

Story of Bamadi Paharin



Bamadi Paharin's age is around 35 years and lives in Kairaboni village of Litipara block with her and one son and one daughter.

Bamadi's father was very poor and cutting wood in the forest was the only source of livelihood. She also used to go to forest for wood cutting. Due to financial problems and engagement in household chores she dropped out of school when she was in class IV. Situations compelled her to get married at an early age of 15 years. Her husband with no other work opportunity, used to work as daily labour. The labour work was also not regular. Gradually, it was becoming difficult for them to manage their family expenses and eventually they have to starve often. They were living in great distress.

During the selection of the THP Program, Bamadi was identified through PRA and survey as one of the poorest of the poor in her village. Her name was also endorsed by local CRP and Village Pradhan without any doubt. After several discussions she was given asset worth Rs 14345 for opening a Grocery shop and goats and hens for rearing. Through the micro-enterprise she had a new source of income and a ray of hope in her life. She was also given Rs 900 as consumption stipend to meet the immediate consumption needs of the household. Weekly handholding, mentoring & coaching support and quarterly refresher training developed her knowledge level and guided her in running her micro-enterprise in proper manner.

Through her dedication and hard labour, she is now able to make her ends meet. Her present asset value is Rs. 35570 that includes Grocery items worth Rs 9070, 9 goats worth Rs 17500, 16 hens worth Rs. 2300. She has also purchased 2 pigs as secondary enterprise worth Rs 3550, whose present value is Rs. 6700.

Her present monthly family income is around Rs.9375. From the given asset she earns Rs 5875 per month and the rest of her earning comes from JTDS support in form of pension, ration and wage. She also has a savings Rs. 4300 in her savings account. From her monthly income she used to save regularly and has spent Rs. 15000 for house repairing, purchased one bi-cycle worth Rs 3500, one mobile phone worth Rs. 1400 and one fan worth Rs. 1100.

Presently, Bamadi 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 nutritious food than before. She is sending her children to school regularly. She has also joined in SHG. She is much more empowered now and has aspirations to give her children higher education.