

Change in Life due to goat farming



Kesari Thapa Magar, who was born 36 years ago in Ghyalchowk VDC, ward No. 7 Chhapgaun, got married when she was only 15 years old with Gum Bahadur Thapa Magar. Like in her parent's home, she has to spend the same miserable life with poor economic condition in her husband's home.

With the land of 8 ropani, they were doing traditional way of farming growing Buckwheat, maize and pulses and were struggling for hand to mouth. But when a non-government organization called CHESS Nepal in collaboration with ICFON Netherlands implemented SEED (Sustainable Efforts for Economic Development) project in January 2009 to create opportunity for economic development and creating awareness to the Dalits and Janjatis community especially focusing on women, her life has been changed. She was involved in Sayapatri

women group under her own chairmanship and participated on various social mobilization and technical trainings on agro-intervention that CHESS Nepal conducted during the period of program implementation.

Initially, Keasri Thapa Magar was doing goat farming in a traditional way without proper management of goat shed and she was not getting any profit from such farming. But after getting trainings, she gradually changed her way of doing goat farming. After getting support of NRs 10000 for goat shed construction from the project, she constructed a proper managed goat shed which can hold around 70 goats by spending around NRs. 12000. She also increased her goat number by buying further 10 goats after the project provided her NRs. 35000. Right now, she has 42 goats including mother goats and kids. This year she earned NRs. 70000 by selling goats and buck. After getting income of this amount, she is really very excited and is planning to further extend her goat farming and to become more commercial. Her way of living has been changed a lot these days. She is also able to take good care of her family. The pathways and trainings given by CHESS Nepal and the support provided by ICFON Netherlands has become milestone in her life. For all her success and achievements, she is very thankful to ICFON Netherlands and CHESS Nepal for providing such opportunity to her.

