

JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

Provision of support for the mother and her newly born baby during the floods

Recent unprecedented rains in Pakistan have caused widespread flooding and devastation, leaving millions including women, children, and the elderly shelterless, living in poverty and misery. The latest Government reports reveal that over a hundred women lost their lives and 2167 adults, and 3231 children were injured in flash flooding in the province of Sindh only. About 75,000 women who are scheduled to give birth this month have been displaced. This is the story of one.

We at the Legal Aid Society (LAS) have always worked for the betterment of the vulnerable members of our society. For the same, we initiated a dry ration donation campaign in 7 districts of Sindh. Whilst to ensure transparency in the donation process our teams have been surveying beneficiaries & mapping sites to prioritize the distribution to those that are most in need. During such a mapping process taking place in the town of Jhol, in district Sanghar, team LAS made contact with the Jogi community (Nomads) who had been displaced due to the floods and were living along the roadsides of Sanghar in hazardous living conditions. During this mapping activity, LAS staff came across a lady who was in the last stages of her pregnancy, yet

did not have adequate shelter, food, or proper medical supplies.

The next day when team LAS returned for her support & provision of ration and other supplies, found the lady missing. After inquiring about her health it was learned that she went on for the delivery of her child and that she would return the next day.

LAS team members revisited the site again the next day with the lady present and holding her newborn baby. LAS staff ensured that the lady received a proper tent for her accommodation that ensure their shelter during the flooding process. In addition to the ration bags, LAS provided the lady with Rs. 1,000 to support the purchase of clothes for her child, and an additional Rs. 2,000 for miscellaneous expenses in cash. With the grace of the Almighty, the lady is now living in a tent, with the assurance of accommodation for herself and her child, with access to food, clothing, and medication during this time.

The Lady is grateful to LAS for the support that it provided her during these difficult times. Moreover, to ensure her health and safety the LAS team has been continuously in touch with the lady to date.



The mother (beneficiary) with her newborn child



Advocate Housh Muhammad (Field Advocate, Sanghar), with the new mother and her child.