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Name	Madrisa	Sect	Contact No.	UC No.	UC Name	District
Qari Abdul Fatah	Madrasa Nazriyah Muhammadiyah Lilbanaat	Ahl-e- Hadees	0301-7787970	48	Khuda Bux Mahr	Bahawalpur

Plot of the Story:

Qari Abdul Fatah is the resident of “Basti Sipra (UC-Khuda Bux Mahr)” and the mohtamim of Madrasa Nazriyah Muhammadiyah Lilbanaat. He belongs to Ahl-e-Hadees sect. Various people are living in the area and they all belong to different sects, while the major issues of the area are sectarian hatred, communication gap and hate speech among different sects’ people.

Qari Abdul Fatah shared that before participating in the project activities of Sanjh Pakistan, I was too rigid for my own sect and considered my sect superior than others. I never allowed other sects children to get admissions in my madrasa because I heard so many myths from my ancestors and I always followed them. I did not try to reach to the fact and never get an opportunity to meet any Mohtamim/Maulana of other sects in my area to discuss my reservations.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

Qari Sb. said that when Sanjh Pakistan team came to my Madrasa and shared the working of their organization and gave me orientation of the project “Bazm-e-Niswan” based on the theme of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony. Simply, I did not agree to be part of the project because people of other sects were also going to be involved in the project. Some of the questions raised in my mind like how different sects’ people can sit

together at the same place but I was curious by knowing the objectives of Sanjh Pakistan. Therefore, I met with another Maulana of my sect and talked to him about the working of Sanjh Pakistan based on the theme of Interfaith/Inter-sect harmony and he gave me a suggestion to participate in the project of Sanjh Pakistan by saying that it may be fruit full for the community development and it may be possible, through this we can get knowledge about other sects. Then I decided to be part of Sanjh Pakistan.

After that Qari Sb sahed that, I have attended three days CVE training and monthly meetings conducted by Sanjh Pakistan. There were different sects' people in the meetings. I was surprised to see the people having diverse backgrounds sat together as well as I liked the way how Sanjh Pakistan team and the trainer engage all of us in different activities. In training and meetings, I met with the people of other sects and we all shared our ideas with each other regarding the promotion of peace, tolerance and harmony among diverse sects.

Qari Abdul Fatah told to the Sanjh Pakistan team that I got knowledge about peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony, as well as I liked the session of Harmony during CVE training. Trainer also described the role of madrasas to create a peaceful society. In general, we teach our sect (Ahl-e-Hadees) students that we should tolerate and to give space to each other and we have to be peaceful but we did not teach them to tolerate other sects' people. And now after becoming part of this project, I realized that the message of peace is for all of us without any division of sect.

Moreover, Qari sb shared that as I was having reservation that Sanjh Pakistan will teach about other sects in the training, but the project activities were not focusing on any of the sect. when I participated in the project activities, I got to know that all the discussion was focusing one of the message that we are human beings, so we have to tolerate each other and we have to give respect to each other. After becoming part of the project activities and meetings, I decided that I will teach the same message of peace and tolerance to my community and I requested my community that they can send their children to my madrasa even they belong to any sect. I further committed that, I will only teach them the knowledge of Holy Quran and will not talk about any of the sect.

Qari Abdul Fatah further said that when I was not the part of Sanjh Pakistan, only the students of my sect “Ahl-e-Hadees” were getting education in my Madrasa but now, Alhamd o Lillah; I have students from all the sects like; Ehl-e-Hadees, Barelvi and Ehl-e-Tashee and they are getting education from my madrasa without any division of sect. This is the result of Sanjh Pakistan team efforts that I became able to tolerate other sects’ people. As well as Qari Abdul Fatah said that being a peace promoter, it is my responsibility to involve all the students to bring peace among people of different sects in the community.

Qari Abdul Fatah said that I am thankful to Sanjh Pakistan for giving me an opportunity to correct myself. In future, I will surely spread the message of peace and tolerance among students of my madrasa and also in the community.