

A Father's Hopes and Prayers



Like many other children his age, Ali was forced to help his father collect garbage in order to survive. Without the opportunity to be educated, Ali was virtually guaranteed to remain in the poverty cycle. Ali would have remained in that vicious cycle if it hadn't been for Kaus-e-Kazah School's principal Madam Alia.

One day Madam Alia had missed the school van and was walking to the school, which is near her home. On her way she took a shortcut in the alleyways, over there she encountered a small child pick up garbage and putting it in a garbage bag that was larger than he was. Madam Alia was heartbroken looking at Ali picking up garbage with his little hands and asked him if he was enrolled in a school. He replied, "these hands are made for garbage, not school". Sobbing and tearing, Madam Alia asked Ali to take her to his parents. Madam Alia convinced Ali's parents to enroll him at the Kaus-e-Kazah free education school to give him a future beyond his cycle. After much deliberation, final Ali's parents agreed. Ali is happy going to school, his teacher says he cant stop smiling and that energy uplifts the entire class.