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Suraya Gulam Bahlol

I am a mother of four children. I went through the world blind before participating in this course. I had a lot of economic problems; our insecure situation and other family problems made me sad and sick. I was nervous all the time as these problems effected me a lot and I considered myself a person who is not psychologically normal, because most of the time I was sad and thinking that I hate my children, I hate my husband, and I didn't want to talk with other people. All the time we were fighting for nothing, but since I have come to the literacy course I am completely okay. I am thankful to OPAWC who saved me from the darkness of my life. Before coming to this course my life was going to ruin, but now I have changed completely, I have learnt that I must not be hopeless, I must look after my children carefully, I must behave with my husband well – I am an educated woman now, an educated woman that must solve the problems she faces and find the right way for solving them. I have learned a lot of things, I can prevent my children from being affected from different diseases, as we have a subject about health and I have learned several things.

Before joining this course I was just a blind woman, I didn't know anything about health and other issues. I remember once my baby was very sick and I knew that the medicine was for fever so I gave it to her, but after a while she started vomiting because the medicine had expired and I gave it to her because I could not read it; but now I check the date of the medicine first and than give it to her.

I am thankful to the leadership of OPAWC, who takes care of us and provides us with all the needs of the course like stationery including books, notebooks, pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, and whiteboards on which we can write easily.

I ask OPAWC to continue this course and arrange similar activity for us to keep us busy and to prevent women with many problems like myself from falling into sickness.