

## Story of Mahadi Paharin



Mahadi Paharin's age is around 30 years and lives in Dosgora village of Litipara block with her husband, one son and one daughter.

Mahadi Paharin belonged to a very poor family. Due to financial condition Mahadi could continue her studies till class 2 only and dropped out of school. She used to help her mother in the household chores. Her father was a daily labourer with irregular work with no formal source of income. So Mahadi got married at an early age of 16 years. Her husband was also a daily labourer. Even after marriage the fate of Mahadi didn't change. Crisis and struggle continued in Mahadi's life as her husband also had no regular source of income. With one son and one daughter it was gradually becoming difficult for them to sustain and lead a healthy life. Many days they have to starve due to scarcity of food and no income for days at a stretch. Mahadi was totally confused and frustrated with no ray of hope.

Mahadi was identified as a probable beneficiary by the villagers during the PRA exercise. Her name was endorsed by local CRP and Village Pradhan as one of the extreme poor in the village. After multiple discussions with Mahadi, she eventually opted for Grocery shop, goat and hen rearing for her enterprise. She was given asset worth Rs 15370. The micro-enterprise helped her to find a new and stable source of earning. She was also given Rs 900 as consumption stipend to meet the immediate needs of the household. Weekly handholding, mentoring and coaching by the THP staff and quarterly refresher training helped Mahadi to gain knowledge on running her enterprise and also technical knowledge on rearing of goats and hens. Now, Mahadi is running her grocery shop efficiently and has also grown the habit of daily savings.

The present asset value of her is Rs. 34,173 that includes Grocery items worth Rs. 12763, 3 goats worth Rs. 8870, 21 hens worth 1540. She also has 1 pig and 3 cows and also cultivated Barabati, Bajra, Rahar seed as secondary enterprise worth Rs 11000

Her present monthly family income is around Rs.9139, from given asset she earns Rs 5454 and rest of her earning comes from JTDS support in form of pension, ration and wage. She has having a savings of Rs. 4195 in her account. From the income of her grocery shop she has spent Rs. 8000 for house repairing, purchased one mobile phone worth Rs 3000.

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 in a well off state than before and are able to consume more nutritious food than before. She has also joined in SHG. She is sending her children to school regularly and is aspiring for a bright future of her children.