

Saraswati Munda – A successful entrepreneur

Saraswati Munda is a single tribal woman aged around 44. She resides in Barghat village of Talbahali Gram panchayat under Lahunipara block, Sundargarh district. Her husband died in an accident leaving her and his only son behind. It was very difficult in her part to manage her family with a very small land holding.

During the livelihood's mapping / survey with the involvement of VDC in the village, Mrs. Saraswati Munda is found to be the most vulnerable households in the village. Hence, the committee decided to provide financial assistance for establishing a grocery shop in the same village under Income Generation Activity (IGA) as people of the village depending upon Kuliposh village for grocery items. She was also trained on management aspects of the shop.



She was provided Rs. 30,000.00 under IGA, out of which invested around Rs. 25000/- in the shop and rest Rs. 5000/- she kept with her as capital fund. After facing some initial hurdles, she is earning Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- profit per day. She has expressed her gratitude to OPELIP. She said "it gives me a path to live with dignity".