

FEW WORDS FOR THE CHANGES OF FIGHTER LACHAM KOL

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The Kol community has been living in the border area of Rajshai-Chapainowabgonj District located in Godagari Upazila's 3no. Mohonpur Union for a very long time. Because of the situation, types of the soil and the low water level, the communication system is undeveloped as it is quite an isolated area. The barren fields and low hills were used for grazing. Without rain, cultivation of crops was not an option. The Kol community was living without the benefit of education and health facilities as there were no government-supported institutions in the area.

To enhance their lives, SIL Bangladesh started another project in 2015 on multilingual education (MLE), adult literacy, Learning Circle, Generation Next Groups (GNG), awareness raising, choosing alternative professions, health education, and a livelihood program along with Child Rights and Ethnic Minorities Children's Program.



To represent the community, Lacham Kol was selected as a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) member in 2016. Since then, he has been working with honesty and dedication. I joined in 2017 and, with that, the story of stepping forward is continuing on.

No one is a born leader. People dream to be a leader, but not everyone gets the opportunity. Few take advantage of the opportunity when they get it and some have lost the opportunity through ignorance. Very few grab the opportunity to do something good by which the next generation could remember that person. Lacham Kol is one person who took the opportunity and became a leader.

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Aug: MSC story collection with Oraon, Mahle and Koch Community.

Aug: Adolescent Health Care Animator recruitment and training for Oraon, Mahle, Kol, Koch and Hajong Community.

Aug: Awareness Raising Meeting with Usoi and Oraon Community.

Aug: Adult Literacy Volunteer Training and MLE Mat. Dev. workshop-1 with Usoi Tripura Community.

Aug: Research Data Collector Training with Turi, Malo, Rojoyar, Teli, Musuhor, Vuimali Community.

Few Words For The Changes Of The Fighter Lacham Kol..... Cont'd

He does not have academic qualifications and therefore cannot speak well. But this couldn't make him hold back. He was uncomfortable visiting the local government offices but now, after joining with SIL, the change in him is visible. If for any reason he goes to the government or non-government offices for his community, he is well-dressed. People contact him regarding their personal problems or community problems. Through his efforts, the youth of this community are well organised. He is very active and prompt in solving the problems of the community.



With the collaboration of local youths, he has formed a good network and handled so many affairs in the Filtypara Kol community. The result is that the community is getting so many government-allocated facilities. In all this he always remembers SIL's efforts to make him confident. He says, "SIL has opened my eyes, and therefore the Kol community is stepping forward."

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