

“Safer Homes, Stronger Communities”

Parveen – Income Generating Grant Beneficiary from Khuzdar

Children are often told that home is where to run inside when thunder hits or rain comes, and that home is a safe place. However, for the rural communities of Balochistan, it is not. They have been at risk of losing a loved one, their cattle or their homes - usually their most important assets, to natural disasters. Climate change, extreme weather and other natural hazard events hit these populations harder and more often.

Parveen, mother to 4, is a resident of Village Shank from Union Council Bhalonk in District Khuzdar. She used to live in a small mud hut vulnerable to rain and flood. With a Poverty Score of 9, she falls in the extremely poor category. Under European Union in Pakistan funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme, she was nominated for an Income Generating Grant. She received 3 goats in October 2019 and has since increased them to 6. Parveen had sold her 7th goat and used that money, along with the savings from her embroidery, to build a stronger and safer shelter for her children. Now she is protected from flooding and roof crashing in the rainy season.

"I wanted my home to be rainproof, flood proof, disaster proof" says Parveen. "Future proof, basically."





