

## **“Earning from One’s Own Home”**

### **“Bibi Amina – Income Generating Grant Beneficiary from Loralai”**

Bibi Amina belongs from a poor and traditional family where women are not allowed to work and become a source of income for the household. Although her family is very rigid, yet she always strived for the betterment of her children. She enrolled her children in a local school and paid their fees through her savings.

Bibi Amina is 45 years old and has been married for 15 years. She has 10 children; 5 daughters and 5 sons. Her husband is unable to work due to a serious health issue. Her two sons are working on daily wages and earn bread for the family.

She shared that one day a team from Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) visited her village *Dargai Kalan* in Union Council Lahore in District Loralai. They gathered all the local women at her home and mobilised them on the overall process of BRACE Income Generating Grant (IGG) intervention and its benefits for the poor families. They organised women into community institutions (CIs). After that, they formed a Community Organisation (CO) named *Awami Khas Mohallah Tanzeem* and federated them into a Village Organisation (VO). After some days, a livelihood team visited her village and nominated her name for the IGG as she had a poverty score of 18. The VO finalised her name for the IGG asset of 3 goats and helped her develop an Income Generating plan.

“It made me so joyful when I received my own livestock at my home”, shared teary eyed Bibi Amina. Now she has her own source of income and has started earning through her livestock as they have increased in number from 3 to 7.

She also shared that now it is her own business and she does not have to go outside her home. She is not only contributing in her family income but also saving money for her children’s future by selling on of the goats.

Bibi Amina concluded her story saying, “Now I am earning from my own home and independently providing support to my family. I am always thankful to BRACE Programme for organising us, training us and providing this wonderful asset. I wish that such a programme continues in future too”.

