



SUCCESS STORY

It's never too late to learn!



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Anisa reciting out the loud the numerical skills she learned over the part one year of intensive adult literacy training

Anisa Mohammad is 23 years old. She was married at age 10 and had her first child at the age of 12. She is now a mother of four children and is seven months pregnant with her fifth child. Anisa never had the chance to go to school because her parents were not aware of the importance of education. She was left at home to do all the house work, thinking that education was only meant for boys. Her father married her off at a very young age believing that girls are meant to serve their husbands and their families at home.

After hearing about the literacy class to be conducted in Al-Dorrah School, one of the USAID-targeted schools in Mareb, Anisa was the first to register. Despite her busy day serving a big family, Anisa still managed to attend the adult literacy afternoon sessions and successfully complete both levels I and II of the REFLECT Methodology. After one whole year of intensive training, Anisa can now read and write fluently.

“Ever since I was a child I loved school very much, but never had the chance to go to school like other children. I feel like I’ve missed a lot,” says Anisa. I am proud to say that I now personally teach two of my two kids who are in first and second grade. “I make sure that my children go to school daily. I follow their lessons very closely. I also encourage my neighbors to send their children to school. Considering the importance of education, I would not like anyone to miss schooling the way I did!”

Having been deprived of formal schooling for so many years, Anisa says she now appreciates education and values it more than anything.