

Name: Muhammad Arif

Source of Livelihood: Daily Wager

Age: 55

Village: Sahib Khan, Kallag

Socio-Economic Background

Muhammad Arif is an old man hailing from Village Sahib Khan, Panjgur. He had nothing else to earn other than working on border with Oil vendors and Transporters. However, owing to multiple shocks within the vicinity befell upon him and his family. Among such shocks at the top of the list are Insurgency and Covid-19 which affected the most. These two shocks proved to be the most lethal for the local economy, these two put an end to local economies, for more than half of the population in Panjgur is dependent on cross border businesses with Iran. Moreover, during insurgency the businesses were affected and the border was intermittently functional for trade but in Covid-19 the border area was completely shut down which resultantly trickled down its impact upon all, though relative in its nature and severity.



Case History

'I had smiled when a baby boy was born to my wife some decades back! This day has evoked ages old happy man. We could not have even imagined of food in this much quantity. I am a daily wager and work on border for my livelihood. I have 7 daughters and only Son, and inauspiciously 2 daughters and a son are disabled while 2 daughters widowed. Covid-19 had left us no option but to look at providence and wait for his mercy. Blissfully, My God did not deject me and descend you people to cater to our needs. This has been long since we elders smiled, children ate and played. However, eventually My God poured his mercy down over us. Being in dire need of food is something beyond imagination, and is frustrating and self-criminalizing in times where virtually nothing is impossible. However, this day and ration made me revisit my belief and replaced my conviction in humanity. Empathy has not vanished yet and shall reincarnate shortly if people and organizations work in alike spirit and dignity. I wish you could see the smile on the faces of my family members,

certainly are they serene and satiating to a humane Heart. Smiling for a poor is costly, thank you for paying the cost to bring a smile on so many faces'