

SUCCESS STORY

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

Muhammad Waqar Succeeded to Bring Harmonious Interactions with People of Other Sects

(A story of Countering Violent Extremism CVE)

His Encounter in the Project:

Name	Madrisa	Designation	Sect	UC Name	Town	District
Muhammad Waqar	Imam Bargah Mehfil Mustufa	Muntazim	Ahl-e-Tashee (Shia)	Sultanabad	Sultan Abad	East Karachi

Preamble

Qari Waqar is a Muntazim (Organizer) in Imam Bargah Mehfil Mustufa. He belongs to the area where people of different sects have infinite gaps in the communication due to strict views, false myths and negative propaganda developed in their minds about people of other sects.

Encounter in the Project:

Muhammad Waqar met Sanjh Pakistan project team during their visit to his schools and briefing about the overall goals and objectives of the project. Then he engaged into a training workshop consisting of 03-days on Countering Violent Extremism CVE. This is how Qari Waqar became the part of this project. Further, he remain part of the project major initiatives throughout the project time period.

Transformation

After getting the training on bringing peace and harmony through conflict resolution, equity and counter narrative, Muhammad Waqar conscience got a hammer strike and he made up his mind to do something practically to bring peace and harmony with other sect brothers. He accumulated his friends and people under his influence in the Imam Bargah Imam Bargah Mehfil Mustufa and decided that; we should do something to promote peaceful interactions among the suni sect. The discussion bring his friends to celebrate the most important event in the History of all Muslim religious sects, which is the birth of Holy Prophit (PBUH). They made a plan to serve the holy processions of Suni Sect on 12 Rabi-ul-Awal (Jashan Eid Milad-un-Nabi). When they started serving them with cold water and soft drinks, the procession of Suni Sect became really grateful and people of different sect started hugging with each other. It was a memorable to see the straightly opposite sect people were shaking hands and exchanging pleasant words with each other.

He says:

“An infinite line of miscommunication is created between the people of different sects by the hate speeches spread by extremists minded religious leaders from different sects, false myths and many other leading negative aspects. Now, brother is turned against brother. We have many common things among us, but we don’t focus on that. After hearing the inter-sect conflicts, people don’t find out the root cause, rather they become emotional and aggressive at once. I am thankful to SANJH PAKISTAN, who provided us such platform where people belonging to different sects can do positive things for each other.”