

# Female Education in Gilgit Baltistan



**My experience: a story of change and success**

# Overview

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# I. Gilgit Baltistan – An Overview

- Highly mountainous region
- “Where three empires meet”
- Diverse culture and ethnicity



# Status of women in the past

- Role of women: housewives and farmworkers
- No role outside the family
- Literacy rate was **3%** in 1981



# Status of girls education

- Limited educational opportunities
- Discouraging environment for girls education
  - My own story – how my sisters got education

# Initiatives for education

- **Role of Government – as education provider**

*Nai Roshni Schools*

*Schools under Social Action Program*

*School buildings were destroyed in ...*



- **Support of the international community**

*World Bank, European Commission*

*Community based schools for girls –  
my role*



# Literacy for empowerment

- More than **50%** women are illiterate

## Government initiatives for literacy

NCHD – A federal government agency

990 Adult literacy centers: 20000 learners

The challenge of working in Diامر district



# Education for All initiatives

Providing access to education for all children

- Established **50** schools in remote areas
- Campaigned for student enrolment



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# On the path of change

- It is common for girls to go to school.
- Large number of girls attending university
- Adult literacy has positive impacts on women.
- Communities compete for education projects
- The role of women has expanded
- **Change in attitudes towards girls education**



# Conclusion

Although there is still a long way to go; with continued and consistent efforts we were able to bring considerable changes in the lives of females and also the attitudes towards them in society.



# Thank You

