

Education at Your Doorstep

Inspiring Children & Parents Alike

Ishpet Dass Village, Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan



In June 2019, An ALIGHT Pakistan literacy mobilizers team identified Ishpet Dass village 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.

Home to a community that rears livestock, the village, with about 60 households, had no school. After a meeting with the ALIGHT Pakistan team, the community welcomed the idea of setting up a STAR school and mobilized themselves to pinpoint a building that could serve as the premises for the school and also organized a teacher - both at their own expense.

Things moved fast, thereafter, and now, over 70 students, who had previously never been in school before, are enrolled - most of them girls. The community has recognized, with a little help from ALIGHT Pakistan, the transformational power of education as the STAR school promises to open new avenues for its students.