



PCD097-SUCCESS **STORY**

Success Story

Name	Madrisa	Sect	UC Name/No.	Town	District
Qari Noor Ali Mehrvi	Sayada Amina Pak Lilbanaat	Ehl-e-Sunat	Bosan-85	Banbosan	Multan

Plot of the Story:

People from different sects are living in Union Council-Bosan (85). One of the major issues of the area is sectarian hatred and communication gap among them. People were not giving space to others because they consider themselves superior from others that was destroying the peace of their communities. Due to the sect differences, somehow sectarian hatred was in the heart of other sect's people; as well as, on the other hand people did not like to sit, talk and to eat with other sects people. In short, instead to live in the one area it seemed as these people lived far away from each and the basic reason of this gap was only sectarianism.

How to Resolve the Issue (Resolution):

Qari Noor Ali Mehrvi told that 2 years ago when Sanjh Pakistan team came in to my area during the Grant-PCD024, I was not sensitized regarding peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony. I was interested towards interfaith/intersect harmony and decided to be part of Sanjh Pakistan. I have attended so many trainings and meetings conducted by Sanjh Pakistan on the theme of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony and now being part of Sanjh Pakistan, I am working as peace promoter.

In the start of the project "Bazm-e-Niswan", females from diverse sects of my area were not interested to take part in the project of Sanjh Pakistan because they were not satisfied with the working of Organizations/NGO's. Qari sb. described, according to the community females, these NGO's came with the international countries agendas and diverts the minds of people and after their target achievement they never respond to the residents of local areas. Therefore, all the females were reluctant to fully participate in the project activities based on the theme of peace and interfaith harmony.

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At that time, being Mohtamim of madrasa and part of Sanjh Pakistan, as; I was a support group member of the previous grant. So, I myself voluntarily work with Sanjh Pakistan and participated in the mobilization meetings to aware my community and to share my previous experiences and working on peace and interfaith harmony with other community members; so that they became aware with the working of Sanjh Pakistan. Furthermore, I aware the community males and females by saying that Sanjh Pakistan team has come with the aim that we should have to stop the sectarian hatred and we all shared our experience with them about the working of Sanjh Pakistan for the promotion of peace in our communities. Mohtamims of Madrasas and other community leaders said that we had a very composed opinion about NGO's and we were not ready to participate in the program based on interfaith harmony but after participating in the activities conducted by Sanjh Pakistan, we got knowledge about peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony and got the idea of giving space to others.

After that, male religious leaders decided to participate in the CVE trainings by saying that we all participate in the training and after knowing the agenda of the organization, we will decide to become the part of Sanjh Pakistan or not. After being satisfied with the working of Sanjh Pakistan, mohtamims/male religious leaders mobilize and allowed their madrasa head teachers and other community females to participate in the activities based on the theme of peace and interfaith harmony. Then females became satisfied and showed their interest to work for peace and harmony among the people having diverse backgrounds in the area. Furthermore, Qari Sahb told that now, females of my community are enthusiastically participating in the activities conducted by Sanjh Pakistan and they all reached before the time at the venue of activity.

Qari Noor Ali Mehrvi said that I am satisfied and thankful to this platform which makes us able to develop the concept of giving space to others; as well as to discuss and resolve our issues by mutual cooperation.