"Farida's Story: Strength and Hope Amid Forced Deportation"

Farida, a 38-year-old mother of seven, recently crossed the Spin Boldak border into Afghanistan on **19 June 2025**. She arrived with her children, carrying only their clothes, and without any relatives or money to rely on.

With tears in her eyes, Farida shared her story:

"I used to work as a tailor of women's clothes in Pakistan. I earned enough to support my children, and they were studying in a private school. My daughters especially were very hardworking and eager to learn. Life was difficult, but we managed."

Her husband had tragically died in an accident in Pakistan, leaving her as the sole breadwinner of the family. She described how Afghan returnees like her were treated:

"Every day the Pakistani police came to our streets, telling us to leave. They said there was no place for Afghans anymore. We were deported by force. I didn't have enough money to rent a truck to bring my household belongings, so I was forced to sell everything to my Pakistani neighbors at half price. I could only bring my children's clothes."

Farida, daughter of Waizar, is originally from **District Seven of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan**. Today, she is struggling to start a new life with her children. Her message is a heartfelt plea for support:

"We need shelter. If the government could provide land for returnees, it would give us hope. Having our own home would be much better than living in a rented house."



Figure 1 Farida, 38 years old, crossed the Spin Buldak border into Afghanistan on 19 June, 2025, photo clicked by COAR.