

# SUCCESS STORY

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**Name: Miss Mahpara,**

**Student: 4<sup>th</sup> class, GGPS-TIRAT**

WASH

Project

**Family size: 06 members, 02 sons and 02 daughters.**

**HUJRA-SDC**

**UC & Village Tirat, Swat.**

The fatal flood of 2010, severely hit the major parts of upper Swat. Resultantly, a high level catastrophe occurred in the history of Swat which would be remembered for decades. Strongly built houses were eroded in a short time. The floods created severe problems of environmental pollution. The inhabitants of the area had to face poor hygienic conditions. The major problem was the non-availability of safe drinking in the whole area. Miss Mahpara and her family, from village Tirat, were among those who were affected by non-availability of safe drinking water. The water supply system was hit by the floods and most children and women were required to bring water for their houses from remote sources. The HUJRA team discovered that mostly the households were deprived of safe drinking water.



The HUJRA team discovered the unfortunate school going girl bringing water for drinking purpose from long distance. During the health hygiene sessions in school, the little girl was identified by HUJRA team. The aforesaid girl was observed from the day first as she was snoozing during classes and feeling uneasy. The reason behind was that she and her brother used to bring water all day at different times for the needs of her family. Her education was badly suffered by this extra burdened activity. The girl said, “It is our destiny to remain alive without water. We always eager for good education but regularly fetching drinking water from a distant source, has badly affected my homework.” She further told, “Moreover, my teachers are very angry upon me but I am helpless. I use to bring water for my family as children do perform such activities. The teachers punish me for not doing the homework but due to the stress and pressure of my parents I had to fetch water and my lessons and homework were missed.”



The Hujra team got her address and paid a visit to her house in the targeted area. When the team visited her house, it was observed that the family was living in a moderate house but was upon the mercy of Mahpara and her little brother. A drinking water supply scheme was completed by Hujra with the financial support of SDC for 210 households including schools, madrasas and Mosques in target village Tirat. After completion of this scheme, every beneficiary can get 27 liters of improved drinking water per day.



After the successful completion of the scheme, an improvement has come in the lifestyle of the villagers as the Mahpara told her better condition of living in her own words. "It looked impossible in our life that we could get potable drinking water at our doorstep. Now we go to school happily. All school going children are free to study and released from the hard work of bringing water for the whole day. Water is available in our village all the day long. Thanks to Hujra and SDC for their efforts for construction of water supply scheme. We can easily continue our education in such under privileged society like ours."

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