

Komak Project - Success Story - Ghotki
Animal Feed Supplement – the story of Mai Rahima

Mai Rahima, a resident of village Aalam Chachar in UC Pakka Chandia in District Ghotki, is the mother of five children, and the conditions prevailing in her family and the village had been below average before the flood hit. The devastating flood tide washed away the last hope of Mai Rahima when she lost the resources to feed her livestock which earned her and her family a living.

Various humanitarian organizations started relief activities in Sindh after the worst flood in the country's history. Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) was one of the first few to step forward. Among many villages and UCs

across Sindh, village Aalam Chachar was one to get totally devastated. The SRSO relief teams were sent across Sindh for assessments of worst flood hit villages and households. The Village of Mai Rahima was also in dire need of food, shelters and animal feed.

UKAID DFID funded project *Komak* started in late September 2010 for emergency relief and early recovery of the flood affectees with 8 interventions and SRSO was one of the partners in the project. Since the assessment was already done; a quick registration was done for each intervention; and tokens were issued to the beneficiaries. Mai Rahima was one of the beneficiaries for animal feed supplement. SRSO team registered 101 households in UC Pakka Chandia for animal feed supplement.

"Hunger and pain of this huge deluge has made my family to much upset, but I had never thought that such an organization would come and provide us the items which my family needed desperately", says Mai Rahima, "It is just like stretching a helping hand to a drowning man." She received 4 bags of *vanda* for her animals which could feed her buffalos for 2-3 months. It was not only her buffalos getting healthier and hence producing more and better quality milk, but also her source of income was restored. She and her family were indeed happy after receiving the immediate and quick relief from *Komak*.



Figure 1: Mai Rahima in District Ghotki-
Beneficiary for animal feed supplement