

Woman's trying to reduce the poverty

Jatna, 35 years old woman, mother of eight children, lives at Marooohar village in the desert area of district Umerkot. Her husband is rearing cattle and growing crops in the rainy season. He is also in charge of fetching water from well. Jatna was not satisfied with her husband's work and she often thought her husband's income was not enough for big family. "We both husband and wife used to sit together and discussed to do business or any work so that our income could increase but it was very difficult for us to begin any kind of work. We had no money or more livestock and could sell them in order to start our plan," Jatna added.



Jatna narrates her poverty and children's situation who often used to demand one rupee from her for getting toffee at shop "We had some cattle and few of them were died during drought which often breaking out in our area. Hunger became our fortune and other people in the village had their adult sons who were sent to city for labor work, in return they could send a lot of money to their parents, but my all children were younger and I could not send them anywhere. I was only thinking when my children would become adult and send them to city and they would send me money."

Jatna was waiting for those days when her children would reach on adult age and finding no alternative she forgot her all plans which husband and wife had in their minds. "I do not know exact time but I guess it was period of 2008 when Sami Foundation came in our village and it started working in our village. I was one of the poorest in village we had no source of income we already were facing challenges of poverty. Project team had conducted meeting with my family and saw the situation facing my family. After observing my state of poverty, Sami Foundation wanted to support me and I got assistance from it. I was given all embroidery material free of cost. I established embroidery shop in the village," she shared.

She started earning money and she saved a lot amount from shop. After few months she made a plan to sell more other things apart from embroidery material. "I had received training on enterprise which was based on how to save money and how to enhance business etc. I went to Umarkot market and bought grocery and stuff for my shop. Now to my shop you can say small general store. My daily earning is up to 200 rupees," Jatna added.

Jatna believes though they are still poor but they have everything in home from food to cloths. We have now money we do not move our hands to other people for taking anything. My children are getting education and my one child 12 years old is studying in 6th class at Umarkot. He goes daily school and after school he brings things for shop. "I want to give higher education to my children. I will save money for my children's education", Jatna shared with smile face.