



SUCCESS STORY

PROJECT: KCD146- Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi (Phase II)

Qari Mushtaq Succeeded to Unmask the Fabricated Religious Myths Against Opposite Sect

(A story of Countering Violent Extremism CVE)

His Encounter in the Project:

Name	Madrisa	Designation	Sect	UC Name	Town	District
Qari Mushtaq Ahmad	Iqra Madrasa Hafsa Tul Atfal	Head Teacher	Deobandi	Pehalwan Goth	Hazara Goth	East Karachi

Qari Mushtaq is a religious scholar. He belongs to a Deobandi Sect of Pehalwan Goth, Karachi. As we know the sects are very strict on their believes and because of this strictness people don't come closer to people of other sects. Moreover, the people from one sect has different myths about the people of other sects. Qari Mushtaq is a religious scholar.

Encounter in the project:

As a part of the core project activities, Sanjh Pakistan social mobilization team reached to the religious school Jamia Saeedia Faizan-e-Rasool. Here is how, Qari Mushtaq met with Sanjh Pakistan team and this is how he came to know that; Sanjh Pakistan is working on the peace and intersect harmony of different sects. He thought, it is a good chance of learning and he showered his consent to participate in the 03 Days Training workshop on CVE.

Transformation:

As these religious sects are characterized with very low patience towards other sect believes, perspectives and hatred, Qari Mushtaq has gone through a continuous process of learning and discussing the myths about Shia Sect. He has always heard negative myths about the sect that the people belonging to this sect don't like us and they spiritually bow their heads or kneel their foreheads in front of pictures of Ahl-e-Bait. Fortunately, he became a part of the project activity in which he undergone into a Social Action Plan (SAP) where they have to visit the madarssas/religious school of other sects. He took it as a golden opportunity to visit the Shia sect madarssa through this social action plan, otherwise he wouldn't have thought of going there alone due to his false myths. We he visited the Shia Madarssa, he got astonished to see the myths were so falsely portrayed about this sect, he found them very hospitable, none were they bow in front of any portraits of Ahl-e-Bait, all these were coming cock and bull stories of the hate speakers to him now.

He Says:

“Usually, we spend much of the time among the people of our sect, as we feel comfortable with them only, we have made different myths and perspectives developed against the people of different sects and it goes on throughout our lives. He further added; SANJH PAKISTAN is the cascade which allowed me to change my negative myths due to hate speech delivered to me by extremist religious speakers. I found Shia people very hospitable, none were bowing their heads in front of any portraits of Ahl-e-Bait, and all these were coming cock and bull stories of the hate speakers to him now. He said; I am very much sure that we should not blindly believe the myths about different sects and he pledged that; he would always convey his experience and will strive to bring peace and harmony in the society.