

Sandha Rishi is now a Happiest Woman

I am so happy. I never thought to cook by gas. We would see it on Television. I never dream of cooking by gas. Unbelievable, it is at my hand. I am so happy. Thanks to ARCO. Sandha Rishi, Producer, Rishipara producers, Cheragpur, Mahadevpur, Naogaon.

Sandha Rani Rishi is now a happiest woman in their community. She has recovered her challenges of poverty, and living with a minimum standard with all the family members consisted of four (4) members. Their daughter reads in class 8 and her son has been doing the business of haircutting. Overall, the family has been going on with joyful standards as a result of inclusion within the larger society.



Sandha Rani Rishi is the inhabitant of Rishipara of Cheragpur village of Cheragpur Union under Mahadevpur Upazila of Naogaon district. Her husband is Gopal Rishi, who was a small entrepreneur of handicraft. They are extreme poor, socially excluded, and living with hand to mouths by the small business. They were surrounded within their own communities earning by small handicraft business. They were not used to dealing with the larger communities in fear of exclusion and disgrace due to untouchable measures in mainstreaming communities. They were known to the government services and schemes of development entitled for them to be free from poverty and hunger. Event nobodies have informed them about the opportunities of development in Department of Youths' Development, and banking sectors.

The DREAM project interventions created the opportunities of becoming poverty free and inclusion with larger communities and facilitated them with information and cooperation. In the working process with them, Sandha Rishi became a member of producer group organized in their community in March, 2017. She and her husband jointly took part in the VDC meeting and learning session conducted in their communities. They had the highest interest to startup the business of bull fattening and native chicken rearing. At first, they started up native chicken rearing and got profits of BDT. 1685. Then he started up bull fattening business at September, 2018 taking micro-finance of amount 50,000 from BDBL and got benefits of BDT. 2963 at first cycle. In the second cycle, they got profit of BDT. 2521 by chicken rearing and BDT. 6,263 by bull fattening, which have been continuing. With the profits and capital, they renovated the shed of bull and native chicken rearing.

Both have took part in the wage employment workshop, where the Upazila Officer of Youths Development briefed its bio-gas plan project, and suggested to visit their Bio-gas plant set up in Nazirpur Mohari's house of Nazirpur, Patnitala. According to the suggestion, they visited the spot, and next he submitted an application of bio-gas plant to DYD of Mahadevpur. Bio-gas plant was setup and made ready for cooking in March, 2018.

When I saw the Bio-gas plan, I was much appreciated. Coming home, I discussed with my wife and elder son. I also discussed with the engineer of Bio-gas plant. He came in my home and briefed all the system to have the plan. I applied for the bio-gas plan with the help of ARCO. As we are very poor, my wife felt difficulties in collecting foul every day. She have to spend six (6) hours in a day on average to prepared and meet the foul needs for our cooking. Now her agonies have been removed. Said, Gopal Rishi, Husband of Sandha Rishi.



Sandha is now free from agonies of collecting cooking foul spending more and more time. She has wasted about six hours to manage foul on average. Now she has been spending the time for the business of chicken rearing, and bull fattening. They have developed a plan of Vermi compost fertilizers and sale of wastes of Bio-gas plant by bull fattening and native chicken rearing. The plan has been going on to implementation. Thereby their income has been increased more than previous. Now they are able to meet their minimum needs and recovered from the anxiety of their poverty.