



EZZAT BEGUM

BADALAI

MADYAN, SWAT, KPK

(A CASE STUDY OF FLOOD 2010 AFFECTED FAMILY)

SHED-DKH SWAT HOUSING PROJECT

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Ezzat Begum, a widow, aging 27, with her 4 children was living with her mother in a rented makeshift house in village Badalai, UC Madyan, District Swat, KPK after when her own house was smashed away in the flood in July 2010.

Ezzat Begum was literally weeping while telling her pathetic story of her life and said that her life has been full of miseries and facing hardship one after another. She said that I born with hard luck.

Ezzat Begum said that she was quite young of almost 16 when got married with Said Akbar, a resident from native village Badalai. Soon after marriage we shifted to Karachi with the hope if we could see some better future. Initially the time was passing well and my husband was earning a hand some money. During the passage of time the family bestowed with 4 children. But sooner the good days turned in to bad days started when my husband caught in bad society and started taking churs and then heroin. All money and the households he earned he smoked up in the air. His drug addiction has destroyed our family life. Ezzat begum said that she was continuously trying to make him understand but in vain. She said that after when all of my efforts failed, I had no option left with me except to get divorce from him just for the sake of the future of small kids and myself and shifted back to my native village Badalai (Madyan).

Ezzat Begum kept silence for a while and said while weeping that she started living with her single mother who is also a widow without any male member but immediately the flood again ruined our life by destroying our house and all the household assets and left us under the open sky. She said that they shifted to a rented house in Badalai (Madyan).

SHED in its housing project in Swat, identified Ezzat Begum as the most vulnerable beneficiary during assessment and a permanent house constructed with one room, varanda, kitchen space and wash room with sanitary and electrical fittings. She shifted and started living there in and now seems to be very happy and satisfied.



Interior of Ezzat Begum House



“We are grateful to DKH & SHED who intervened in the area and changed the life of my children”

“I am very thankful to **SHED** who worked for the flood affectees in the area with the support of **DKH**. We had never seen before such kind of work in the area for the flood affected people. I and my children will pray throughout our life for all those who work in **SHED** and for those who provided the fund for making the task possible. I pray from the core of my heart every moment” **Ezzat Begum**

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