

## **Initiative for peace—Story of Nek Banu**

**Nek Banu** an unmarried woman lives in village Kech, union council Kech of district Dera Ismael Khan. She has spent all of her life looking after her two mentally handicapped siblings. She is hard working and takes care of their health, clothing and food. She is also engaged in women development process and has elected twice as councilor in local government elections.

### **Flood in 2010 destroyed the entire village and her house as well.**

She spent all her saving and motivate people for the improvement of their village. She took photos and contacted all the NGO's in the area to get some help. Her efforts results the provision of food, cloth, and shoes for villagers, which she handed over to them during a seminar that she has organized.

With the assistance of South Asia Partnership, Pakistan, SERVE though a base line selected this village for intervention under Peace and Livelihood for Rural Poor (PLRP)" Nek Banu extended her services for the demarcation for the house holds for those who had lost their houses to avoid any legal complication. However, an influential person tried to occupy her piece of land.

Meanwhile, village organization and peace committee under PLRP were formed who extended help to her. In a result, this crisis was resolved with a support of VO, PC and villagers with maturity. Otherwise, the issue could lead to war between the tribes.

Nek Banu, an honorable woman, leading her life gracefully who believes in self help bases development. She is running a shop to earn her living and helps her siblings.

Villagers are comparatively better organized so nobody stops village development, but she also realizes it can be completed without women in it. Therefore, she has started organizing women of her village around the development scenario. She is also organizing them around economic skills.