

## **Sadhona is going to fulfill her Dream**

*Sandhona Hari (20), young women of Dalit community is now self-employed and earning BDT. 2,000 – 2,500 per month servicing of beautification in her own and mainstream communities. She has created good acceptance in the mainstream community. She would like be a owner of beauty parlor.*

There are 328 people of 99 households live in the horijon colony adjacent to Naogaon kancha bazar under the district of Naogaon, who are untouchable and most vulnerable and excluded community of our society. Sadhona Hari (20) belongs to the said community. Her father is late Shankar Hari and mother is Sagori Hari. They have four siblings. Her mother works as a day laborer. She maintains her family with her poor income. Though they belong to the horijon colony, the whole atmosphere did not comfortable to Sadhona. She always dreamt that



**Sadhona is working in the parlor**

one day she must come out from this atmosphere. But it was very challenging for her to come out from this community. She always thought that how she could come out from the situation. She discussed her problem with DREAM project staff and joined several meetings of DREAM project. Besides DREAM staff advised her and counseled her parents. They assist her to link with different govt. and non-govt departments for alternative profession. Sadhona and ARCO realized beautification is a suitable profession for her and it has a great demand in the mainstream society. Even she had a cherished dream to be a beautician. But it was not easy to be a beautician because they had no acceptance of mainstream community and their community people had a traditional mind setup. Even a lot of money should invest in this purpose. But Sadhona was determined on her dream.

In these circumstances ARCO and Practical Action jointly supported her materials to start her business. They linked her in a well-known beauty parlor named Sanda Beauty Parlor for beautification training course. She received three months long training. After the end of the training Practical Action provided some materials and money for starting her business and ARCO is continuing their counseling activities for the development of her business. Now she has been practicing her knowledge and providing services with pay in her own community as well as in the mainstream community. Now she earns BDT. 2,000 -2,500 from this business. Even the parlor owner has offered here to work in her beauty parlor permanently. Now some people have inspired to see her success. Her business promoted her to build a good relationship with mainstream community. She has more customers of mainstream people.

Sadhona she wants to be an owner of beauty parlor. So she wishes to help her own community who are keenly interested in this profession. We also wish that her dream will come true one day and she will be a role model for her community.

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