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How education changed my life

Many people in my country live in the village and have a lot of problems attending school. Also many parents don't accept their daughter to go to school or have education. That is the reason why many women and girls that live in the village don't know how to read or write.

When I was in my country, I was living in a small village named " Touba". That village everything we believed was to learn alquran. Alquran is like muslim book. At that time education didn't really matter to the people who lived in that village because everything they believed was to read and memorise al quran. They were thinking that education did not really matter to the people mostly to the woman. They believed that women don't need education. They believe education doesn't belong to women. All they were saying was women and girls need to stay home.. All they have to do is to cook,clean and take care of the house .Every day around 8 am to 12 pm I went to the imam's house. Imam means someone who teaches us the muslim book Al Quran . After 12pm I went back home. In the afternoon around 3pm to 6pm i went back to the imam house. I was doing that Monday through Friday and on the weekend I was staying home and learned how to cook and do all the work that women are supposed to do. Lucky for me when my mum was coming to New York I didn't have anyone to stay with. So she brought me to another place. I moved to the capital of my country which is Dakar. That new place was different from where I come from. First of all, their style was different; they could wear whatever they wanted. Compared to the village you only have to wear Muslim clothes

which his Jihab. They don't allow people to wear jeans, skirts and or short clothes all your body needs to cover up. When I came there I was a little bit strange to the people because they don't know those kinds of styles. It was a little hard to adopt in that new place. After two month, my aunt brought me to school . Their education was different from the village. It have two differents education french school and arabique school. My aunt brought me to french school. It was so difficult for me at first. I was 10 years old at that time and it was my first time to attend school. I didn't know how to write, read and also how to write my name in french. My teacher was sucked in when she realised that i don't know how to do anything. It was really hard for me because I was the oldest in the class and the other students were making fun of me for the fact that I don't know how to read and write. I was doing all my best to pass those classes. I was telling myself that I would never know how to read or write. Whenever I was trying to give up my aunt was there for me she was always telling me don't give up just do it. In a few months I know how to read and write. After the end of that year I went to another grade. I was having a good grade and all the teachers were proud of me. They were really surprised that I passed all the classes. 5 years later I graduated from middle school. My parents were so proud of me. Then I came to New York to finish my education. I thought about this education would be more difficult for my country. In my country we're having six subjects and we are writing many pages of lessons and those lessons need to be memorized. I realise that in high school we don't write too many lessons and we don't need to memorize all of them. I came here I thought that this life would be easy for me because when I was in my country I was telling my dad everyday to send me money. I thought it was really easy to get money in the U.S.A. After I started working then I realized that

nothing was easy in here. I was working 5 times a week and six or seven hours a day and at that time I was going to school too.

I started paying rent, my phone bill and all the stuff. Also I see that there is a big difference here and my country because at least here many people have education, men and women have equal rights. People don't depend on each other. They are all working and going to school for themselves. They all have education that makes me so happy and proud of myself

I learned that it's never too late to get education no matter what age you have you still can get education.