

Gender Equity Program

Protection of Land Rights of Bus Jehan, Nowshera

CNIC # 17201-2156986-0, Mouza Amankot, UC Amankot, District Nowshera



GINI representative and local partners discussing the case of the beneficiary.

CHALLENGE

Bus Jehan is 40 years old. Her husband named Hakeem Khan died four years ago due to Diabetes and Hepatitis C. He was working as a watchman in the market. She has eight daughters and two sons. The youngest son is 12 years old and the other is 18 years who is working as a day-laborer. The land was in her husband's name but her husband's brothers (2 *Devar*) Amjad Khan and Mir Hassan Khan occupied the land.

INITIATIVE

Her issue was discussed with the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk and the local government but the beneficiary wanted to solve the issue through family members and elders of the village. The National Coalition for Child Rights, a local CSO and member of the advocacy network created by GINI held 5 meetings with elders of the village and family members.

RESULTS

Her brothers-in-law returned ownership of land back to the beneficiary.

LAND TITLES

Total Land Title in her Name = 2½ Kanals (already inherited)

Any Other Shareholders = NIL

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Protection of Land Rights of Imtiaz Begum, Charsadda

CNIC # 17101-0276348-0, Village Agra Payan, PO Khas Agra, District Charsadda



GINI representative and local partners discussing the case of the beneficiary.

CHALLENGE

There was unlawful occupation and construction on her land, through false documentation. She describes her household's financial situation as: "We sometimes do not have enough money to eat 3 meals a day". She looks after more than 5 dependents, has no education, and cannot read or write.

INITIATIVE

Meetings were held with the beneficiary and with the offending party. Upon the advice of the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk, the ACO Charsadda was involved who ordered a Commission to investigate the matter under the District Officer, Revenue. The land was found to rightfully belong to the beneficiary. A Jirga was convened to arbitrate the matter by TB Association.

RESULTS

The jirga decided that all persons who had constructed houses on the land belonging to the beneficiary would pay equivalent market value of the land to the latter and this payment was duly made to her.

LAND TITLES

Total Land/Constructed House = **4 Marla**

Any Other Shareholders = NIL

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Protection of Land Rights of Jaharam, Charsadda

CNIC # 17101-8390690-8, Village Babu Kallay, Dab Banda Jan Khan Kallay, District Charsadda



GINI representative and local partners discussing the case of the beneficiary.

CHALLENGE

Her land was unlawfully occupied by a local tribe.

INITIATIVE

Meetings were organized by Women Welfare Citizen Community Board (CCB) which is a member of the advocacy network formed by GINI, with the beneficiary, and the offending party.

RESULTS

The claim of the tribesmen was revealed to be false and a jirga was subsequently convened. The tribal elders relinquished their unlawful occupation and handed over possession of the land to the beneficiary.

LAND TITLES

Total Land Title in her Name = 2½ Kanals (already inherited)

Any Other Shareholders = NIL

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Protection of Land Rights of Meher Sani, Nowshera

CNIC # 17201-7124125-8, Village Bab-e-Qadeem, UC Taro Jabba, District Nowshera



At the Legal Help Desk in District Bar Association's premises, Nowshera

CHALLENGE

Mehar Sani is 35 years old and unmarried. She has one sister named Fazal Muhtaj who is 30 years and also unmarried. Her father named Tayyab Shah was a retired Frontier Constabulary constable. He died about 15 years ago and her mother named Parizadgai was died 8 years ago. She is earning her livelihood by sewing clothes for people. She has two brothers who worked as laborers to earn their livelihood. The brothers occupied her 3 Marla land and also its documents. She describes her household's financial situation as: "We have enough income only to provide adequate food and shelter for the family". She looks after 2 dependents, has no education, and cannot read or write.

INITIATIVE

Her issue was discussed with the Bar Association's Legal Help Desk and the local government but the beneficiary wanted to solve the issue through negotiation by engaging family members and elders of the village. The National Coalition for Child Rights (NCCR), a local CSO and member of the advocacy network created by GINI, held 3 meetings with her brothers, family members and elders of village.

RESULTS

Her brothers have returned the land documents and also vacated the occupied house. Now Mehar Sani along with her sister Fazal Muhtaj is living in the house. She is thankful to GEP for this support.

LAND TITLES

Total Land/Constructed House = 9 Marla House
 Brothers' Share in Land = 3 Marla each of 2 brothers
 Sister's Share in Land = 1½ Marla (*dontated her share to Mehar Sani*)
 Her Share in the House = 3 Marla in Titled/Ownership
 Any Other Shareholders = NIL

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Protection of Land Rights of Mumlikat, Charsadda

CNIC # 17103-0582332-8, Village Sareekh Marzoi, UC Battgram, District Charsadda



GINI representative and local partners discussing the case of the beneficiary.

CHALLENGE

Her deceased Father-in-law had left 12 Marla land from which 4 Marlas were written to her in Haq Meher but not given to her. In the last foods, her house had totally collapsed. She looks after 2 minor sons, living in a tent provided by an NGO. She describes her household's financial situation as: "We sometimes do not have enough money to eat 3 meals a day". She looks after more than 5 dependents, has no education, and cannot read or write.

INITIATIVE

Meetings were organized by Hashtnagar Developmental Social Welfare Council Charsadda (HDSWC), a local NGO and member of the advocacy network formed by GINI, with her family /local elders, and her brothers-in-law.

RESULTS

Her brothers-in-law were persuaded to hand over the 4 Marla land to the beneficiary and she has now started construction of her house on this plot. She is very thankful to the GEP team in this regard.

LAND TITLES

Total Land of her Father-in-Law = 12 Marla

Her Share in the Land = 4 Marla (in Title/Ownership)

Any Other Shareholders = NIL

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Protection of Land Rights of Nazakat Bibi, Nowshera

CNIC # 17201-6911459-4, Villaeg Banda Sheikh Ismael, UC Mohib Banda, District Nowshera



Nazakat Bibi, at the Legal Help Desk in District Bar Council premises, Nowshera

CHALLENGE

Nazakat Bibi's husband was a watchman who was killed leaving behind 3 daughters and one son, who are very young and of a school-going age. Her home was occupied by her brother-in-law. She was compelled to live in a home provided by the local landlord. She wanted to live in her husband's home with her children. She describes her household's financial situation as: "We sometimes do not have enough money to eat 3 meals a day". She looks after 5 dependents, has no education, and cannot read or write.

INITIATIVE

She expressed her desire to solve the issue within the family instead of going through the Bar Association or village elders. Aware Girls, a local NGO and member of the advocacy network created by GINI, held 3 continuous negotiations involving the beneficiary and her in-laws.

RESULTS

As a result, the issue was solved and she now lives in her deceased husband's home of which she has ownership.

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Protection of Land Rights of Rameem Begum, Charsadda

CNIC # 17101-7216696-6, Mohalla Maroof Khel, Shulgra, District Charsadda



GINI representative in a meeting with members of the Charsadda advocacy network discussing the case of the beneficiary.

CHALLENGE

Rameem Begum is a widow of Mr. Zainullah of village Maroof Khel of Shulgra, Tehsil and District Charsadda needed her inheritance from husband an 8 Marla House which was under dispute. She is looking after 5 dependents and describes her household's financial situation as: "We sometimes do not have enough money to eat 3 meals a day". She is the sole income earner for the household and cannot read or write.

INITIATIVE

Meetings were held with her brother Yusaf Khan, her brother-in-law, and a jirga of family elders was convened to deliberate over the issue organized by TB Association (local NGO) Charsadda. The Legal Help Desk organized by the District Bar Association provided legal advice to the network members assisting the beneficiary.

RESULTS

As a result of the inclusion of all concerned stakeholders the decision of the jirga was in the favor of Rameem Begum. She was paid a total of PKR 160, 000 was paid to Rameem Begum, as current market value of her inherited land.

LAND TITLES

Total Land/Constructed House = 8 Marla of her deceased husband
Any Other Shareholders = All dependents have no land titles