

Kashmir Charitable Trust-AJK

Lower Plate near Four Fields Mosque Muzaffarabad AK

Women Empowerment Project Report

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Summary

KCT is working especially for the empowerment of women as it is the minority and most vulnerable part of this region. It empowers women by providing them sustainable livelihoods in their homes as well as at their working places. KCT has established many home based sewing centers in Muzaffarabad. As it supports individual women by providing them sewing machines, such types of cases are identified by Hum Awaz Forum, a creation of KCT for its female volunteers. The members of this forum identified cases from different vicinities and KCT visits these people for verification and facilitates these women by providing them their necessities.

Case study of an Honorable mother

Naila Perveen is a dweller of Khawaja Mohallah; she is a young woman of 37 and possesses six children, three daughters and three sons. Her husband died in 1999; after passing two years she got another marriage for the protection of her children as her in laws irritated her. But unfortunately her second husband left her soon because he could not put up with the expenditures of her large family. Now she is solely running the financial expenditures of her family by sewing the clothes of her vicinity.



Problem

In the consequence of earthquake 2005, Naila's house got damaged and she was deprived of her sole income generation resource i.e. sewing machine. Now she is as such vulnerable that she couldn't have some investment even to purchase a sewing machine while she has a large family to support. Instead she took help from one of her neighbor and used her machine to sew the clothes. She used her little time there because she has to arrive at home before the arrival of her children who are studying in different schools. Her eldest daughter who is of 18 years; is trying to share her burden; she started teaching in a private school and earns 2000 rupees per month. But Naila Perveen could not still survive as her all children are studying in different schools and she has to pay their fee, provide them uniform, books & note books along with the eatables.

Solution

When KCT visited her, she stipulated for a sewing machine because she is of the view that if she had her own sewing machine, she can earn 4 times better than now. Prior to earthquake Naila had a hand machine in her possession that got damaged; KCT has provided her an electric sewing machine since to work vastly. Now Naila is supporting her family better than before; she uses more time in sewing and trying to invest some money for future. KCT is working for the empowerment of such vulnerable women, who are talented & willing to do for their families but don't have opportunities or resources.



Case study of a vulnerable mother

Kausar, a young woman of 38; is victimized in the consequence of earthquake 2005 that hit all Asian region predominantly Pakistan administrated state; Azad Jammu & Kashmir, ruthlessly. She is a tenant of Muzaffarabad, capital city of AJ&K; in a house on lease because she has

mislaid her house in the disaster. Before earthquake, her husband was doing job in electricity department and was died during performing her duty on October 8; 2005. Kausar has a family of three daughters and a son to support & her all children are getting education from school. Kausar neither could get high education nor she could learn vocational skills as she was married in her early hood; she was lading a serene life before disaster and didn't imagine about such vulnerability that's because she is out of work, she doesn't know about the pathway to support her family; right now she is supported by her maternal kin but she is felling herself and her family as a burden over her brothers.



Problem

In recent times, her brothers are supporting her but she realizes that it will take less time; she is anxious about the time when they won't support her, then what would happen to her & her family, how will she survive them from economic crisis and how will her children persist their studies; these are all those fears which are alarming her, all times. Kausar has a large family to support as mentioned above, but she doesn't know any track to follow. She has to pay the rent of house, school fees of her children and their uniforms and educational equipments are all concerning with her.



Solution

As Kausar is less educated and couldn't get job on the behalf of that or she is unskilled and unable to support her family, so it is decided that she will be accommodated as providing her children's school security i:e their school fees and other educational expenses.

Financial Summary

It is settled that the school where her all children are getting education should be compensated their annual fee, with the intention that they are saved from the trouble of submitting monthly fee & average educational expenses for the entire session is required 10,000 per child; including fee and other charges.

Further Recommendations

Just like this case, KCT has more cases that are needed urgent attention & your kind donation so to support these cases we are needed a reasonable fund in order that these women could be facilitated as soon as possible.