

Success Story of Miss Kalsoom



“It is the great sadness of our species that we have not found a way to eliminate the conflict and to eliminate intolerant as a device to resolve our conflicts throughout the entire history of the human race.”

Name	Sect	Age	Village	UC	District
Kalsoom	Barailvi	35 Years	Basti Punjabi	Mubarak Pur	Bahawalpur

Plot of the Story:

Miss Kalsoom has been living in the village Punjabi of union council Mubarak Pur. She is an expert lady tailor of her village. Different sects’ people have been living in this union council. The key issues of the region are intolerance and communication gap amongst the people living there. Miss Kalsoom is in the age of 35 years and she was very rigid about her sect. She did not like to talk other sect people because of sectarian hatred. Even she was so rigid that she did not like to stitch the clothes of other sect females. She adopted from her parents that other sect people are inferior to their sect and the same lesson she had been teaching to her children without realizing the negative effect of this lesson.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

When Sanjh Pakistan Team visited the village Punjabi, met with Miss Kalsoom and briefed her about the objectives of project “Women as Peace Leader in Bahawalpur.” Sanjh Pakistan



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team presented her an opportunity as vocational trainer in the peace vocational center which established and having double benefit as to train females in stitching and embroidery as well as to promote peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony among those females. She wanted to do job with Sanjh Pakistan but she was conservative about the diversity of females in Peace Vocational Centers. She told Sanjh Pakistan team that she never stitched the clothes of diverse sect females; it will be difficult for her to train females of different sect but due to her expertise in stitching, team mobilized her to become the part of the project. Mobilization team invited her to attend the Two-day CVE Training session in which the CVE trainer had taught the participants about conflict resolution, tolerance, peace, intersect and interfaith harmony. In first day of CVE training, Miss Kalsoom did not like to sit with other sect females because she was very rigid about her sect, she considered them as inferior to her own sect. In CVE training, it was told that all people are equal and human beings, no one is superior or inferior to others, all people must respect others without any segregation of sect, cast or creed, linguistic difference and domestic customs. Miss Kalsoom asked so many questions during the training so that she could be clear about intersect harmony. In last day of training, Miss Kalsoom said, “What it had been taught in training session, I never listened about those positive concepts about humanity. In training all females were treated without any segregation of sect, language and domestic customs. All females were treated equally as the members of one family; it was quite interesting for me. I told my parents about the topic which had taught to us in training and I told them about the positive environment of training.” After the CVE Training, she gave her consent to join the peace vocational center and she was instructed by Sanjh Pakistan’ team to treat all participants of the center equally without any segregation of sectarianism. Miss Kalsoom also attended the SAPS of food mela, peace sports gala in which she was surprised to see all participants ate the food without any segregation of sect, languages and domestic customs. Miss Kalsoom said, “In my life, first time I ate food with other sect females and really in that SAP it seemed as all females are the members of one family. We all must live with each other without any difference of sect as we all are human beings and equal; no one is superior or inferior from us as well as its need to break the stereotypes of not eating the food with other sect females. When we sit in gathering, we come to know about different ideas; we learn so many positive concepts as we are human beings and humanity teaches the lesson of equality; it teaches us that all people are equal, we must go far away from sectarianism which has been letting us away from each other and we people have been becoming the victim of loneliness.” She told those messages of giving space to others which she had learnt in the activities of the project, now she has been spreading in her family and friend circle.



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“Lets stop our Believing that our differences make us superior or inferior to one another.

I learned that people sometimes just do not know what binds us together as humans. It is my calling to show people that connection of peace vocational classes which developed the concept of giving space to others.”

Miss Kalsoom further said, “I am thankful to this platform which developed my interaction with other sect females, it will be helpful for me to increase my income as before I did not like to stitch the clothes of other sect females but now I shall do it. I learnt from the activities of this project that being the educated people we must play our role in developing the concept of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony among all sects’ people of our surroundings. Now I try my best to develop the concept of giving space to others in my children so that they would be the sensible citizen and would be the promoter of peace. And tolerance in this world.”

Way Forward:

We can conclude this story by saying that when we start to do work in positive way; slowly it has left its impact on some people’s mind and if one person changed its way of living; with the passage of time this positive change will be on broader level in society.

“We want to help build a future of enlightened and passionate Pakistanis who understand that it is the small acts of kindness that change lives.”