

# Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) Dadu

## Case Study

### Women Empowerment through ECGs

#### Shahani Muhalla U.C # 3

*Sakeena* is a widow living with her two children in Shahani Mohallah union council 3 of Dadu city. She is very poor, her children were in the ages below 10 years when her husband died with heart attack. She did not have any proper source income. After the death of her husband, there was no one in her family to take the responsibility to earn. *Sakeena* faced hard days of life with her two innocent children, she spent almost two years in poverty and isolation because no one helped her.

*Sakeena* lived near to the home of an ECG (Effective Citizen Group) female member and she had her vocational center. Due to poverty and tensions, *Sakeena* lost her half eye sight. One day, she visited the female ECG member and joined as a WASH member of the ECG and started attending each and every event and meeting organized by CSSP team. She told ECG members about the eye sight loss and requested them to help her financially.

ECG Member asked her to wait for few days. ECG member then shared her case with other female group members of ECG. They all decided to help her financially. The financial collections were made by members and also purchase of medicines for the operation and also for the ration for her children. With the support of CSSP team, the government hospital doctors operated the eyes of *Sakeena*. After getting her eyes operated, she feels her vision as normal. Apart from this, the ECG members discussed to create opportunity or income source for her family. They knew that *Sakeena* was a good cook. Therefore they suggested and encouraged her to start the catering business within the Mohalla. *Sakeena* started the catering business, she cooked food and sold it within the Mohalla. Initially, she earned little amount and later expanded it by contacting the office and schools of her Mohalla.

With the small actions & initiatives from the ECG platform, the life of *Sakeena* changed. Currently, she earns PR. 6,000 to 8,000 per month for her children. And now she also pay proper attention to the education of her children.

*Sakeena* is thankful to CSSP and Oxfam GB team for forming such group for the women empowerment. The group members and also other organizations purchase food from *Sakeena*. In a slow voice, she expressed that she does not know how to thank ECG members and CSSP for the all they did for her and her family.