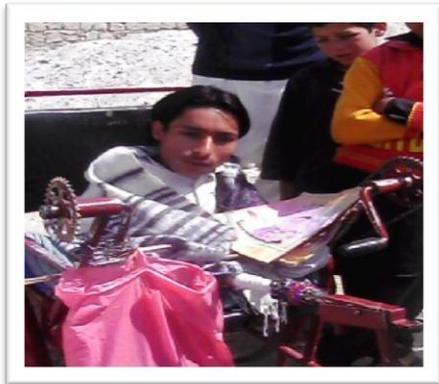


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Success Story:

When we were conducting BBCM in a small village of UC Jabbar District Dir Upper we saw a young boy of age about 15 years sitting in a wheelchair listening very attentively to the proceedings. After the BBCM was over, he moved his wheelchair towards our team and asked very eagerly that could he get enrolled in our literacy center? He got polio when he was just 5. He became disabled for the whole life and his ambitions to get education and lead a normal life like other fellow beings became just a dream. But he never surrendered to the gloomy circumstances around him and did not lose hope and got used to the new life style. He was very fond of education but there was no opportunity for him to fulfill this dream. The primary school is at a distance of some 3 kilometers and no proper road access to the school. His home is situated in a steep ground where even a normal person can hardly walk on foot not to talk of a physically impaired person. We consulted the community influential to get him enrolled in our Adult Literacy Centre. They agreed and he is now a regular learner of ALC Jabbar. His name is Ikramullah; his father is a poor village man who is hardly able to earn enough to meet his family requirements



As part of our field activity we visited the ALC where he is enrolled. He came out of the ALC in his wheelchair holding both the books in his hand. He looked very happy and very optimistic. We got the opportunity to interview him, make a video and take his photographs. The first question I asked him was how did you find the ALC? He said that it was very nice he was enjoying and learning very enthusiastically. The second question was how different an experience was it for him to be

in the ALC? After deliberation he said that knowledge is power there was a big difference between a person who can read and write and a person who could not. He is now able to write telephone numbers and to read expiry dates on medicines. He could understand Urdu alphabets and tries to join them together to make a simple word. Besides learning basic literacy skills he enjoys the ALC. he has got rid of psychological embarrassment and barrier, he feels happy talking different things with his fellow learners, shares his experiences and feels very relaxed and content. He wishes that we transform the ALC to a Skill Building Centre where learners could learn Tailoring and Embroidery and some other skills.

The most important thing we observed was that he plans to open a small shop in the village where he could sell small items for daily use like Matches, Soaps, Sweets, Washing Powder etc. he says that he will also run an Easy Load point as he is now able to write telephone numbers and figures.