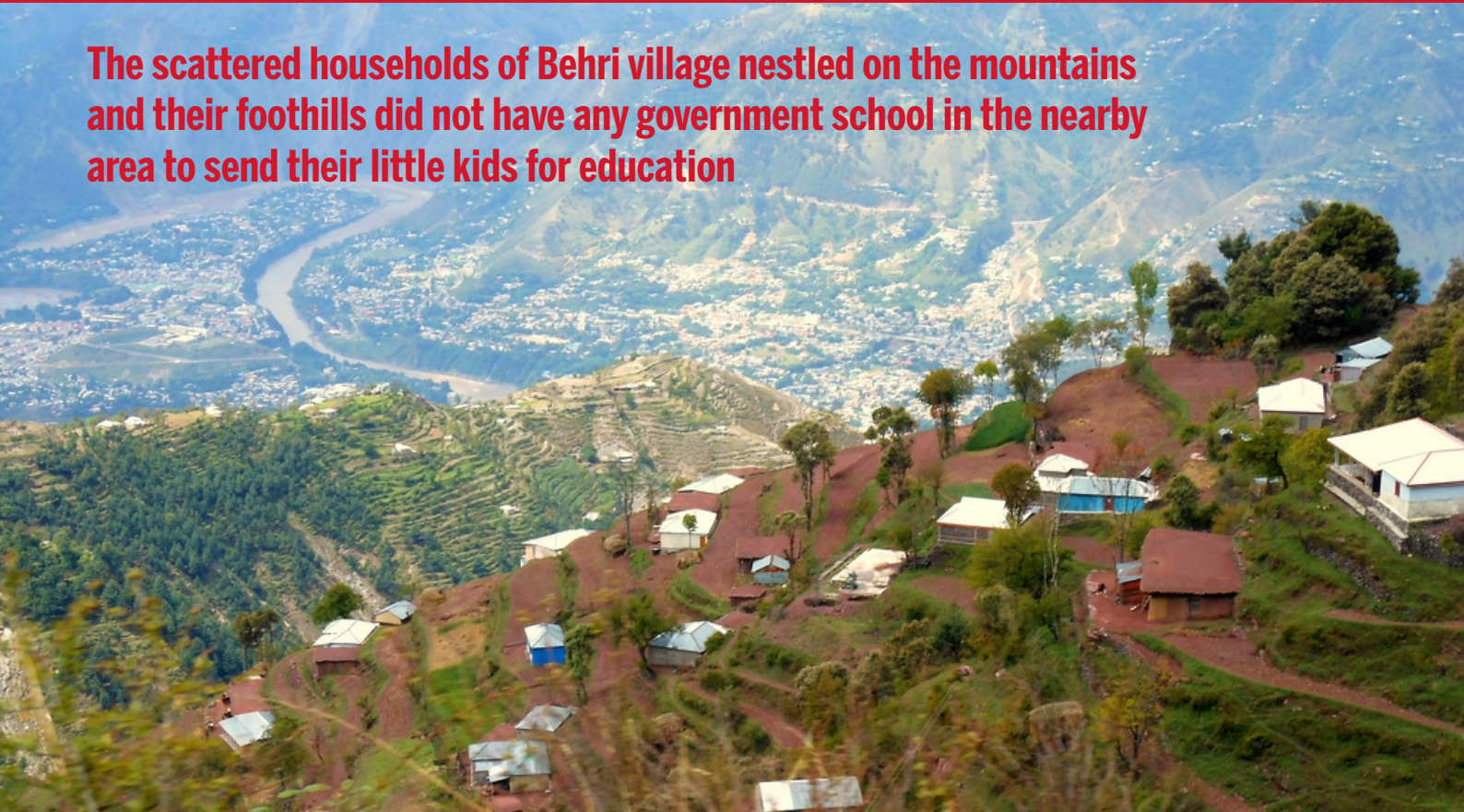


Scaling the Heights

A School Hosted by Community

Muzaffarabad District, AJK, Pakistan

The scattered households of Behri village nestled on the mountains and their foothills did not have any government school in the nearby area to send their little kids for education



Behri, a small village in the Muzaffarabad region in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), and its adjoining areas have the lowest literacy rate compared to other parts of this northern territory.

In June 2019, An ALIGHT Pakistan literacy mobilizers team identified Behri in as a target area to set up a non-formal STAR school for local out-of-school children in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4, which seeks "to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all."

The non-formal STAR schools are part of a countrywide program, run jointly by ALIGHT Pakistan and the Pakistani government in collaboration with the Educate A Child (EAC) program, run globally by the Education Above All Foundation (EAA), which seeks to enroll one million Out-of-School Children (OOSC) in Pakistan. ALIGHT Pakistan also collaborates with the public and private sectors to provide teacher's training and supplies to these schools, including stationery, bags, uniforms, notebooks, etc.

After consulting with the community and setting up the school, a newly-wed teacher was asked if she would like to teach at the school. She agreed, promptly, because she understood the importance of being able to enroll young girls in school. About half of the 33 students currently enrolled in the school are girls - a fact which makes the teacher very happy.