livestock in their home I often asked to my father why we have not goats and cows. In fact, my father is poor and old who is not able to buy one goat. I cannot forget when Sami Foundation visited in our village and its team was holding meeting with our community members and they also informed about distribution of goats that poor and needy females would be given goats. Meanwhile they also found that we are poor and living without livestock. Later on, project team visited at our home and one my brother told them about my fondness for goats. I also told them that since childhood my desire for goats is remained but my father being a poor could not fulfill my desire. I was informed that they would give me goats but I did not believe on them for giving me goat. I thought they are only saying but they would not give me. But my desire became real and Sami Foundation gave me goats. In 2014 I received goats from them. I got four goats my family and I became so happy. I bought all goats on my choice I went to Umarkot livestock market with my brothers to buy goats. Now I am owner of goats, my desire for keeping goats has become real. I was also given training on nurturing of livestock and diseases occurring in livestock."

Rubeena herself takes care of goats, on one hand, she is happy because her one goat has given birth to male goat, on the other, she is sad because her one goat died due to breaking out of drought in the area. I tried a lot to save my goat I showed it to doctor but it could not be survived. I have to take grass from Umarkot city for my goats; our meadows are completely ruined because it is not raining. I have not enough money to buy food for goats". She shared.

Rubeena has firm belief that gradually her goats will give birth and she will succeed to make herds of goat. "My each goat's price is up to 6000 rupees, if it will rain this year, price of goat will be 20000 rupees". She added.

Rubeena is also aware from women rights and she wants to get higher education. She is doing her matriculation and after matriculation she has a plan to get admission in collage at Umarkot. After completing education she wants to do job. She believes her goats will be good source for getting education and for her future.