

Story of Chandi Paharin



Chandi Paharin's age is around 37 years and lives in Duriyo village of Litipara block with her three sons, one daughter and husband.

Chandi was admitted in school but could not continue her education after first standard due to the deplorable condition of her family. Her father was very poor, worked as agricultural labour and had no other source of income. To help her parents, Chandi went to forest with her mother to collect fire wood and to sell in the local market.

She got married at an early age of 16 years but her condition didn't change even after her marriage. Her husband worked as daily labour, but they were finding it hard to make ends meet. Chandi had to face challenge to manage food and other minimum need of her family with the meagre income.

During this crucial time Chandi was identified through PRA and survey done by THP team members. Her name was also endorsed by local CRP and Village Pradhan. After several discussions she was given asset worth Rs 14225 that includes Grocery and saplings for cultivation. Grocery items had a good demand in the locality. She was also given Rs 900 as consumption stipend to meet the immediate consumption needs of the household. Weekly handholding and mentoring support and quarterly refresher training also helped her lot to run her business effectively.

Through her dedication and hard labour now she has asset worth Rs 34275 that includes Grocery items worth Rs 21875. She has also purchased 6 hens and 1 pig as secondary enterprise worth Rs 5200, present value of the pig is Rs 10000 and value of 16 hens is Rs 2400.

Her present monthly family income is around Rs.9287. From the given asset she earns Rs 4490 and rest of her earning from JTDS support in form of pension, ration and wage. Her present bank savings is Rs 4000. Out of her savings, she has spent Rs 5000 for house repairing, purchased bi-cycle worth Rs 4500, three Mobile phones worth Rs 21000 and two fans worth Rs 2400.

Chandi Paharin has Aadhar, voter card, ration card and Job card. She is also linked with different Government schemes like PMSBY, SBM for latrine and Pahariya Pension. Now the family is able to consume more nutritious food than before. She is sending her children to school regularly. She has also joined in an SHG with a dream of taking loan for expanding her business and started saving in her group.