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Name	Madrisa	Sect	UC	Town	District
Mufti Nisaar Ahmad	Iqra Dar-ul-Quran	Deoband	Pehlwan Goth	Gulshan Town	East District

Plot of the Story:

Pehlwan goth is one of the union councils of Gulshan town in which people from diverse sects have been living. The main issues of the area are typecasts, intolerance and rigidity among their sect. All sect people consider themselves as superior than others. One of our beneficiaries, Mufti Nisaar Ahmad belongs to Bhatai Abad; area of UC-Pehlwan Goth. He is mohtamim of the madrisa Iqra Dar-ul-Quran located in UC-Pehlwan Goth. He was so rigid to his sect; as he never sat with the people from other sect or having diverse background. In short, instead to live in the one area it seemed as these people lived far away from each and the basic reason of this gap was only sectarianism.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

Mufti Nisaar Ahmad said that, for the first time when Sanjh Pakistan team came to me, I warmly welcomed team in my madrisa. Representative of Sanjh Pakistan team gave introduction of the project “Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi” as well discussed the objectives of project. I heard them very attentively and also assured of participation in their project. I belong to Deoband sect so I was having too many concerns and reservations in my mind regarding other sects due to which I was reluctant to fully participate in the program. Nisaar Ahmad told that the representative of the team invited me for three days CVE-Training on the theme of peace, tolerance and interfaith/intersect harmony. I said that I am a mohtamim and running this madrisa from 23-years and now Sanjh Pakistan team has come with the aim that we should have to work with them to reduce sectarianism and I think it is

impossible to create harmony among diverse sects because every sect considers itself better than others. After all the discussion I agreed to attend the training.

After attending the three days CVE-training Mufti Nisaar Ahmad shared his positively changed views with Sanjh Pakistan team. Nisaar Ahmad told that; before participating in the project of Sanjh Pakistan and this CVE-training sessions, I had a very composed opinion about NGO's and was not ready to participate in a program based on interfaith harmony. But after attending the training held by Sanjh Pakistan, I got to know about tolerance and harmony and also got knowledge about the concept of diversity acceptance. After spending 52-years of my life I have learned from project activities that we can also promote peace through our madrasas among different sects. It put positive effect in my thoughts and personality.

Nisaar Ahmad Sb, shared that we have organized a SAP with the combined cooperation of another sect. As I belong to Deoband sect, I with my students and colleagues visit to the madrisa of Ehl-e-Tashee sect. It was a session for students to give them understanding about diversity and their role in peace building. Mufti Nisaar further said that the sectarian animosity exist between Deoband and Ehl-e-Tashee at an extreme level. We commonly discussed about the acceptance of people from diverse sects and how we can tolerate each other without any discrimination. But this program of Sanjh Pakistan has ushered harmony between these two sects.

I am thankful to Sanjh Pakistan for giving us a platform where we all from diverse backgrounds can share our thoughts without any discrimination. As well the involvement of madrasas and community influential will further promote the objective of Sanjh Pakistan and we pray that Sanjh Pakistan will achieve its goal.

Way Forwarded:

To conclude it can be said that while struggling in the promotion of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony among the people of diverse sects in our society, we can achieve our

goals and spread the message of humanity in entire society by bringing them at the same platform:

Humanity first, nationality later

Compassion first, religion later

Acceptance first, formalities later