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“Success Story of USAID Scholarship Awardee”

My name is Faseha Khalid and I belong to a very conservative family where girls are usually not allowed to get higher education but my mother always supported me in every circumstances. She took stand against the whole family just for me as she always wanted to get education but she got married at an early age due to this she couldn't do that. It was my mother's dream for which I worked really hard to fulfill it and in this whole academic journey USAID fully funded scholarship played a significant role. I remember, after BS when I decided to pursue my Master's degree in Gender & Development Studies I have no enough money to pay my educational expenditures as my father went through Bypass (Heart Surgery) so being a private employee he cannot bear my educational expenses. At that time, I got to know about USAID fully funded scholarship from Financial Aid Office, LCWU notice board. I just applied for this scholarship and luckily got selected. Moreover, I still remember that day when I got my first cheque in my hand my mother cried with joy as earlier, I said it was her journey more than mine. Ms. Hina and other team members were of huge help in this entire process as without their guidance students cannot get familiar with this platform. Lastly, I am thankful to USAID that they left no stone unturned to get my degree completed smoothly. Now by the grace of Allah Almighty I am a Gender Specialist and got first position in MS-Gender & Development Studies degree. Furthermore, I am working on numerous research projects based on SDG-5 focus on to achieve Gender Equality and empower all women and girls. Recently, I won Seed Grant Project funded by Punjab Population Innovation Fund and led by Greenstar Social Marketing Pakistan under their project of Khud Ko Pehchaano (2023). Without, USAID and the entire team who is involved in this project it was not possible for me to get success. Thank you USAID project team for assisting me throughout the whole journey and making me and my mother dream came true. I would also like to thank the institution Lahore College for Women University for giving me MS/M.Phil opportunity and polishing my talents.