## My Motivation to Support Girls' Education In rural Sindh (Hear from Sangeeta)



Sangeeta was one of the PEP students when she was in Rano Bheel Elementary School, Mirpurkhas. After finishing elementary school in her village, she joined a high school in the city and has just finished high school. Now that she is only waiting for her result, she is learning a lot from her opportunity to work with PEP.

Sangeeta as a child has been a very bright student and supporting girls' education was always her passion.

Since Sangeeta is widely aware of the reasons why it is difficult for most girls in rural villages to join school, she has compassion for them and wants their parents to understand the importance of education by modeling herself to them. And she herself came from a family where girls did not go to a school, but Sangeeta believes she can make a difference by persuading rural villagers to see the result of investing in children.

Sangeeta's motivation to join PEP as a Women's Empowerment Programme Area Officer led her to become a role model for many women in rural Sindh. She visits women in villages 2 days a week, conducting meetings with them, and having conversations that involves listening to issues of poverty, child labor, early marriage, and finding solutions together for a positive outcome.

Sangeeta has taken a long journey from **going to school**, to beginning to work in her own

Her example has always been a model for all the villagers and children who used to see her going to a PEP school, and from there continuing her studies in high school. Although her parents came from a background where education was not important, her father however when faced the difficulties of sustaining his family realized that education was the only way to survive.

That's when Sangeeta's father educated both of his daughters in PEP schools and himself is currently working with PEP as a Village LEAP Area Coordinator. Even Sangeeta's mother studies in an Female Adult Literacy (FAL) Center started by PEP in 2016.

When Sangeeta was asked how she pictures her future, her reply was that she sees herself working side by side with her father because the cause that her father works for is close to her heart.

Sangeeta believes education is the reason why she is able to do so much in life, and she only wants to give back by educating her community.