

## Participation can Lead to Positive Change

Name: - Sumi Munda

Age: 11yr sex: female

Address: AT- Talakusumi

Po-Kusumita, G.P- Baradapal:Dist-Keonjhar.



Parents: D/o-Late Ankur Munda, Mother: - late Putu Munda

Care Givers: - Brother: Kuna Munda, Sister-in-laws: Kairi Munda

**Description of the before Situation:**-Talakusumita is a Small village which is situated in the Sadar block of Baradapal Gram Panchyat, Keonjhar District. It is 15 kilometers distance from the district head quarter. There are 142 households in the village. In the same village a girl of 11 yrs named Sumi Munda is staying with her two elder brother, one younger brother, and sister-in-law and three sisters. After the death of her father due brain fever her mother got married to some other man when she was only 5yrs old. After the marriage of her mother, Sumi's eldest brother became her guardian.

The only earning member of the family is the eldest brother who is working as a daily wage labour. Therefore, the family has been facing financial problems like they do not get two times meal a day. He was not able to fulfill bare necessities of family except one time meal and was unable to provide Sumi other things like dress, sleeper, education material etc. Due to all these reasons her performance at school was bad and she could not show her participation in activities like Song, Dance, Drama and sports.

When IDA implemented the Alternative form of Child Care project with the collaboration of SKN in Talakusumita in 2013 & formed a Village Child Protection Committee. The members of VCPC identified Sumi as CNCP (Child in need of care and Protection) and refer her to be a beneficiary under the project. Thereafter Sumi started getting sponsorship support of Rs 500 per month from the project. In the initial phase communication with Sumi during counseling was a

challenge since she did not understand the language and she was not able to recognize and trust of IDA team members.

The **Vivekananda** Child Club members motivated Sumi to be a part of the Child Club, but she was reluctant to attend the child club meeting and use to feel shy. Then the Child Club members with IDA staff gave some responsibility to Sumi like calling children for Child Club meeting and arranging Child Club meeting after some months Sumi became the member of Child Club.

Now Sumi is an active Child Club member. She stays very neat and clean, attending tuition regularly, going to school, participating in extracurricular activities like song and dance. Now she is reading in class 6<sup>th</sup> in Hatikuchha UGME School & going to school regularly.

Recently she also participated in District Level Mega Shisu Mela which was conducted on 14dec 2014 in IDA campus. Now is an active member in Block level child Club networking form of sadar block.

She shared her feelings saying that “Mu IDAra sahajoga pai bahut bhalare achhi” (After getting support from IDA my life has become better)

Sumi sharing her future plan says that “mu eka adarsha shikshyaka hebi” (In future I want to become an ideal teacher). Keeping her future in mind IDA would like to develop her skills through Vocational training and giving her other support in future need.