

JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

Renewed Identity: Daya Kumari's Journey Through

Daya Kumari, a 44-year-old woman from village Nihal Sohu of district Khairpur was displaced during the devastating floods of 2022. Not only were she and her family forced out of their homes when the gushing flood-waters hit their village, but they also incurred major financial losses when their cattle and agricultural fields went underwater, depriving them of their livelihood.

Daya Kumari was one of many women whose CNIC (Computerized National Identity Card) had expired around the time the floods hit. Having an expired CNIC rendered her ineligible to register for any government-sponsored social protection schemes.

But the cost of rebuilding her family's life from scratch and making sure that there was enough food for everyone to consume took precedence over renewing her expired CNIC. Renewal of expired CNICs or issuance of a new CNIC in case the original one is lost costs PKR 750.

When Daya attended an awareness session centered around the protection and recovery of civil documents by the Legal Aid Society, she found out that she could get free of cost legal consultation regarding her documents.

She took this opportunity to share her story with our Field Officer, Yasir, who informed her that the Legal Aid Society also provides individuals with financial assistance to cover the processing fee of basic civil documents. Daya was very eager to get her CNIC renewed so she requested her client intake form to be filled.

Client intake forms are filled for beneficiaries who require legal assistance to get their documents

processed or require assistance in registering for government-sponsored social protection schemes.

Daya was extended legal guidance in a one-on-one consultation session as well as financial assistance in renewing her CNIC. She was immensely grateful to the Legal Aid Society for their services, from providing the awareness session till the very end by ensuring that she was able to receive her renewed CNIC.

