

Shifting from Migration to Home Run Enterprise

Sukadev Kallo, aged 34, is a PVTG youth resides at Budhabhuin village under Talbahali GP of Lahunipara block in Sundargarh district. He lives with his family consists 4 members. He was the migrant labour. During the 1st wave of Covid-19, he returned to his village. He got IGA support in the year 2021 from MPA Khuntagaon under OPELIP programme. Sukadev was selected as IGA beneficiary under returnee migrant category. The Village Development Association (VDA), Budhabhuin selected Sukadev as IGA beneficiary in the year 2020-21. Later on the VDC Budhabhuin finalized and approved his selection. After that, he decided to start a grocery shop in his village. The VDC sanctioned an amount of Rs.18,000/- to him.

After receiving the sanctioned amount of Rs.18,000/-, he started a grocery shop in his village. Gradually, it runs very well and he able to sell an amounting Rs.800/- to 1000/- per day. His wife also helps him in running the Grocery shop. As a result; Sukadev gets more time to do agricultural work. Now it gives more pleasure to him because he stays with his wife and children without migration.

Due to lock down in the 2nd wave of Covid-19 pandemic, his business was shrunk down. He noticed that movement of the people has been restricted during this lock down and daily consumable items are not regularly available in his area. Instead of staying calm and quite in the house, he thought how to strengthen his business during this pandemic period. He comes forward and invested more money in his grocery shop. He went to market, purchased different types of grocery items which have more demand in the local area. Besides keeping various daily consumable items in the shop, he stocks other items which have more demand at the village level. He has been able to provide his service to the people of his village and also to the adjacent villages. Today he is supplying the villagers and the



villagers and the nearby villagers who are getting easily daily household consumable goods, items at a reasonable price. He feels proud, in this time of juncture, he stands with the community people and providing services at the door step of the community. After lockdown, his daily selling has increased from Rs.1000 to Rs.1800/-. It gives the more profit to him. In a month, he is able to earn around Rs.5,000/-. Villagers are happy as they are getting daily consumable items at the door step in a reasonable price. So consumers are not going outside or local market for purchasing the daily grocery items. Before one week the medical team came to this village for COVID testing where none of the villagers found COVID positive. It shows people are not going outside the village, as a result chances of transmission is nil, i.e.,

**“ NO OUTSIDE MOVEMENT,
NO COVID TRANSMISSION ”**

Sukadev Kallo has expressed his gratitude to OPELIP and PBDA, Khuntagaon for creating such a platform for him. He says a migrant labour find employment at his native place. He is an example for other migrant workers, who are returning their native place during this pandemic period.