



Changes Through Learning Circle

I am Chobita Kujur, a member of the Learning Circle group of the village Vangni, Mithpukur, Rangpur located in the northern part of Bangladesh. I got married and came to my in-laws' house to stay with them. Here, I found no domestic animals or fowl. They lived by cultivating a very small piece of land. They were not focused on planning for the future or achieving a decent living standard. It created conflicts at times from the very beginning. My husband was the only source of income for the family, and it was challenging for him to keep going. I took the initiative to discuss with my husband about better planning for improving the family's standard of living. I shared that, as I am not skilled in working on others' land, I could start raising goats (black Bengal) to contribute to the family's progress. But I was in a dilemma as I did not get any suggestions or advice on how to raise goats properly. After few days, SIL Bangladesh started their activity in our village called Learning Circle (a group of 12 to 15 members who sit together once a week to learn, share, and discuss). I learned the basic ideas from the book (Amrao Pari- We Can Too) about raising domestic animals and planned to start but I didn't have the capital I needed. I took a loan of BDT 12,000 from a local NGO and bought four baby goats (two castrated goats and two female goats) to raise. (Page: 2)

Special Comments

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Highlights



All the members of Learning Circle of Biglupara group has raised money and handover a water tank to a member for maintaining basic cleanliness. Others will be given by rotationally.

Key Dates

Nov: GNG Leaders Training

Nov: Research Data entry

Nov: Field Monitoring Visit

(Learning Circle, Adolescent Health Care Group) to Mahle, Oraon Communities.

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I am taking regular care of these and giving worm medicine as part of regular medication as I was advised by the local veterinarian. I planted grass for my goats next to our crop field. I keep the goats in a clean space. Within five months, I sold my two castrated goats for BDT 10,000. I paid BDT 6,000 of my loan and, with BDT 3,000, I bought two more female goats and gave BDT 1,000 to my husband. Now I have two goats with young. Soon they will give birth. We are planning to raise more goats and hope soon we will be the owner of a small farm. Because I am a newly wedded bride, everyone praises me for my initiative, and people are getting encouraged to raise goats or other animals themselves. I share regularly with them, and we discuss all the things that are necessary in our group. I want to give thanks to the SIL Learning Circle initiatives which have changed my life, our thoughts, and our living standards.

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Local Feeds of September

Research Survey Field Test



First Field test and feedback session on Research Study "My language & My Identity" with the Teli, Turi, Vuimali, Rajoar, Malo & Mushohor communities.

Adolescent Health Care Training



Adolescent Health Care Animators' Training has done with Kol, Mahali, Koch, Hajong & Oraon communities with 26 participants.

Awareness Raising



Local Advocacy and Awareness on Child Marriage and Alcoholism have done with Kol Community.

Research Data Collection (methodology-1)



Research Data Collectors have already collected 90% of the data through the Interview (Methodology-1).

Gender Awareness Training



Gender Awareness Animators' Training has done with Kol, Mahali, Koch, Hajong & Oraon communities with 26 participants.

Bamboo and seed distribution



- Seed Money for bamboo to 50 Mahle Beneficiaries'.
- Seed money for small business on vegetable to 14 beneficiaries of Kol, Mahle, Oraon, and Koch communities.

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