

Story of Devi Paharin



Devi Paharin's age is around 29 years and lives in Dasgora village of Litipara block with her and one son, two daughters and husband.

Devi Paharin was born in a very poor family. They used to live in hilly area and there was no such source of income except cutting wood in the forest. Devi also used to accompany with her family members and used to cut wood in the forest risking her life. She was studying in class 3 but due to financial problems could not continue her studies and dropped out of the school. At a very early age she had to look after the household chores also. She got married at an early age of 15 years. Her husband was a daily labour but there was no regular work for him. With 3 children and no regular flow of income, gradually it was becoming difficult for Devi and her husband to run their family. It was becoming difficult for them to meet the daily needs of the family especially of the children.

Devi was identified as one of the extreme poor in the THP intervention village during PRA and survey done by the THP team members. Her name was endorsed by local CRP and Village Pradhan. She opted for readymade garments, goat and hen as her enterprise. She was given asset worth Rs. 15374. With the readymade garments micro-enterprise, she found a new and secured source of earning. She was also given Rs 900 as consumption stipend to meet the immediate consumption needs of the household. Weekly handholding, mentoring and coaching support and quarterly refresher training helped her in gaining knowledge to run her business effectively.

Through her dedication and hard labour now she is able to change her fate. Now the present value of her given asset is Rs. 49645 that includes Readymade garments of worth Rs. 8975, 6 goats worth Rs. 16770, 18 hens worth Rs. 2900. She has also purchased 3 goats as a secondary enterprise worth Rs 4500 and seeds of barbate, Makai, bazra & rahar of Rs. 3000. Her present monthly family income is around Rs.8735, from given asset she earns Rs 4985 and rest of her earning from JTDS support in form of pension, ration and wage. By developing the practice of regular savings she has a bank balance of Rs. 4250 in her account.

Devi 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. She is now happy as she is able to feed her family, fulfil the demands of her children.