

“The shattered dream of a bright future”

Like most of the children of rural Balochistan who are getting education in the schools devoid of most of essential facilities and quality education; Shakila; a 8 years energetic and bright girl living in village Wahi Shaki of district Jhal Magsi was one of among those children. She was very eager to get education since she felt very concerned seeing her father being illiterate was not able to read and write a single word. It brought lot of proud to her when her father used to get her assistance for reading and writing something. She many times tried for her father to learn writing his name on paper, but he was not interested.



“I decided to get education and assist my father to live a better life” she told excitedly with a confident smile “I want to be a teacher, but I would not punish my students”

Her dreams to become a teacher were shattered when a massive flood ruined both of her village and school in June 2007. For saving lives; she along with her family and other villagers rushed to the safer places. After flood water receded, they came-back to their village and saw the ruins and devastations of the flood, a village which was populated by their ancestors had now turned into flat ground and rubbles.

When she along with her fellows visited the school site it was no where since the flood took away the whole building of the school. She thought worriedly “What would happen now?”

The school was resumed in September 07, and when their teacher arrived, she was told by the villagers to teach students under a tree or go back to her home since there was no house or shed to be spared for the school in the village.



The harsh conditions and hot weather compelled many of her friends to say goodbye to the school, but she decided to continue since she did not wanted to be remain illiterate like the majority of people in her village. But delivering the education in a highly unfavorable and tough conditions such as absence of shelter, supplies, books, drinking water and latrine; were neither possible for the teacher nor the children were interested, however the teacher halfheartedly continued the school.



It was when the BRSP arrived in the village. She could saw few people talking to the villagers and her teacher. They also came to them and told that they are going to construct a school for them and they would also bring books and notebooks for them.

“We saw every one was pleased and jubilant among us” Shakila told. She instantly decided to tell her friend “Rukaya” about the good news because she was not coming to school.

Within days the new school was ready with availability of basic supplies, sitting mats, furniture and teaching and reading materials. It was the day when Shakila thought of her dream to become a teacher would come true.