



PCD097-Success Story

Success Story of Miss Ruqia

Name	Name of Madrisa	Designation	Sect	UC	Town	District
Ruqia Bibi	Khadija tul Kubra	Head-Teacher	Deoband	86	Banbosan	Multan

Plot of the Story:

Miss Ruqia has been living in Nawaz Abad, a village of union council 86-Jungle Kalraan, Banbosan Town. Various sects' people have been living in it as Ehle-Hadees, Deoband, Barailvi and Ehl-e-Tashee. The major issues of the area are communication gap and typecasts among different sects' people. Miss Ruqia belongs to Deoband sect and other females were the victim of Miss Ruqia sectarian hatred. Due to the sectarian hatred she did not like to talk with the females of other sects and also did not like to eat something came from homes of other sects. She was too strict about Ehl-e-Tashee sect and did not like to sit and eat something with them.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

Miss Ruqia told that, when Sanjh Pakistan Team came into my madrasa Khadija tul Kubra, as well as in many other houses of village to mobilize the females of our community and told the working of their organization an objective of their project "Bazm-e-Niswaan (Women assembly)" on the theme of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony. I was having too many reservations in my mind such as; Sanjh Pakistan is working with people having diverse backgrounds, then how we can be the part of project. Because I did not like to sit and eat with the people of diverse sects, especially to eat things made by Ehl-e-Tashee females.

Miss Ruqia told that; when Sanjh Pakistan team explained their working on peace and tolerance, and one of the objective of their project to establish harmony among people having diverse backgrounds then just to know more about Ehl-e-Tashee Sect and the different myths I have listened in my life. I decided to become the part of the project. At that time I was not mobilized and also I did not tolerate diversity and interfaith harmony. I just made this decision to be part of the project to know more about the Ehl-e-Tashee sect. so that I can spread that knowledge to my students. In the start, Shajh Pakistan team have

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conducted so many meetings and activities on the theme of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony but the activity named “Exposure Visit” changed my thinking as well as my life.

During Exposure visit; females of Ehl-e-Tashee madrisa visited our madrisa and I get a chance to discuss my reservations with them. I shared with them that I have heard some myths that are increasing my misunderstandings about Ehl-e-Tashee sect. I was having to many questions in my mind such as; (i) why do they prostrate on the dust of Karbala, (ii) why do they turn their beds upside down in Muharam-ul-Haram and (iii) according to Ehl-e-Tashee people; two Para’s of the Holy Quran have been eaten by goat, there were so many questions as well. Regarding this, the teacher of Ehl-e-Tashee madrasa “Miraj Fatima” answered my questions one by one as well as explained that why they prostrate on the dust of karbala. Furthermore, she shared that such myths are not the reality and we never know that how you people thinks about our sect (Ehl-e-Tashee). She also shared that we all are human being, so we should have to give space to each other and to try to understand others ideas, beliefs.

Moreover; Miss Ruqia shared that, after all the discussion with Ehl-e-Tashee sect females; I apologized for my misunderstandings and misconceptions and thanked Miss Miraj for my correction. As well as I also invited the females of Ehl-e-Tashee sect in the Food Mela of my madrasa so that we can make foods and eat together at the same place.

After the answers of Ehl-e-Tashee Madrasa females, I conducted a session with the students of my madrasa and I explained all the questions regarding Ehl-e-Tashee sect, which Miss Miraj Fatima answered me. Furthermore, Miss Ruqia thanked and appreciated the great efforts of Sanjh Pakistan for providing a platform where people of diverse backgrounds can share their issues and make steps to solve them that may leads to a peaceful society.