## Case Study - 1

## I Have increased My Income

"I am Renu Devi (38) living at Maulana budhuchak village of Simra Panchayat under Phulwarisharif block with my husband Sant Lal Das (38) and my three children Biru Kumar (16), Juli Kumari (12) and Bitu Kumar (9). My husband work as daily wage labor and my all children go to govt. school to take education on regular basis.

Earlier, when my father in law and my mother in law in live and they was not working to earn



because they were old age and suffering from age factor diseases. That time only one child went to the school as my  $2^{nd}$  child was able to go. But, we did not understand the importance of education. My husband is earning Rs.100-120 per day and he got 20-22 days work in a month. So, we was suffering from many problems like medicines, clothes, food etc. and helpless to live anyhow with these problems. My husband went to his work about 3-4 KMs far away from my village and if I have no money then suddenly if my laws went to illness then I had to take loan from creditors on interest. We had to helpless to debit the loan amount anyhow. We engaged a lot of problems which is made from the scarcity of economical support and so, our child was not going to school.

When intervention of AAA and Prayas in the year 2008, the volunteers of Prayas has started to come in my village on regular basis and organize some meetings with villagers. He told us the role of Prayas & ActionAid, importance of education, maintain for good health, increase of our sourc of income. He also told that how we get benefit from govt. schemes regularly etc. I also started to go in that meeting and one day, share my problems to him. He told about support from the organization and in the year 2010, I got the support from Prayas & ActionAid Rs.1000/- (One Thousand) to increase my source of income. He asked me to how you can want to earn? because my laws suffering from their old age factor problems so, I choose to open a fartune shop in my small house. He support to open my shop and I started to sell. I earned whatever, I used to increase my shop. In the year 2013, my laws (both) died in the gap of three months. I have also enrolled my both of children into the govt. school and now, they go to school on regular basis with together. Now, the capital of worth Rs.20000/- is in my shop and we are not suffering from any economical problems. We have no any creditors now and we are very much happy with my all family.

We have no any word to thank the volunteer of ActionAid & Prayas, he changed my life directly. It is not enough, I also participate in the village meeting to plan to solve the village problems like to take benefit from govt. schemes.