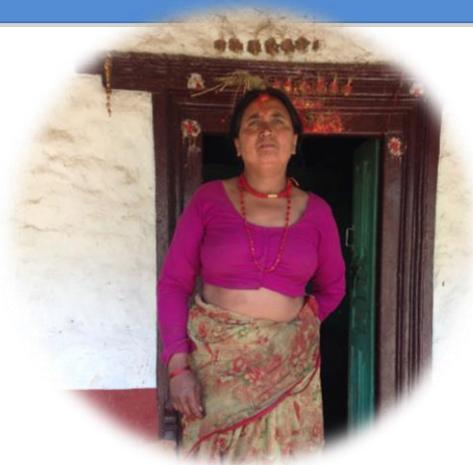


Success stories from Sahayatra Family



A road to a PhD



Sometimes it is difficult to imagine the future and visualize what will coming years bring to our family. Especially if there are many worries absorbing our time and energy daily that leave little space for dreams.

For the case of Ishwori Basnet, a 43 years-old woman from Chitlang the future was far from being promissory twenty years ago when the main concerns were how to supply basic needs like diapers or daily meals for her babies.

However, her desire to achieve a better life was greater and she decided to search for alternatives that generate her income. Thus, she attended several agricultural trainings and learned about

been actively involved in bringing all the knowledge and skills acquired to other people in the community.

On other hands, Ishwori has been a client of Mahila Sahayatra for one year and has already taken two loans (Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 100,000) to initiate and later expand her vegetable cultivation business in the Valley of Chitlang. With those resources she bought a piece of land and began planting vegetables like coli flower, potatoes, peas, cabbages, etc.

She has found the farming of vegetables a quite profitable business for her family. For instance, the last year within 6 months she was able to earn Rs. 300,000 in one harvest season, as it was a really good time for the business, she could sell all her production at good prices in the city.

Nowadays, she is leasing half of her property and pays Rs.15,000 annually for the rent of another extension of land to

from where she can get really good earnings.

Ishwori is one of the best clients of *Gambenshi Shayatra Kendra* in terms of repayment and usage of the loan as she can and she recognizes that microfinance resources from Shayatra have made significant improvement not only in her family's life but also in changing lives of people in the community.

Twenty years ago, her family couldn't even afford a single pamper for their babies, today, those children are studying at Kathmandu and her mother is dreaming to see them studying abroad and pursuing a PhD.



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increase her vegetable production,