

Stories and Demands of HBW members
of
Laar Environmental Awareness Forum



Zubida is 36 years old and lives in Mian Pota Talhar village. She lives with her husband, four children and a mother-in-law. The husband works on agriculture fields and livestock rearing, while she does chunri work. Due to heavy rainfall in the year 2013, her house was washed away and they couldn't work on the fields for months. They were displaced and so was their livelihood and the education of their children. As she was able to work on chunri, she tried getting work, but to no avail.

She then attended capacity building and skill upgradation training imparted by Laar Environmental Awareness Forum (LEAF) in partnership with HomeNet South Asia. Zubida's talks about the training and said, "I could make chunri, but the training provided new techniques, designs and finishing skills. I didn't have much knowledge about the business, but now it has become a full-fledged income generating activity for me. I enjoy working in a group, as there is shared learning as well as a sense of competition. We need more trainings like this. The existing skills training only upgrades our skill to a certain level. Though we need skills with which we can compete in the market."

"On the eve of International Home-Based Workers' Day, I demand for more skills training with which I can compete in the market."



Hawa
36 years
Chunri Maker

One of the women home-based workers Hawa, wife of Mr. Mohammad Umer from Badin city, shares that “I am preparing Chunri and embroidery products since the age of 12. Before working in this production center, I used to make products for personal consumption. And, now I earn on an average PKR 14,000 per month from the products made. My skills were very basic. I knew how to cut and wash the cloth. Even though it is critical in chunri making, there are more skills required for chunri making. I attended chunri making training organized by Laar Environment Awareness Forum in partnership with HomeNet South Asia. In the training, I learnt the difference between printing for needle embroidery and for chunri designs. I learnt knotting and finishing.”

“On the occasion of International Home-based Workers’ Day, I demand for access to social security and basic education which will help us in our productivity.”