

Milina changed her life

Most of the Dalit/Adibashi people don't get facilities from different government and non-govt. departments. Even they do not know where to go for accessing the facilities as well as their rights. A few miles far from Patnitala upazila, the village 'South Kashipur' is situated under no. seven ward of Patichora union. The village is deprived from modern facilities. Milina Hasda, a twenty-two years young girl was born in this village. The father of Milina, Daud Hasda left her family and went to another place when she was very little. Her mother Fulmoni Soren became alone. She had no other alternative to maintain her family in absence of her father. She was hopeless, frustrated and broken physically, mentally and economically. But time never stops. She thought that she has to do something for her baby as well as for herself.



Time never stops, Milina has passed Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination with all the efforts and support of her mother through her extreme hard work. But after passing SSC examination, it became very hard for her mother to continue her education in higher secondary level at college. During study in SSC level, Milina worked with her mother in the field for agriculture farming as well as a day laborer in the brickfield. But it became very difficult for her to uphold higher education with a minimum income. On the other hand, they do not have work all over the year except a few months. As a consequence of reality, continuation of Milina's education became stopped. Now what will do Milina? After thinking a lot, Milina became frustrated. She did not find any other option to upgrade her education beside maintain normal life.



In the meantime, development work for Adibashi people started at south Kashipur through the support of Dalit/Adibashi Rights, Empowerment and Access towards Mainstream (DREAM) project by ARCO. Then the turning point knocked at the door of Milina. She became included in the youth group of the south Kashipur Village development committee facilitated

by the DREAM project. She used to attend all the meetings of the youth group. She had been learning through group sharing regarding different issues about their rights, empowerment, TVET, dignity etc. towards the mainstream community. Once, she was selected for receiving a three months training on consumer electronics by the support of UCEP Bangladesh. She was assigned to receive her training from Hozrot Ma Fatema (R:) training centre, Sariakandi, Bogra. After successful completion of her training, she joined in Shobhon group at Narayanganj. Now she has been receiving an amount of ten thousand taka salary per month. She has been satisfying herself by taking care of her beloved mother. She sends money to her mother each month by which her mother can live. Milina always feels that if ARCO did not support them, then what would happen in their life. She always encourages her neighbors, relatives to include in village development committee for their development. She is grateful enough to DREAM project-ARCO for changing her life. Milina is dreaming for her bright future.