

## Backyard Poultry: A ATM Card for A Poorest PVTG Family

Kirsanipada is a village in Mudulipada GP, with 105 households. Majority of them are poor depending on agriculture and wage labour for their livelihoods. Some households were rearing poultry in their backyards, in the past. However, they had to discontinue it for various reasons like lack of supply of native chicken breeds, predation owing to lack of proper night shelters, high mortality rate due to lack of access to health care facilities and lack of knowledge. Thereafter, the communities relied mostly on commercially produced broiler chicken meat and eggs for their consumption needs. After Intervention of OPELIP, Community mobilization meetings were organized especially with women self-help groups (SHGs) to explain the details of the BYP programme. Consequently, Common Interest Groups (CIG) was formed. During the year-2020-21 the VDC gave support to every Household for Backyard Poultry. OPELIP provided support of amount Rs.10,000/- to every Household under Livelihood category. With that amount beneficiaries got 1 Polutry Cage, Feeder, Drinker, Feeds & 10 numbers of local birds.

As all the households of the village started rearing backyard poultry, the traditional culture of rearing native chicken breeds has come alive at Kirsanipada village. The local communities are able to consume eggs and meat produced in their backyard, on a regular basis. Also, the chicken and eggs, produced in the backyards are healthy compared to commercially produced chicken, thus ensuring better health to the families.

Community members are happy and said that, OPELIP is a good programme which creates awareness, Skill Development, Funds management for Sustainable development of livelihood for which they are thankful to OPELIP.

