

ROAD TO PROSPERITY

Success Story:

Umme-e-Hinna – Providing Services and creating Local Opportunities for Women through Skills promoting

Intervention Name	Provision of entrepreneurial opportunities to local women
Village/Union council/District	Mazharabad, UC Teertaij District Awaran
Province	Balochistan
Partner Organization	Azat Foundation

Umme-e-Hinna is a bright eyed Awaran woman who has smallest set up of a Midwife clinic in her home in Mazharabad (Teertaij). Umme-e-Hinna's set up is a result of Midwife training that was provided to her from IDSP Midwife Institute under the project of PPR (Pakistan Poverty Reduction) of Azat Foundation. Today, she is earning about PKR 20,000 a month which contributes towards livelihood of her family (13 members) along with education the children.



The Challenge:

Umme-e-Hinna, wife of Najeebullah belongs to a vulnerable poor family, she was keen interested for provision of midwife services according to the environment of the home district that is high in ratio of MMP (Maternal Mortality Rate) due to lack of Midwife expertise, Umme-e-Hinna wanted to reduce MMR ratio in her District but lack of resources and information was hampering her progress and earnings.

Umme-e-Hinna got married at a very early age in 2015. Her husband is jobless having other dependents too who further added to burden for livelihood. Her husband who was the soul bread earner of the family was not earning due to un-employment. All this made it difficult to bear the expenses considering increased household expenses and expectations and needs of her family in contrast to the negligible and occasional income which was not enough to meet the family needs.

The Initiative:

During March, 2016, Azat Foundation formed Village Organization (VO) Awaran in her village. Her husband Najeebullah became one of its members. Soon after household assessment and strong recommendation from her VO for livelihood support under PPR, her Livelihood Investment Plan (LIP) was developed. Considering her interest and potential for profit, Umme-e-Hinna was provided Training of 18 months in IDSP Trainee Institute in the project of PPR in Azat Foundation who facilitated each and every thing to achieve her goal.

From the grant, she was provided training as well as material such as Delivery Kit, Weight Machine (for babies and elder both), Oxygen Machine, BP Operator and Stethoscope etc. To start a home-based small Clinic for providing services to the needed and to train more girls for this purpose (Midwife) in her village. Through continued guidance and technical support, she started job in the Zahir Hospital in home District (Awaran) with monthly income of PKR. 20,000. Within two years she trained six females including her sister for Midwife, She was lucky to have full support of her husband who not only helped her for domestic support but also managed the clinic during her absence.

The Result:

“I am happy that I utilized the PPR Azat Foundation’s assistance in the best possible manner I could. I have invested my energies and efforts to learn and train more females to become a Midwife and I am lucky enough to get return on it. I am not only able to earn monthly amount of PKR. 20,000 but also able to meet the basic food, health and education related needs of my family. I am also very glad that the assets provided me added value to my skills and services, I wish for assistance to develop my clinic properly in Mazharabad Awaran to provide services in better ways in future”, said Umme-e-Hinna.

