



To Become a Doctor...

“I want to become a doctor” Arshad envisions. Arshad and Ajmal are brothers who belong to the Tirah Valley in Khyber Agency. They are ten and eight years of age respectively and are living with their father Mr. Naseeb Khan in phase-4 of Jalozai IDPs camp district Nowshera.



In early 2013, the security forces launched a massive operation against militants in Tirah valley of Khyber Agency. As a result of the operation, the father of Arshad decided to move in to a safer place (Peshawar), just like thousands of other civilians of the area. It was a heart breaking incident when their mother and an elder brother were killed in the way in cross firing between militants and armed forces.



After the funeral of their mother and elder brother, father of Arshad decided to take shelter in Jalozai IDPs camp, district Nowshera. It was not an easy choice for Arshad’s family to leave behind their home and all belongings and start living in a camp. Soon Arshad and Ajmal were compelled to involve in child labor and they started to sell “Shopping Bags” in the camp to earn money for their living.



One day, the CERD child protection team during their field visit, identified both of the brothers and enrolled them at CERD PLaCES. One of the child protection monitors met their father and sensitized him to regularly send his children to the PLaCES. While both the brothers were in the PLaCES, they showed great interest to get formal schooling. Once again the child protection team visited their father and after a formal session, convinced him to enroll his children in the camp school. The child protection monitor filled a referral form for both Arshad and Ajmal and accompanied their father to Muslim Aid School in phase-4.



Arshad and Ajmal were enrolled in the school and it was a worth seeing sight when they were receiving new school books and bags upon enrolment. They joy on faces of bother brother at that point of moment is hard to express in words.

Today, Arshad and Ajmal regularly attend the school and PLaCES and participate in different social and recreational activities. Arshad says “I want to become a doctor after completing my education”.