

A Mother's Strength: Reclaiming Dignity Through Women-Led Livelihoods

Discover how Mahrang Rafique doubled her family income and created a better future for her eight children.

Mahrang Rafique, a resident of UC Gurab Surbandar in District Gwadar, was living a difficult life with her husband and eight childrens. Her husband work as a tailor in her home with having a sewing machine, while she is a house wife with a meager income. Despite their financial struggles, her children were studying in a government school. However, everything changed when Gwadar Lasbela Livelihoods Project (GLLSP-II) (International Fund for Agricultural Development) intervened in the area, aimed at helping ultra-poor people like Mahrang Rafique.



Life Before Intervention

Financial Struggles

Family of 10 surviving on just Rs.35,000 monthly from husband's basic tailoring work.

Limited Resources

Children attended government school with minimal prospects for advancement.

Seeking Opportunity

Mahrang asked "who would help her out of difficulties" when approached.

Mahrang Rafique was identified as an ultra-poor individual by the list of BISP (Benazir Income Support Programme) beneficiaries. As a member of the Community Organization (CO), she was eligible for assistance under the IFAD project. When the NRSP (National Rural Support Programme) team approached her, she was overwhelmed with emotion and asked who would help her out of her difficulties. The team explained the project to her, and she expressed her gratitude with love and joy. Her LIP was developed as, NRSP-B-G-GB-O26 and she selected Zig zag machine for her husband and ladies clothes for her to sell at home for better coming days.



Standing by His Side: A Wife's Step to Support Her Family

Smart Investment Choices

Zig-zag Machine

Enabled husband to create designer clothes instead of just basic garments.

Ladies' Clothing

Mahrang began selling women's clothes from home, creating a second income stream.

Family Business

Two children trained to help, expanding their production capacity.

Remarkable Transformation

Today, Mahrang's family earns between Rs. 60,000 to 65,000 per month—nearly double their previous income. With improved finances, her children now attend better schools, opening doors to a brighter future.

Her journey is a powerful example of how targeted support from GLLSP-II and NRSP—when paired with determination and hard work—can truly transform live



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