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## SUCCESS STORY

# Role models in the making

**The Sindh Community Mobilization Program continues to maximize community support for the Sindh Basic Education Program's investment in the future of education in Sindh Province by promoting importance of education among communities and enrolling children in schools.**



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*Sikander Ali Front row (L), during enrollment walk organized in Village Wasu Kalhoro.*

**“I steered donkey cart and sold sweets to support my family. Our village elders in the School Management Committee and community mobilization program team motivated me to study in the school like other students. They made me realize importance of education. It was the day when I got admission in school, and the memorable moments when I was calling villagers during enrollment walk to send their children to school”**

**Sikander Ali Kalhoro, Grade 1 student, Government Boys' Primary School, Village Wasu Kalhoro, District Qambar-Shahdadkot’.**

Sikander Ali Kalhoro, an eleven year boy lives in the village Wasu Kalhoro, in District Qambar –Shahdadkot. His father, Gulab Khan Kalhoro, unfortunately got paralyzed from legs since last 11 years. Poverty forced him to beg as the final resort to support his wife and four siblings. His wife Mukhtiar Begam, engaged in tailoring to support the family. And Sikander joined in the struggle to survive by steering donkey cart and subsequently setting up a small shop.

Sikander came to the attention of the School Management Committee and community mobilization team during the SMC - community meetings and other school based events organized in GBPS Wasu Kalhoro. Enrollment was the focus of these discussions and activities. His father also often attended such meetings. SMC members and community mobilization team worked out a strategy to enroll Sikander and visited his family in this regard. They explained the importance of education to the parents of Sikander during subsequent meetings at his house and in school. And Sikander was often part of such meetings.

It was during one of such meetings that Sikander expressed his feelings of how earnestly he wanted to seek education. His father also expressed his desire to educate his son. His parents happily agreed to enroll him in the school. Sikander got admission in the Grade 1 on 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014, a memorable day, he recalls. He was the excited activist during the enrollment walk organized as part of the enrollment campaign for enrolling more students into the school.

Sikander, unfortunately still manages his shop during school break and after school to support his family. He is performing well and aspires to be a teacher. He will surely become a teacher. This is inevitable as the indomitable will, which motivated him to break the barriers of ignorance and poverty towards enlightenment.