

# Success

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PCD097-2nd Male Support Group (MSG) Meeting,  
Ahmadpur East

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c	Madrisa	Sect	UC Name	Town	District
Abdul Hameed	Madrisa Lilbanat	Ehl-e-Sunat	56-Kotla Musa	Ahmadpur East	Bahawalpur

Abdul Hameed Sb. Sharing his story

## Background of the Story

Abdul Hameed has been living in the village of UC-Kotla Musa, Ahmadpur East and working from 20 years in Madrisa Lilbanat. Diverse sects' people have been living in UC-Kotla Musa. The major issues of the area are intolerance and sectarianism among the people living there. Abdul Hameed said that, as I learnt from my childhood that other sect' people are inferior than my sect, I taught the same lesson to my students as well.

## Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

After starting of the project "Women Assembly" Sanjh Pakistan Team came to my madrisa and contacted me to be part of the project. I committed to join Sanjh Pakistan then Sanjh Pakistan' team invited me for three-day CVE Training Session. I attended the training sessions in which there were twelve other participants from different sects. The trainer had taught about tolerance, peace and interfaith harmony, role of women in peace building and

its importance as well as discussed about conflict resolution and leadership. During the training sessions, trainer engaged all of the participants having diverse backgrounds in different group activities. Trainer also briefed us is to develop a concept of giving space to others as human beings.

Abdul Hameed shared that I followed my ancestors blindly and never try to explore what was the actual, not to speak with the person from different sects. As, I followed the norms which our society had made, as we are superior and others are inferior. After attending training session I realized, the main importance should be given to humanity which teaches us to live peacefully with others without any hatred. During CVE-training sessions we all mohtamims of different sects sat together and also we all had lunch together at the same place. And, also the discussion among us took place in a pleasant way and no one represented his own sect. All the participants were giving space to each other and I also shared my views regarding peace with them without having any concern.

Abdul Hameed also discussed about lack of education in the areas of UC-Kotla Musa that became a reason of stereotype among community. As well as Abdul Hameed further said, “In training I have learnt many positive concepts of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony which changed my notions about negativity for other religion, being the part of the project, “Women Assembly”, I will try to spread this message in my family and students as well as in friend circle so that, religious hate and extremism would be root out.”

I am thankful to this platform which makes me able to develop the concept of giving space to others in myself as well as I will promote the concept of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony among the people in my surrounding.