

Rural Women Creating Theory of Change through “PASSING ON GIFTS”



HIRAMANI murmu a member of 'Sandhaini Women SHG' lives with her husband and three children in Kathasiris, a village in the backward and dry district of Mayurbhanj, Odisha, India. With other fourteen members Sandhaini SHG joined the Mayurbhanj Socio Economic Development Project (MSED) in March 2015 as Original Groups (OG)

of SAKTI SIKHA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (SDS) in Koliana block. *Rani Baskey* of 'Kasturaba SHG' with other fourteen members of the SHG and *Hiramani Murmu* of 'Sarala SHG' with other fourteen members also joined MSED as OG in March 2015. Through MSED project these three SHGs had taken training on 12 Cornerstone, SHG Management, Improved Animal Management, Backyard Poultry Management, Agri Kitchen Garden and Gender & Justice.

The continuous training and PSRP leads the group to become an inspiration for the other groups of MSED. All the families of these groups are tribal and are maintaining their livelihood through small agriculture, daily wage earner and rearing small livestock like Goat and Poultry. Goat is one of the major sources of livelihood for the families of these groups. Three members of 'Sandhaini SHG' *Basa Baskey*, *Sakra Baskey*, *Laxmi Murmu* and *Upal hansda* have no goat. Like *Hiramani Murmu* of 'Kasturaba SHG' has no goat. Both the OG SHG 'Sandhaini' and 'Kasturaba' and the PMC has decided to make Pass ON between their groups.

Both the OG SHGs and PMC have made a 'Pass On' ceremony in their villages with SDS staffs. The PMC leads all the activities. *Hiramani Murmu* of 'Sandhaini SHG' had gifted 2 FEMALE GOAT to *Basa Baskey* and *Sakra Baskey*. *Tulasi Soren* of 'Sandhaini SHG' had gifted a HEN to *Rani Murmu*. *Tulasi Soren* also gifted VEGETABLE SEEDS to all fifteen members of 'Sarala SHG'. *Bharati Murmu* of 'Sandhaini SHG' had gifted a FEMALE GOAT *Upal hansda*. *Pungi Hansda* of 'Sandhaini SHG' gifted 20 KG of HIGH YEILDING RICE SEED to *Sita Murmu*. *Rani Baskey* of 'Kasturaba SHG' gifted a FEMALE GOAT to *Hiramani Murmu* of 'Sarala SHG'. *Sebati Hansda* of 'Kasturaba SHG' gifted a FEMALE GOAT to *Laxmi Murmu* of 'Sandhaini SHG'.



Through initiating the "Pass On" these two groups 'Sandhaini SHG' and 'Kasturaba SHG' become the change maker of MSED project. Here notable thing is that no groups had received any goat support from the project but it is only due to the CS training, PSRP and continuous follow up of SDS staffs the SHGs are initiated "Pass On" of their own assets. *Hiramanani*, *Tulasi*, *Bharati*, *Pungi*, *Rani* and *Sebati's* joy and excitement was on sky as an initiator of the change making process. The story may influence many *Hiramani* and *Tulasi* to make impact of the life of another needy and join hand in the HEIFER' theory of change.....