

Success Story of Mohtamims

“Great changes cannot take place in the minds of human being without a corresponding change in their external symbols. There must be a harmony between the inner and the outward condition of human beings, and the progress of the one must keep pace with the progress of the other.”



Plot of the Story:

This is the story of 12 targeted Madaris' mohtamims; they are part of the project “Women as Peace Emissary”. All mohtamims are from the Union Councils (83, 84, 117, and 118) of Bosan Town and Shah Rukn e Alam Town, Multan. The major issues among those mohtamims were sectarian hatred, intolerance and communication gap. In the very start of the project they were not ready to sit or to talk with each other. In the 1st meeting with Sanjh Pakistan team, those mohtamims of diverse sect sat with a distance to each other because they considered it a sin to sit near with other sect people. Instead to live in the same area, they never try to minimize the distance among them due to the influence of sectarianism.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

After starting of the project “Women as Peace Emissary” Team conducted four mobilization and coordination meetings with Mohtamims of 12 females madaris in which all mohtamims were participated, team briefed the participants about the objective of the project, to live peacefully and to give respect all people without any segregation of sect, caste or creed and

linguistic difference. Sanjh Pakistan team invited them to attend Three-day CVE Training Session in which the trainer had taught them about conflict resolution, tolerance, peace, harmony and criticism as well as the role of madaris in decreasing the issue of sectarian hatred among the people of all sects. The interaction of some mohtamims during the training had increased while doing the group work activities; they realized that they should play their roles in promoting peace, tolerance and intersect harmony among themselves as well as among the people of their surroundings.

The purpose of life is to obey the hidden command which ensures harmony among all and creates an ever better world. We are not created to live separately from others on the behalf of sects or languages; we are created to enjoy the world with other folks living with us.”

With the passage of time and being the part of continuous activities of the project “Women as Peace Emissary” the interaction among all mohtamims developed and when they sat in the monthly meetings which were conducted to light over the SAPs; all mohtamims took part in the discussion without any difference. In 8th monthly meeting Qari Noor Ali told that though he and Qari Rafique Obhaya are relatives but they never go in each other’s’ houses just because of diverse sects. In that meeting all mohtamims expressed thanks to this platform by saying that they are the body of their teaching institutes and felt proud to be the part of their madaris but they never realize that it will be good for them to interact with other sect madaris’ management considering them as equal. After ending the project and its’ eight monthly meetings, all mohtamims conducted 9th monthly meeting as their self-initiative in the madrasa of Mehria Ashraf-ul-Aloom as well as they all offered Juma prayer together without any segregation of sect and linguistic difference.

Now their perception has changed, Qari Allah Ditta said in that meeting “Mosques and madaris are the places for everyone, if we as heads of madaris will get rid of the sectarian distances amongst us it will be easy for our new generation to live without any segregation of sects and they will be have the concepts that all people can offer prayers together in one mosque with their own way of offering prayers. It is our duty to develop the concepts of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony in our children as well as we must play our role in the development of our society as peaceful for everyone living in it. Qari Noor Ali said, “In past we did not offer prayers with other sect people but now according to situation we offer our prayers without any difference and our surroundings people appreciate the positive change in us and along with these we also spreading the messages of peace and tolerance, intersect and interfaith harmony among the people of our society.”

Way Forward:

This story has left us with a lesson that in order to make the society peaceful and pleasant living place for everyone it is necessary to take these types of steps more and more.



“We all allow each other to explore our individual things that make us happy, and so we're just being supportive of each other and making sure we focus on intersect harmony.”