

## Case Study – 1

### I Have Increased Source of Income

I Suryamanti Devi (50) residing in village Nawada of Phulwarisharif block. I am living here with my husband Ashok Paswan (54) and our children. I have two daughters and two sons, whose name are Binita Kumari (21), Chumchum Kumari (17), Roshan Kumar (14) and Nitil Kumar (10). All are taking education. My elder daughter Binita is pursuing bachelor degree course, chumchum has passed out her intermediate examination, Roshan reads in class 10<sup>th</sup> and Nitil reads in 5<sup>th</sup> std.



My husband is a mason and works out of my village (8-10 KMs far away from village) and I am a home maker. I am illiterate and my husband has passed 7<sup>th</sup> std. but, we want to give high education to my child. My husband earns Rs.300/- to 350/- per day but, he only works 15-18 days in a month due to not get the mason work. We have to fulfill all requirements only in this amount like education materials, medicines, cloths, food items etc. so, I have to work also as farm labor time to time. This is too difficult for us so, I was thinking to increase my source of income anyhow.

In the year 2008, ActionAid & Prayas started the work in my village. A worker of this organization came and told us about his organization that our organization is working on right base like right to education, right to health, dignity, land and livelihood. He also organized to all for taking the membership of its people organization Dalit Adhikar Manch (DAM). He gave us much information to achieve our rights, also take the benefits from govt. schemes, the importance of education, etc. He also organized training programs on these time to time. I told to him about my problem and said that I want to increase my source of income. Then he suggested me for cow husbandry. He told me about Bharat Sarkar Gavya vikas Nigam. This institution is managing by the central govt. of India. He told me complete process to start cow husbandry by the support of govt. he brought an application form and submitted in the office of nigam after

my sign/thumb impression. After fulfillment of all criteria, I got one cow in the year 2012. That time cow was giving 7-8 liters milk daily. I started to sell it in the village. I was getting Rs. 30/- for a liter. After one year, cow gave one kid. Then I have sold the first male kid worth Rs. 2000/-.

Now, I am getting money to sell milk & also the kid. My source of income increased as my thought. Now, no economic crisis in my family to take high education by children. I am very much happy and want to give a lot of thanks to ActionAid & Prayas to suggest me and help me to increase my income through their worker.