

Success Story of Miss Bashiran Mai

“Nothing can be more dangerous to our efforts to build peace and development than a world divided along religious, ethnic or cultural lines.”

Name	Community	Village	UC	Town	District
Bashiran Mai	female	Basti Sahu	118	Shah Rukn-e-Alam	Multan

Plot of the Story:

Miss Bashira Mai has been living in Basti Sahu, a village of union council 118 Shah Rukn-e-Alam Town, three sects' people has been living in it as Ahle-Hadees, Deoband and Barailvi. The major issues of the area are intolerance and typecasts among different sects' people. Miss Bashiran belongs to Deoband sect. She was the victim of sectarianism and did not like the people who belong to other sects. Due to the sectarian hatred she did not send her children in the madras Ghosia Taleem-ul-Quran which is located nearby to her home and is of Ahl-e-Hadees sect.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

The representative of Sanjh Pakistan Team went into the madrasa Ghosia Taleem-ul-Quran as well as in the house of Miss Bashiran and told the females of village about peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony which were the objectives of the project “Women as peace Emissary”; Miss Bashiran neither went to attend the training nor allowed her daughters to attend it. After attending the CVE training in which the topics of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony had taught to the participants; Miss Shumaila the head teacher of madrasa Ghosia Taleem-ul-Quran and teachers of this madrasa went into the house of Miss Bashiran for many times to invite her in different activities conducted in their madrasa as food mela, exposure visit, quiz program and interactive theater but she considered to go in those activities only wastage of time and criticized the females of madrasa who belong to diverse sect. She was very rigid about her sect and did not bear even to talk with divers' sect people, she considered them as inferior to her own sect. With the passage of time, she listened to the appreciation about the objectives of the project “Women as Peace Emissary” and its' activities by her neighborhood females who attended the SAPs and 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. In post-designed SAPs, Madrasa Ghosia Taleem-ul-Quran conducted Aman ka Karwan, Hai Rawan Dawan” in which madrasa teachers went to door by door for the molization of peace and interfaith harmony and to share the objectives of project “Women as Peace Emissary” and to spread what they had learnt from the activities of this project. Miss Shumaila told her that though you and me belong to different sect, we have different domestic customs but we both are human beings and humanity teaches the same lesson of equality; it teaches us that all people are equal, we must go far away from sectarianism which has been letting us to go away from each other and we people have been becoming the victim of loneliness. Miss Shumaila further said to Miss Bashiran, “Our children learn the ways of living to us, they follow they behaviors on which their elders had spent their lives, if you and me will not speak to the people who belong to diverse sect then our children will never try to sit with them as considering them human being because they had adopted this to us. To live and be united with others is also a good deed and God likes the person who respect and love His creatures, He is the only creator of us, then we must not hate others due to the difference of sect or languages.” To somehow Miss Bashiran liked the discussion of Miss Shumaila and appreciated the step of Aman ka Karwan SAP. Miss Shumaila requested her to come in her madrasa to attend the SAP of Peace Painting. On the day of peace painting SAP, Miss Shumaila was amazed because Miss Bashiran not only come in the SAP but also brought her daughters with her and she observed and appreciated to the objectives of SAP, the process of painting peace messages as well as gifting to each other and there all sect females sat together without any difference, at the end of the SAP giving her remarks about her behavior changing; she said, “I want to express my thanks to Miss Shumaila, the head teacher of Madrasa Ghosia Taleem-ul-Quran, who played her role in developing the concept of tolerance and interfaith harmony in my thinking, by today I am going to promise myself that I will respect all sects people considering them as human beings so that I also would be able to become the part of this noble project “Women as Peace Emissary.” Now her children also have been getting education from this madrasa.

Conclusion:

This story has left us with a lesson that

“You can never change things by fighting the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”