

# Success stories from Sahayatra Family



The case of the Center No.17 in Kakani, Nuwakot is a remarkable example about how males can successfully get involve in microfinance programs. In contrast with other centers, *ShrijanshilShayatra Kendra* is entirely comprised by men and most of them are involved in agricultural activities with a great entrepreneurial spirit.

The physical facilities of the center are far from being well resourced. Indeed, there is no a physical building to conduct the monthly meeting and it usually takes place in the courtyard of one house's members. However, this situation doesn't undermine the willingness



## Microfinance opportunities for all

and commitment of the group, which is reflected in their punctuality, respect and well-organized meeting.

The enthusiasm and commitment of the members is tangible in small details that reveals the spirit of this group, like the framed certificate obtained for the conclusion of the Pre-Group Training (PGT). Sahayatra operates under the scheme of solidary groups and requires the formation of centers with at least two groups of five persons each.

Even if the center is small, there is a great interest among their group to receive the benefits from the Mahila Sahayatra's microfinance programs to start or expand their business.

That is the case of Purma Lama, who asked for a loan from Sahayatra of Rs.100,000 to expand his production of tomatoes and began to farm chickens. He is



planning to build six tunnels to enhance his tomato business and is considering retaking another loan in the future after repaying the current

one. He once was ranked as the best farmer producer in his community and has applied all his experience into this project fostered by the resources provided by Sahayatra.

On the other hand, there is the case of Ashoke Lama, who recently asked for loan of Rs.50,000 to buy a buffalo and some chicken to start a farming business. Seeing other friends in his community involved in such activities motivated him to launch this new project. As a Christian pastor of his community, Ashoke hope that the income that his prospective business will generate contribute to achieve one of his biggest dreams in the life: to build a church for his fellowship.

