



A New Beginning for a fisherman's Family

Abida Nasir, a resident of UC Surbandar in District Gwadar, lived a life of hardship with her husband and six children—two daughters and four sons. Her family's financial condition was fragile, and their modest home offered just enough shelter to get by.

Her husband worked as a fisherman, while Abida contributed to the household income by sewing clothes, earning around Rs. 20,000 per month. Despite their limited means, they prioritized education, and their children continued studying in a government school.

Then one ordinary day brought an extraordinary change. With the arrival of the Gwadar-Lasbela Livelihoods Support Project (GLLSP-II), implemented by IFAD and NRSP, Abida's life began to take a new and hopeful turn.

GLLSP-II Project Intervention and Transformation

Abida was identified under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) as an ultra-poor individual, meeting the criteria for support. As a member of her local Community Organization (CO), she had been trying to improve her family's situation but with limited options and resources.

When the NRSP (National Rural Support Programme) team visited and explained the objectives of the GLLSP-II project, Abida listened attentively. The opportunity offered a sense of relief and possibility. With quiet gratitude, she saw this as the first real step toward improving her family's future.

Livelihood Investment Plan (LIP)

Abida's LIP, registered as NRSP-B-G-SB-017, identified fishing nets as the most valuable investment for her family. Her husband owned a small boat, but lacking fishing nets, he could not fully utilize it. Instead, he worked as labor for local fishermen in UC Surbandar, barely earning Rs. 500 per day.

The Appeal for Help

She used to question herself whether someone would come forward to help—whether there was a way out of her struggle.

The Action

With support from GLLSP-II and NRSP, Abida made a thoughtful decision to equip her husband with fishing nets, enabling him to strengthen his livelihood. For the first time, the family's fishing boat—long sitting unused on the shore—was ready to fulfill its purpose and contribute to their income.

The Transformation

Abida Nasir, once caught in the cycle of poverty, now stood with renewed confidence, embracing the promise of a better life. "Without GLLSP and NRSP's support, I don't know what would have happened to us," she said softly, reflecting on her past struggles. "You came at the right moment."

A New Beginning

This support became a turning point for Abida and her family. Her husband, now equipped to fish independently, began earning a steady income, bringing much-needed stability to their home. With each passing day, a sense of hope quietly took root in Abida's heart.

What seemed like a small act of assistance sparked meaningful change. Her children could now continue their education without the constant burden of financial stress, and the family began to imagine a future beyond mere survival.

Abida's story is not just one of change—it is a testament to resilience, quiet strength, and the power of timely support to restore dignity and open doors to new possibilities.



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