

Back Ground:

After conducting a very successful Female ASER Meeting with community in Village Surizai on dated March 07, 2012 a follow up visit was conducted to ensure the role of identified Female volunteers of the said village.

CASE STUDY

ASER Team was especially anxious about the status of four female who agreed voluntarily to teach the children of their village in Government School of said village.

During discussions Mr. Rafi Ullah shared that the identified female volunteers has started work to retain those children who have stopped their Education. He further shared that two of these females Miss Naila Ayaz and Miss Safia Ilyas were very active community members. They had started working in the village and had kick-started a campaign to enroll all Out-of-School children with the help of Government school teachers. They were also providing support to teachers of Girls primary school in conducting Examination in the Village School. This was really pleasing for the ASER team. We decided to meet the female volunteers ourselves and so reached the school where two identified Female volunteers were present with the head teacher of Government Primary School and student assessment (Annual Exams) was in progress. During my discussions with female head teacher, she said that it is really a new change in the village that community female volunteers are getting involved in the process of Enrollment, Assessment and Social mobilization to bring back long absent children.

Head teacher of the GGPS Surai Zai Bala had already registered those volunteers name in her school chart which showed the name of active volunteers. After that village female meeting with ASER/ITA staff they further more had a meeting with the community regarding universalization of Primary

education and the list of Out of school children we shared with the community, responsibilities were assigned by the head teacher and volunteers to other mother with regards to enrolling their children in the schools.

I thanked the volunteers and the head teacher of the school for such nice efforts in the field of education and said that such spirit of volunteerism was a model for others villages and community. This interest on behalf of mothers and community shows that now they are aware of the needs of their own children's education and providing them quality education, as every child has the right of getting free basic education.

This was indeed a great experience for the ASER team as it made us realize that our efforts were not being led to waste. ASER is about volunteerism in education, and taking it upon ourselves to bring sustained changes in Education. And here through such dedicated volunteers, this dream could be made possible.