

It is so important to have self esteem!!

I am Zurbas and I live in village Arkary in District Chitral. I have three daughters and two sons. My son studies in the village school in the 8th grade. In August 2005, the school uniforms were changed from black to white. All the students wore new uniforms except my son. I could not afford to make a new uniform for my son and I was wondering what to do about it. The same day, a local trader Karim Khan offered to buy *kaweer* from me at the market price. Fortunately, I had a reserve of 5kg of *kaweer*. I picked up my product and moved on to sell this to the trader. On my way, I met a religious preacher / herb buyer who offered to buy *kaweer* @ 100 Rupees per kg. I knew that the actual offer stood at 120 Rupees per kg so I simply refused. He challenged me that I would not find any buyer at this price. I confidently replied that since I am a member of KADO, I get weekly market information of all marketable products. I told him that if he is unwilling to buy my *kaweer* at Rs.120 per kg I would continue to move on and sell it to the local trader who will anyway pay me what is just. The person thought for a while and bought 5 kg *kaweer* @ 120 Rupees per kg and I earned Rs.600 on the spot. I made a new school uniform for my son. If KADO had not informed me about the actual market prices, it would have been impossible for me to know that I was being exploited. I am glad that I did not take loan for a trivial but an important need.

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