

# **A case Study of Mouza Bait Sohni Basti Ghat Gharbi , UC Ghazi Ghat District Muzafar Garh**

**So called cultural values are deep rooted in our society to  
stop women from learning**

## CHALLENGE

### Ms Irshad, one of the 8 siblings



Ms Irshad from Mouza Bait Sohni Basti Ghat Gharbi ,  
UC Ghazi Ghat

And districts Muzafargarh, states in her words, As a child I had dreams to become educated woman but due to poverty, illiteracy, lack of awareness and most importantly unavailability of schools, most of the girls in my village could not attend school. They are married very early and have children. I was the youngest among the 8 siblings. My eldest brother was working in Karachi. Once he came on leave and I asked him to help me to get in to school some where as I thought he is different then other family members and would understand the importance of education. Hearing this he started beating me with a stick until I promised that I will never ask for schooling again.

The 2010 flood washed away my village and we had hard time as community. This incidence changed our lives first for bad and then for good. As soon we returned to our village, when the water reduced, we saw lot of people and organizations coming in to help us. They were working on food and non food items distribution, health and education improvement. After some months Friends foundation came with WASH project. They were fixing water pumps, sewerage systems and conducting awareness sessions. I attended the session on hygiene and safe water and found very friendly staff there and shared my painful story.

**INITIATIVE**

Friends Foundation included girls' education in their agenda of discussion and talked to my family several times that it is Islam that tells you to educate your people including girls.

**RESULTS**

For the first time my family promised not to stop me from education. I am learning now from Jamila who lives in my neighbors, she is teaching in near by village but I am too big to be in school but will try to learn at home as much as I can. Thanks to the WASH project.