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THE JOY OF EARNING: BEING FINANCIALLY SOLVENT

Now he is known in the area as '**Nor Mistry**' (Nor Mason)! His full name is Narsing Koch. A 32-year-old man from the Koch community, he lives in the village Nowkuchi, Jhinaigati Upazila in the Sherpur district in the Northern part of Bangladesh. Narsing Koch studied up to 9th standard and then left school because of financial problems to help earn for the family. His family has five members. He used to work in daily labor with his father and as a helper with a mason team. But work was uncertain. If they get called for work, they had to join; otherwise, they had to stay without work. He was quite depressed with his life and work.

In December 2021, SIL Bangladesh selected him for one-month of technical training called 'Brick Masonry and Plaster'. As he was looking for a better work situation, he immediately seized the opportunity with great interest.

Highlights



Washable Sanitary Napkin Training

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25 participants from the Kol, Mahali, Koch, and the Oraon communities.

Key Dates

Aug '22: Field Visit for FGD and Case Study with the Hudi community .

Aug '22: Field Monitoring Visit with the Koch & Hajong communities.

Aug '22: Koch Youth Conference.

Aug '22: Generation Next Group (GNG) Leaders' refreshers Training with the Oraon, Mahali, Koch and the Hajong communities.

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After the one-month training, they were provided all the necessary tools for their future work. When he returned to the village, at first he wasn't able to get work as local villagers were not aware of his training and work capacity. But, after a while, he achieved the trust of the local people through evidence of his new skills and hard work. Now, everyone calls him to repair or construct their houses. He is currently working on two semi-constructed houses. He has also worked on construction for SIL on a water pump at the village of Rangtia in his area. SIL Bangladesh provided the pump to provide better drinking water. Now, Mr. Nor Koch's daily income is 700.00 BDT (seven hundred taka). Narsing Koch is now very happy with his life. He expresses his joy, "I am filled with wonder to think that now I'm able to bear the expenses for my whole family, including the education of my younger brother." He has now trained five more youths in his area, and they are working under him. He is dreaming of having a larger work team in the future.

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Local Feeds of July

Field Monitoring Visit



Field Monitoring Visit
with the Kol, Mahali and the Oraon,
communities.

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