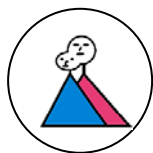


Annual Report -Summary Achievements



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Aawaaj (The Voice)

(Surkhet, Dailekh and Bardiya)

I. Breaking the Silence against Violence and Abuse

1.1 Reinforcement of community structures

- The secretary from 25 VDC level were aware about their role in the society against domestic violence, the facilities that should be access to victims for their justice as per the government policies were informed.
- The member of Community support mechanism (CSM) said that they will fully implement the knowledge learned in community. Surkhet, Hariharpur VDC, one 16 years old teenager girl was alone in the home and knowing this; 5 boys tried to abuse her. CSM member capture them and handover to the police.
- The bill regarding Domestic violence was aware and now it is easier for work.
- The CSM members are now aware that problem in villages which are hidden should be taken out and should be solved.
- The participant said that they have developed positive attitude before where they used to be dispute in the society without knowing the reason but now after taking training, we tried to know the reason from both parties and try to solve their dispute if the problem is not solved then referred to concern place.
- In Mahamadpur VDC of Bardiya, girls at the age of 21-22 are getting married knowing this CSM is actively working to stop child marriage.
- CSM members after knowing the experience of migrant worker; tried to aware other women of the society. After the CSM member knew that one broker was ready to take a woman for foreign employment, they stopped it.
- CSM members are actively involved for the violence free society. They are doing awareness through street drama, pestering and home visit.

1.2 Interaction with children saving group

- They are aware that how to utilize free time, and also aware that it is important to share the daily activity with parents and learned the sharing skills. Now from this program in one month children deposited from 50 to 200 rupees

- Before children's were not aware about the bad touch and good touch but after the interaction children are aware about the domestic violence, sexual abuse. And now they are aware on how to protect and teach their junior about protection.
- After the program children has control over unnecessary use of money.
- Now in this Bal-Bikash saving group 128 children's are depositing money.

1.3 One day interaction with risk children parents

- The women participant expressed that before they did not used to share their problems because of society even though their husband came drunk, beat and harass them but after the discussion they realized that they are doing wrong and they have to revolt against trauma and bad behavior”
- Parents share that before they did not take care, not listen their children's problem, children used to enjoy outside home and with friends. Now onwards they will try and create friendly environment in house itself.
- In the interaction; parents discussed on how to protect children from internal conflict and how to be safe and how to create peace environment in home.
- Parent share that before children's used to do extra expenses but after joining the saving group their habits has changed and now they take care of their own cleanliness also.

1.4 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS)

Parents meeting have helped in regular school habits for student and also helped in development of children. Example in Surkhet Bangesimal one boy was not ready to go to CFS but his mother after attending the CFS meeting and seeing other children playing and studying sends her child regular to CFS.

- Now children's confidence has been rising up and now they are able to express their problem.
- Total 233 children are the beneficiaries of CFS.
- As children face difficulty doing their home work at home CFS has helped them in doing their work easily.

- Surkhet, bangaesimal 20 children share that before they were afraid to come in front of people but after joining CFS they are able to express.
- The confidence level of children has developed; they are now able to express their problem to facilitator.
- Dailekh, bhurti, 5 children who were not going to school; has started to go to school after coming to CFS.
- Dailekh, kuikan CFS's Suresh Nepali aware his parents about it and they have stopped taking it after knowing the effect of smoking.
- In Bardiya after getting CFS training; the members of CFS are aware about child sexual abuse, child marriage, trafficking and children should not badly behave or given punishment.

1.5 One day interaction with school child protection committee

- Before staying in the interaction; children were not aware about love shown by their teachers after interaction they are aware and are able to distinguish between love and abuse. In the interaction teacher and student committed that they will follow regular routine, rule and regulation.
- After interaction they said they will not write abusive words in walls, and will not speak bad vulgar words also if such found immediate teacher should be informed.
- After attending three days training; children are aware about child rights, sexual abuse, child marriage, human trafficking and domestic violence and now they are sensitive toward the issue. The role of children in reduction of violence inside the house was also discussed.
- Female teachers who are associated with child protection community have collected Rs 2 from class 7, 8 and 9 to buy sanitary pad for girls in school during menstruation cycle. This example also shows child protection committee is sensitive toward it.
- Two students who are associated with child protection committee aware their class mate about child sexual abuse in class room.
- They have asked the organization that regarding this issue more number of students from Various School should be included in order to get effective results.

1.6 Immediate relief, care and temporary support for emotional, legal and medical

- After counseling support victims are relief from the guilt and that were not their fault. Now they have filed the case for compensation for the victim.
- The needy women and children who took counseling, they are able to build confidence and are able to solve their problems.
- Before the women and children were afraid to disclose their problem but after support from Aawaaj they are able to put their problem openly.
- Women who are taken out from house and dispute with husband are now after taking emergency support from Aawaaj are able to reintegrate in the society

II. Countering Gender-Based Violence in Post-Conflict Situation

- Members of the political parties, the government personnel's, teachers, religious leaders, all men were sensitized against gender based violence.
- In the discussion it was shared that Gender based violence (GBV) not only affect the family and women but also men and whole society.
- After interaction; the men who participated in program formulated the group to minimize GBV at local levels and if the problems are too complicated then they approach the relevant authorities and CBOs.
- The participant members knew about the rights of the single women and women as a whole and committed to support specially women and children in difficulties.
- After the formation of groups they have been regularly meeting and solved issues in their localities as well as referring problems to Aawaaj and other relevant authorities like police and District administration.
- While discussing with higher post officials of the security forces, they shared that the topics related to Gender based violence are very relevant as well as contemporary and benefited a lot from the interaction programs.
- While in discussion the participants shared about their experiences as well as shared the cases that made the program very interesting.

- In Bardiya one police officer said that he had heard about the word gender for the first time. The participants said that they have learnt about the concept of gender and gender based violence from the program.
- In Bardiya all participants committed that they will do some thing to minimize the GBV and also tied the white ribbon as well as they also filled the form of Change maker to change his attitude and behaviors by himself.
- The participant committed that they will play an active role in the communities they work and live against the violence. They also shared that they will give information to others relevant in the communities.
- In Dailekh the group discussion method was very effective through which the participants came to know about what are the forms of GBV and how and what role can they play to minimize it.
- Male participant share that before knowingly and unknowingly they used to harass their women friends but now onward they will change their behaviors.
- The participant boys and girls said that the program was useful and they are looking forward for more informative program in near future.

III Vocational Training

The conflict that took place in Nepal for ten years has created economic problems, social problems and political unrest in the county affecting the country and the citizens. Many women are displaced, suffered from sexual violence and assault, and also trafficked. Nepalese women contribute 12 hours a day in their household chores but their work is not valued. Until the women are economically empowered our society cannot develop and prosper. So, with this motive; employment training, skilful training and life skills training conducted in order to help them and create opportunities of self employment from the age of 16 to 30 years affected from conflict.

Aawaaj has provided vocational skills development trainings to 253 women for creating employment opportunities. The Participants were referred through different village counselors, different organizations as well as through psycho social counseling of Aawaaj.

After receiving applications the participants were discussed at least 2-3 times and asked to visit the market for survey to identify their interest and need in Market.

Aawaaj also initiated the market survey in order to know what the real need of the market. And what skills are easily sellable in the market. This was done to maximize the employment after the trainings. It was found out in the survey that the need for the woolen/cloth bags, wool works/crafts, gift items, Tiffin packs, pickle jam and jelly, printing press, beautician training, sewing were highly demanded amongst the service providers.

After the selection of the participants, 4 days long entrepreneurship training was also given to them. They were highlighted the different themes including

- a. Importance of the opportunity in the market,
- b. Things to be noted in the business,
- c. Daily calculation in the business and
- d. Developing good Attributes for good businessperson.

After training; the participants discussed on importance of life skills in evening sessions for 2 hours. This was very important for them to know each other as well as played as a platform to share their feeling, as well as their problems. They were shared about the confidence building, legal/women rights, sexual exploitation trafficking and measures of protection. After these sessions the participants have been aware of these things and have referred other women/girls in need to the organization.

After completion of the entrepreneurship training as well as life skills and the survey of the market, 253 participants were given the training on their interested areas. After completion of the training the participants have now started to get into self employment as well as in others firms and have earned about NRs. 3500 to 6000 per month.

- 253 trainees got opportunity to take training based on their interest with the high scope of the market demand (bases on their personal market survey).
- All together 253 women/girls took part in the life skills training. This was done to understand the problems and ways to solve it. In this different topics were discussed like gender based violence, maternal health, legal literacy, women rights and positive thinking.

- There is a high demand of Printing press, bags, pickle, jam and jelly, gifts and embroidery training and the trainees are very happy and motivated to work.
- Citizenship certificate is required to take this training so the women and adolescence girls have started to make their citizenship certificate, before it wasn't.
- The trainees have felt positive change and views towards them by their family members and society after they have started to earn.
- The trainees have acquired information in the issues such as conflict management, trafficking of girls and women, child sexual abuse, women's health etc.
- After the small scale entrepreneurship development training the trainees has developed the positive feelings and started business or employed.
- The trainees have committed to apply their training practically in daily life.
- The trainees are informed on whom to contact, where to contact, how to approach if they face any kinds of problems.
- The trainees are motivated to stand on their own feet, they have developed confidence to work ahead, and previously they were neither motivated nor confident in doing something in life.
- They have started to share their feeling and discuss about their problems and take suggestions from the concerned people.
- They have proved that even women can easily do the work which men do.
- The trainers have also played a supportive role to provide employment opportunities to the trainees.
- The trainees who were very shy even to mention their name now have started to participate in the discussion and interaction, their capacity and talking skills have developed.
- They even refer other problem affected women and adolescence girls, with the hope that they get the opportunities for training and help them deal with their problems.
- Due to economic support women's self confidence has risen up and their family has also started to respect them and it is easy for running the family by own income. The view of society toward them has changed.

IV. Empowering the Lives of Conflict Affected Families

1) Scholarship Program

- After Aawaaj has provided scholarship, the conflict displaced children and economically weak children are now having an opportunity to study happily which enable the children with bright future. While discussing with the children, the children's said that the golden opportunity provided by Aawaaj will be fully respected and the children will study with full potential and ability.
- The school administration select the children with difficulties which make Aawaaj easy to distribute .In the program children were distributed with Copy, Pen, Bag and other education materials.
- As they lost their father and the family size was more and the economic status of the family was also low. They said they will study hard and continue study.

The children who received scholarship were also aware about the activities done by Aawaaj, child rights, child sex abuse and display of various picture and discussion was done. In the discussion; old students told about the working area of Aawaaj and the subject like child sex abuse, child right's and child marriage. Where students were informed that Nepal's law under 16 and international law under 18 should provide with child's right where children should make available with food, education, play and right to protect from any objects that is injurious for children.

Some of the parents also expressed we should not beat and express our anger to children instead we have to understand their psychology and they can work according to their self interests which make them realize more.

The program helps to include those children who are marginalized, no parents, single parents due to conflict and increase the social inclusion.

- The scholarship children are regular in school, they participate in extra curricular activities and also well discipline. They are able to speak about child sexual abuse.

2. Discussion With The Children Affected From Conflict

- While representing the program they told we should be able to understand the new constitution and conflict too.
- It was found that children were directly affected by the conflict as the security force and opponent uses their house for conflict which has psychological affect on them.
- During the conflict period many of theirs brother, father, sister-in law were blamed for different reason and take for interrogation and later were missing which has create negative affect on children.
- Some teenager boys and girls were put into custody and were given torture which result aggressiveness and till now they are afraid of security force.
- They convey that those whose fathers were missing during conflict were supported by Aawaaj for their educational material.
- The children demanded that in new constitution children should get free education till 12 grades.
- It was said that conflict affected children should have some facilities in health sector, education, law and employment.
- It was found that children were much aware about explosive object.
- They were told that if they want any such support regarding explosive object and risk reduction self awareness class, Aawaaj is ready to help for that.

3. School Support Program

- Due to support provided for the Library, children can read various books which help them to understand properly, can sit freely, the school students are now privilege with safe drinking water and easy access of toilet.
- Students used to walk 400 m for drinking water due to lack of water tap facility in school. After the establishment of water tap now the problem of walking long distance for drinking water and waiting has been solved.
- As there were less sports item which was causing collide between teachers and students'. After the support for sports item the problem has been solved.
- Due to poor infrastructure students were facing many problems during rainy season. After the support the students are now studying without disturbance.
- In this period 5 schools were monitored and school teachers and students were very happy by getting support from Aawaaj.

4. Discussion with Government School Principals and School Administration

- In the program there was a huge participation of administrative staff of school including teachers.
- While introducing about the program every teacher mention that it has focused the activities of the Aawaaj which is productive as it has include the target group.
- Every teachers and the school administration express that they were first time informed about the child rights and national treaty for children. Where they got the information about child protection, child development and child participation. The participants were informed about 4 point of child rights and 4 principles.
- The participant were informed that international child rights declaration claim till 18 years as children while in context of Nepal it is 16 years.
- All participant said that directly or indirectly today's children are aware about child rights in comparison to earlier generation. Today's children are trying to utilize their rights. Participants were told that people are educated but are not aware on these issues.

- Participant were informed that all activities and action for children should focus on child overall development and in child friendly manner.
- Participant were informed about various kind of child abuses among which children are more likely to be abuse without touching which is not taken as abuse in the society was discussed among participant and were also given knowledge about it.
- While discussing about the abused child and the impact on them, all participants express that this type of program should be planned in schools and the awareness class should be give through focus group discussion.
- Every participant was informed about trafficking, domestic violence, abuse and discrimination between men and women done by society.
- Still now children are in risk of explosive object so it was decided that children need awareness about these explosive items and school should look sensitive issue.

5. Economic Support Program

- Women show their courage to run the small business in their hometown.
- From the profit they make from their business; they commit to pay the credit taken with including 1% interest.
- With the support been provided by Aawaaj they are successfully earning 2500 to 3000 monthly.
- While monitoring it was found that the women were doing their respective occupation efficiently.
- There is high demand of potato chips in market they make Noodles according to the demand only because the Noodles they produce has high price at market.
- Those women who has provided with support for goat farming, among them 3 of goat are now pregnant.
- One of the pig of the support holder was pregnant and another pig delivery of 6 babies.
- Tula Rana from Dailekh who was supported to goat farm has made profit and has already returned Rs.3000 to Aawaaj which she has taken as financial support.

- Budini Tharu, who is involved in pig farm, said the support provided by Aawaaj has helped a lot. With support of NRs 1,500 she sold the pig at Nrs.5,300 and she again bought 2 small pigs and after some month she again sold those in Rs.10,000 similarly she make profit. From the small support provided by Aawaaj now Budini Tharu has constructed water tank for her home.
- With the support provided from Bardiya, Dhana shara Sunuwar, started goat farm, now she has two baby goats. She says goat Farm is effective.
- With the financial support from Aawaaj Surkhet Bhumisara Ghale, makes daily profit of Rs.150 by knitting woolen bags and woolen items. As her husband married a second wife, she is now separated from her husband. She has 4yrs old son. With the work; she is now capable to run her daily life and educate her son in boarding school.
- With the support from Aawaaj Bardiya, the owner of hotels gets daily profit from Rs.300 to Rs.500.
- Aawaaj Dailekh has supported Kali Mijar with two goats, now she owns 5 goats.
- Small grocery owner Purna Rakhel, who was been helped by Aawaaj Dailekh makes daily profit unto Rs.200 to Rs.700.

6) CHILD RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTION:

- The children themselves got the opportunity to participate in the discussion program where they got the information about the international declaration on Child Right and signature on 30 points.
- In the program the children's put their problem, where we got the change to let them know about our contribution in the field of children where we can aware.

7) ONE DAY DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- The participant make sure that they will not touch the unidentified object and bombs and also to aware other villagers and friends about it.
- While doing fodder collection they told women's and children are in high risk.

- The women express that they were self aware about the risk of mines and explosive object which are been already exploded.
- While discussing about explosive object, the participants were anxious about the risk of explosive object in any place.
- They express that Nepal government should initiate some program for risk reduction of explosive object.
- The participants were blindly belief that the conflict is only destructive but after the discussion they were aware about the fact that positive conflict can lead to development.

V “WE CAN” Campaign

- Approximately 10 thousand people from middle and far western district were aware about violence against women from radio program.
- About 22 program are been broadcasted, among 4270 members 1686 are female and 2584 are male from 339 listener club of 26 different district.
- From various district 150 listener clubs were distributed various informative documents and 15 winner change maker were send gift.
- 150 change maker made their identity card.
- From various district women, children and men in total 800 had filled the form for change maker.
- With coordination with various non government organizations marking the 16 day campaign against domestic violence and Teej festival was celebrated.
- 100 children’s filled the form for change maker; by committing that to accept violence is also violence and from now onward we will not do any violence related activity and also not accept it
- The VDC secretary, politician, Local development officer, intellectuals were participated in the program. VDC secretary said that it’s their duty to reduce domestic violence and they are positive toward the issue and also committed that they will support as per the need.

- In the program Surkhet -31 from 13 schools, Dailekh -33 from 15 school, and Bardiya- 26 from 12 school teachers had participated.
- Teachers realized that domestic violence is not a personal issue but it's a societal issue it had tremendous effect in education quality too.
- Interaction program with 980 school children about effect caused due to domestic violence in person, family and society. In total 22 schools had participated.
- With co- ordination of we can secretariat; Aawaaj organized mechi mahakali yatra where from all district 32 change maker had participated, the program was started from west Darchula to Baitadi, Dadeldhura, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Banke, Bardiya, Surkhet, dang and concluded in Butwal.



CASE STUDY

1. New beginning in my life

I am daughter of Hasta Bahadur and Padmakali oli, born 24 years ago in Dailekh district. There are five members in my maternal home and it includes my father, mother, me, elder brother and younger sister. My mother left my father and she re-married. After my mother left we all had to face lots of difficulty. As the economic condition of our family was not favorable and also there was no other income source of the family, it left us in more trouble. So in order to improve the economic condition of family my father left for India to work. He stayed in India for around two years and then returned. During the absence of my father we had to suffer a lot. After my father returned we brothers and sister planned to get our father remarried, and according to our decision he got married. Within two months of marriage even my step mother left my father and she also got married. The economic condition of our family was very poor that all the six wives of my father with whom he got married left him. In order to improve out economic condition and meet our day to day basic necessity we all had work as daily laborers, so no one agreed to marry with my father later on. So we were not able to receive warm love of mother. As we had to work to meet our basic needs I and my sister did not get opportunity to go to school. However, my brother managed to study till grade 10. According to our culture when girl reaches to age of marriage she should not be staying at her maternal home, so my father and brother arranged my marriage in the year 2055 B.S.

Deprived of mothers love and suffered from economic crisis in my maternal home, I had webbed many dreams regarding my home. But even the condition of my home was as same as my maternal home. As there are 13 members in my new home, it was more difficult. I gave birth to two sons and the situation of crisis increased further. So, in order to improve the economical condition of family and give our children best, we me and my husband planned and decided that he would move to India to earn. So in the year 2059 B.S my husband left for India, he started to earn and send us his earnings so that our life could be bit easy, this way family started to move on. The struggle of my

husband helped me in improving the household, but I and my family were not at all happy to be separated from my husband. As my husband was the eldest all the responsibilities of household was in his shoulders. Struggling a lot he managed to earn for us and after three years he returned to Nepal and he brought some amount of money with him. We invested that money in business and days passed by.

One evening after having out dinner we were in our kitchen, Maoist came inside and said that they had some work with my husband. Then they took him to parajulidaha and kept for four months with them and they made him to work for them. While he was working for Maoist, he was killed by the bullet shot by the army. We came to know about this incident only after three months. Unlucky people are cheated also by god this is proved by my life. With no supporting and handling small children I searched my husband, life was full of trouble, but my search was not complete. Passing by the days one day I was shopping for my home I met Kalpana B.K and had a short introduction. In the interaction with her she informed me about the gainful employment training that is provided by Aawaaj.

After being informed about training; visited the organization, got detailed information about the training and decided to take training. One of the staff of Aawaaj Mina Thapa, knew about my problems and she informed that conflict affected people are supported by District Administration; she wrote an application and informed me to drop it.

Similarly, I took training of Jam, Jelly. I had heard even the widows and orphans will be showered with happy days and I feel that I am getting to experience the happy days now. The support received from Aawaaj has helped me to show my capacity and I am able to earn too. From the government too I have received the sum of Rs one lakh as a support for the conflict affected. I am utilizing the money and my skill and started the business. I dream to make bright future for my children.

Lastly, I want to thank Aawaaj for all the support, it has become a strong support for the problem affected people. This organization has helped in giving best of opportunity

to women like me. I wish Aawaaj to support many other women sisters like me and give them the opportunity as it has given me.

Bhim Kumari Khadka
Trainee of Pickle, jam, Jelly Training
Dailekh

2. Development of positive thoughts and attitude

I am Harka Bahadur Basnet aged 34, live in Sanoshree, Purnapur -2. As an occupation, I am a good businessman. I am also a treasurer of Sanoshree “Ayodha Forest consumer committee” In addition; I am a member of male group of Aawaaj Organization. I am a responsible and successful person of Forest Committee. I have a required knowledge and information in Business, about Forest development and how can we move on these further developments. I still have this idea but I was not aware about domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and gender discrimination that is happening in a society. I got to participate in Sanoshree Male discussion. I had general information’s about other subject matters but I was unclear that yelling, sexual assault even by not touching someone is also a form of violence. Also, did not know that these kinds of violence can be minimized by male groups. But during a one day stay I had proper information about these things. Women have equal rights as men do. They need to be supported by us and this would enhance their self confidence. I was not used to the proper way of talking to people, behaving others in earlier days. But now it’s a matter of positive attitude development. I was not use to gender discrimination or gender violence but now I have made practices on these things from my home.

I have acquired much information while attending male group meeting. We discuss about Different incidents that happens in our community. Violence is not merely beating but is scolding and insulting someone. My message to public is “Violence is a deep root factor to make community unequal and we men have to move ahead to eradicate this factor. Let’s work on it”

3. Occupational achievement through knowledge

My Name is Yam Bahadur Dagi, a member of male group living in sanoshree -3Now I am 20 years and a student of JTA. I have complete information on JTA and have confidence that I would become a good JTA in near future. Though I hold this knowledge I was unaware about other basic information that we need in our life. When I knew that a one day discussion program is going to be organized by Mr. Samundra and Mr. Rajendra (Para counselors of Aawaaj) I attended that program. At the beginning, I felt like why did I participate but after intervals I enjoyed the program. I did not know about the terms like violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, sex discrimination, single women etc before the very program. But now I am clear to these terms through this program. As I knew that general activities also fall under the violence, I started to be aware and make others aware to stop doing violent activities. I help my mother, father and sister too. After I become JTA my working area would be a same community. I would utilize my valuable knowledge to community people. I would like to give my hearty thanks to Aawaaj to direct me to new horizons of life.

4. I am happy with what I am today

My name is Maryum Gardi. I am 35 years old. I used to have a small house built from hay where we used to live jointly. I have 3 sons and 3 daughters. My three daughters and 1 son go to school. My father in law owns 10katta land but we together used to do farming .We used to eat, sell and run our life from that land. One day in 2064 all of the sudden flood came and destroy our land and property. We were foodless till 2 days as all the crops were been taken away by the flood. We were homeless. After few day we all settle in our own property where we settle down for 2 months making temporary camp which can safe us form rain water. After few day caritas Nepal made a 2 roomed house. (Karkar pata) then we all family started to live in that house. But then also our problems were not solved. We used to run our household though daily wage. Apart form that I was tensed and was surrounded with problems, my husband used to give me torture, beat me, scold me thrash me even used to threat me to go away from home.

Due to such behavior of my husband I tried to suicide 2 times but the love for my children stop me doing so. Due to this reason I used to think where to go what to do. One day in our village, we saw stranger sir and madam; they were collecting women's from our village they want to interact with 25 women's from the village. In that interaction program I also participate and got to know about the organization "Aawaaj". Before that I never heard the name of the organization. This organization works for domestic violence, child sexual abuse, child marriage and trafficking not only work but it do help the women and children's with problem.

The interaction program started from 11 am and it ended at 5 p.m after the program was ended we all went to our home. After returning home I told all things about the Aawaaj to my husband and we decided to visit Aawaaj for financial support. One day we went to Gulariya to search Aawaaj office and we finally find it. There we express our all problems and also told them that if got the support we will bring sugar, rice, from India and do business at Nepal. After our conversation was finished they told us we will come to your village and we went home.

After that the staff from Aawaaj arrived to our village and they examine the situation and give us Rs.2000 as a support. With that money we brought things from India and start doing business with the profit we make we invest in our son's juice business. In four month we made Rs.1200 Net profit. Within 6 months I return back the credit to Aawaaj. Now I have no such problems, I have grown my children's and in stands as an example in my village, I recommend other women's from village who are facing problem to Aawaaj. I am happy with what I am today.

5. I am proud of my self and my husband

My name is Mahantula Gadi. Now I am 35 years old. I live in mahamadpur 9, sujaryagaudi with my 6 children and husband. My two sons and two daughters go to school. We have not got the ancestral property so we live in a lease land of our landlord

which is 1 katta. Me and my husband do daily wage to run our household. We were having hard time running the house. One day, I saw two strangers in the village who were collecting 25 women's for interaction. I was there to see the interaction but they asked me to participate.

I excitedly sit there to know what was it but I was internally tense about how to feed the children and husband in dinner. After the discussion started I can to know that the facilitator is Aawaaj organization. Before that I have never heard the word "Aawaaj" that day I came to know about the organization working area, it work for women's in problem and children with difficulties also came to know that it work for domestic violence, child sex abuse and trafficking. After that at 5 pm the programme was ended and we all went to our houses.

At night I discussed all things about Aawaaj with my husband, and we both decided to go to Aawaaj for seeking help. After we find Aawaaj office we told them if we are provided with support we will sell bangles, snacks and sweets in the village.

After our conversation was finished they told us we will come to your village and we went home. After that the staff from Aawaaj arrived to our village and they examine the situation and give us Rs.2000 as a support. We started the business from the next day. We make good profit form the business. It was easy for us now to run the household and to educate out children. Within 8 month we pay Rs.2000 to "Aawaaj" today we all are happy I am proud of my self and my husband. We all learn to do hard work. It is the key to success

6. New Plan to open small shop

Devi Gharti, 35 years old who is living in Tulshipur and Gulariya municipality. I have 2 sons, 1 daughter, my husband and my self. My husband does not work instead he sold the chicken and goat which is in house and drinks. He does not help in running the family and educating the children. He always fights with me and some time he beat me too. Seeing my

condition and violence against me my neighbors told me don't stay like this go complain in Aawaaj .After that I came in contact with Aawaaj share all the problem faced by me in Aawaaj told them I cant live with my husband I want to get divorce and get my part of property and live separately. The organization gave me counseling and they provide me with legal advocate. I had thought of divorce so Aawaaj helped me in doing all the formalities so I registered the case .Now the case is registered my children's are studying. Now I am living in my maternal house. My children's are in my husband house with my mother in law. I have planed to open small shop and run my life as well as help my children to get proper education.

7. Aawaaj reunited our family

I am 25 years old Geeta Chaudhari. My house is in Dhodari VDC, Basanta. When I was 15 years old I did love marriage. It was good for some time but after I give birth to a daughter my husband began to behave badly with me. He also used to beat me, didn't work, didn't used to care me and my daughter. It was really difficult for us to eat day and night.

To run the house I used to work in other house as domestic worker like cleaning the utensils and taking care of pregnant women. This has helped in running the house and I have also managed necessary things for house I had already brought 2 bicycles also. But my husband sold all for alcohol.

I have talked with my husband to go to India for work he was also ready; I brought new clothes for him and give him ticket fair also. My husband went to India. After he went to India he lost contact with me. I asked his friend about the contact address and called him .He scold me over the phone. He told me he had already married other women and told me to do what ever I like and go where ever I want. Too. After listening that I was shocked. I tried hard to convince him but he never turn back. As time passes by, there was a guy named Ram Rana Magar in our village who seeing my problems asked me to get married with him. Finally we got married. After knowing my second marriage my first husband came back from India. My husband's second wife had already left him.

Then my first husband beat ram and kick him out of house, I don't know where ram went but I went to my maternal house. Then after, I started to work in Guleriya as a cook in one of the boarding school hostel. Time was passing by one day my first husband knows about my work place he came there and starts beating me with bamboo. No one stop my husband while he was beating me. I lay unconsciously .I ran from there and came in the road, there one lady who saw me and give me idea to contact in Aawaaj.

With the help of Aawaaj I fill the form for check up and we went to police station. After Aawaaj informed the police the police have taken my husband in custody. But there police instead of supporting me they support my husband and told me you have to have patience this Aawaaj destroy houses and family. They manipulate me. Then I distrust Aawaaj and I was afraid too, that I will get more beating from my husband. I and my husband both went to Aawaaj organization to fight.

There we meet a counselor. There she put us together and had an interaction. there they asked me about my last decision so I told them I want to live my life with my first husband as Ramu was unmarried men so I don't want to destroy his life. Then my husband also said I will live with her. Then we both said we will forget all the past life and we will start new life and we went from Aawaaj. Now we both are happy. The thing told by police against Aawaaj was all wrong.

