

Success after Struggle



Shanta B.K. who was born in 1980 as a single child of her family has become a model to the village of Dhamilikuwa 6 of Lamjung district with her own identity. Currently she is living with her husband and two children. Being from the dalit community, initially she was isolated from other members of the community as dalit are considered to be the untouchable caste.

In February 2009, Heifer launched a project called Rural Livelihood support Project and she got opportunity to attend various trainings on social mobilisation and other technical trainings on agro- interention that motivate her towards commercial farming of Agriculture and livestock which made a good income. She has an income of around NRs. 8000 to 10000 per month. The various trainings that she got has brought lots of positive changes in her attitude and

behaviour and she is playing leadership role not only in women group but also in school management committee, community forest committee, local cooperative and others. Those members who used to isolate her before are now respecting her and she has a social prestige now in the community.

Shanta is also awarded with Rural Empowerment Award from CHES Nepal for her leadership and contribution towards her family, women group and to the entire community. And she also got the first prize from Dhamilikuwa Rural Agro-cooperative as the best commercial farmer. Similarly she is awarded in many other programmes for her contribution.

She has now become an example to the entire community which is limited by the social boundaries of caste and ethnicity due to her positive behaviour, leadership, hard work and her devotion towards her agro. profession. For all her achievements, she is thankful to Heifer International and CHES Nepal.