



Social and Economic Impact on the Lives of Displaced Persons

Gulshan Irfan is a poor woman struggling for the livelihood of her family. She is 35 years old with a large family of eight children, four boys and four girls. Her 2 elder children are blind by birth and suffering hardships of life, being orphans by father. According to Gulshan Irfan she got married in a young age and in a poor family where she went through a tough life as her husband was a wood cutter and hardly managed to meet the basic needs of the family. It added to her miseries when her husband was killed innocent during the intense fighting between the militants and law enforcement agencies in Orakzai Agency.



After the tragic death of her husband, they decided to move to a safer place and hence migrated to district Kohat along with her relatives and began to live her life in a rented house near police line. In the beginning it was a big challenge for her to meet the basic needs of her family as then she was the sole bread earner for her children. It was 2 years before when she was registered by the Social Welfare department as an IDP and head of her family and since then she is getting food assistance on monthly basis from CERD/WFP humanitarian hub at district Kohat.

According to Gulshan Irfan, she never compromised on self-respect and never asked for charity, even in their bad economic conditions. She is managing the rent for her house by sewing clothes and working as a maid in the neighborhood. She told that it would have been never possible for her to live a dignified life without the support of CERD and World Food Program.

Gulshan Irfan said that “my family is not the only female headed family that is getting food assistance from World Food Program and living a hunger free life in emergency circumstances but there are thousands of IDP families across Pakistan whose food security is being ensured by the World Food Program”.

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