

From Beggary To School



Sakina is a beautiful, shy little girl, sitting on a charpoy (woven bed) in her Kaus-e-Kazah School uniform with her mother Munawar Bibi. Five-year-old Sakina used to be seen begging alongside her grandmother in the busy marketplace. Madam Ali Principal KKO saw her sitting barefoot under the blazing sun wading through throngs of busy shoppers with a begging bowl in her hand.

She held out the palm of her hand”, recalls Ma’am Alia with a bright smile. “I saw a strange gleam of hope in her eyes when she looked at me. I took her little hand in mine and asked, ‘Dhee (daughter), would you like to be in school instead?’ her face lit up instantly!”

Fast forward 1 year, this time we see her as a confident young girl who is preparing for her school exams. “She is the brightest student in the class, with 100% attendance”, her teacher said.

Sakina’s self-confidence was shining through. A little girl who was on the verge of losing her future to beggary was saved. “I want to end this social problem of beggary and do not want to see any boy or girl spending their childhood begging on the streets”, said Sakina, somberly.