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Current Success Story

Mitu Tamang

Mitu Tamang comes from the Hangla Tamang Women's Group, from the Ramkot – 9 VDC. Mitu is currently the president of this group. She has taken the agricultural classes from the Women for Women Forum Training Program.

Her Story

Mitu was a housewife before the inception of Women for Women Forum in her community. She was contained to agricultural work only. Before the group came along, she was too shy to even speak to other people, and was only speaking in her native language, Tamang. She was previously illiterate. In Nepal year 2063, she had a meeting near her neighbors and was taught to read and write some Nepali. During one year's festival she was given NRS 16,000 from a program she held with social workers and other groups that were there. With this money, she was able to hold literacy programs for the rest of the women in her community. After that, she was able to create the Hangla Tamang Women's Group, which would be trained by Women for Women Forum, with the help of Heifer Project International.

2065 Heifer Project came into the community and began working with the Hangla Tamang Women's Group. She was involved in all of the Cornerstone training programs. She received two goats after completing the training program and received seed money to purchase seeds to start a garden. Today she is very empowered and a role model in her community. She is an active member and president of the Hangla Tamang Women's Group.



Mitu Tamang on the road back to her home from the group's community center.

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Our Newest Women's Group

Duralit Women's Group

This Women's Group was formed from the women in the Sangla VDC in 2009. Since 2009 the women have undertaken many courses and have received their "gifts" from the Balkumari Women's Group from the Sangla VDC. The gifts that were passed on were 25 buffalo to each of the women in the Duralit Women's Group.

There are presently 25 women that make up the Duralit Women's Group. They partake in raising buffalo as a major income generation activity and they also do ginger cultivation as their major agricultural activity. All 25 members share the ginger cultivation, and the profits that result from said venture. The women also grow fruits, vegetables and grass as individual income ventures.

"Women for Women Forum has made our group empowered, economically stable and helped us develop personally."



The women of the Duralit Women's Group planting their ginger fields.

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She is now an advanced person in agriculture and flower farming, and ginger cultivation. 18 months after she received the goats, she gave one sister group member 3 goats and seed money to start her own garden. Today her income has increased and she is now raising 80-90,000 rupees per year. She is encouraging other women to join their group and helping other women in her own group, through encouragement as well as education. She started a mill in her community, by collecting money from the women in her group for start up costs and today the women from the community can earn money working at the mill. The women from this group are now in the process of building a center in their community where they can hold their meetings.

"In this space, put a quote from the women about WFWF or her life before WFWF"

Women's Group Statistical Information

Current Statistics

| <u>Name of Women's Group</u> | <u>Number of Women</u> | <u>Number of Animals</u> | <u>Average Income per woman in Rupees</u> | <u>Extra Activities</u> | <u>Other Source of Funding for Group</u> |
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| Durali, 2009 <i>Brahmin/Chetri</i> | 25 | 25 Buffalo | 10,000-25,000 Rupees per Month | Group members are working on cleaning the road and irrigation systems for their community. They also do temple maintenance for the temples in their area. | VDC gives 60,000 rupees to create a community park and 25,000 rupees for water irrigation systems. |
| Sungaba, 2009 <i>Brahmin/Chetri</i> | 25 | 24 Buffalo/cows 5 goats | 5,000-25,000 Rupees per Month | Group members are making various items to sell at their own shop, they are also volunteering to clean the roads in their area and are also widening the road. They also have a water supply program board. | |
| Gautamashwor, 2009 <i>Brahmin/Chetri/Tamang</i> | 25 | 44 Goats | 5,000-25,000 Rupees per Month | | |
| Phayaphula Nanaanga, 2009 <i>Tamang</i> | 23 | 47 Goats | 5,000-15,000 Rupees per Month | Women here are constructing a local road and doing maintenance on the water supply center. | VDC gives 60,000 rupees work on the road and water supply center. |
| Buddha Tamang, 2009 <i>Tamang</i> | 18 | 40 Goats | 3,000-10,000 Rupees per Month | The women here conduct local road maintenance projects. | |
| Bandevi, 2009 <i>Tamang/Dalit/Other</i> | 23 | 45 Goats | 3,000-15,000 Rupees per Month | Local road maintenance and enlargement of the same road. Environmental rehabilitation projects, by replanting grass. | |
| Kaldevi, 2009 <i>Tamang/Other</i> | 22 | 38 Goats | 3,000-15,000 Rupees per Month | Maintenance on 500 meter section of local road. Hold community seminars to help advise them. Group picnics. Want to make a community home in memoriam of death of one group member's son. | |
| Janjati, 2009 <i>Brahmin/Chetri/Tamang</i> | 22 | 37 Goats | 3,000-10,000 Rupees per Month | Road maintenance projects. Organic farming projects. 2-3 members are making bowls to collect water. | |



Women at a Passing the Gift Ceremony, passing on the gift of goats from the original Women's Group to their sister Women's Group.

Pictures from the Field



Nowajoti Women's Group, Thankot VDC, at their Passing on the Gift Ceremony

Facilitator teaching a course on Organic Poultry Farming to the Mahalaxmi Women's Group in the Thankot, VDC.



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