

RELATIVE UNCLE BECAME FOSTER PARENT: ONE CASE STUDY

ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE



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Keonjhar is a District of mine and minerals having dense forest with scattered settlement of the people situated in the Chhotnagpur plateau range situated in the state of Odisha, India. Naupada is a small village having 18 kilometer distance from the District head quarter. 66 households are living in this village. From the total household 7 are General & 59 household are Bhuyan. Total Population of the Village is 364 among them male 168, Female 196. Total Children Population is 213. Hill & Forest covered the Village.

A person named as Kuna Mahakud was living with his family comprising wife, Gurubari Mahakud & 2 children. Before 10 years ago he married Gurubari Mahakud. The couples were living with happily. They have two children the son is Ashish and daughter Chandini. Ashish is 8 years & Chandini is 3 Years old. He was a Tractor Driver and out of that source had managed the family. But after some year Gurubari Mahakud loved Mithun Majhi a Truck driver of nearest village Salarapenth & left her house on dated 14.06.2017 and staying as kept of Mithun Majhi.

He became demoralized & lost his balance. He had depressed day to day & always thought his children's future. Gurubari returned to her village after 5 days. It was very pain full for Kuna Mahakud that his wife marry with another man. The societal prestige of Kuna hampered. Kuna's wife left with a tribal other caste man which was not digest by the mahakud community

. On dated 20.06.17 he committed suicide in his house at night. On dated 21.06.2017 morning Kuna Mahakud's brother informed the Sadar Police Station. The Sadar police reached in village & sent the dead body to Keonjhar for postmortem. On dated 22.06.2017 at 9 am the Funeral fire completed. Chandra Kanta Baral (pc), Sagar Palai (PA) with Purnach Mahalik (PA) visited late Kuna Mahakud's house at 2 PM & discussed with the family members of Kuna & VCPC members. It was decided for a meeting in the village at 10 AM for the protection of two child (Asish and Chandini).

The Project Coordinator discussed with the Block Development Officer of Sadar Block, Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Officer, Keonjhar to attend the meeting. The Block Development Officer of Sadar Block, District Child Protection Officer, Keonjhar gave their consent to attend & visit the Family.

On 23rd June at 10.30 AM a village meeting held in village Naupada. The Village Child Protection Committee members, Child Club Members, Sarpanch of Mahadeijoda GP, Block Development Officer of Sadar Block (BDO), District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), Keonjhar along with Alternative Care for Vulnerable Children & Family project staff attend the meeting .

It was decided that Muna Mahakud, brother of late Kuna Mahakud will Foster the two Children. The Two Children will get monthly Sponsorship support of RS 2,000.00 (Two Thousand) only per month for each from District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). The BDO will give a house under Biju Pucca House scheme & give RS 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand) only to this family under National Family Welfare Scheme.

The Sarpanch also agreed to give RS 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only from Harishchandra scheme for the Funeral fire of Kuna Mahakud. The sponsorship support will regularly monitor by the VCPC & IDA ACC Project Staffs. The two Children will continue their study & more effort will given by the School Teacher & Aganwadi Worker. At one o'clock the meeting was closed & the two children produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for sponsorship support by the help of VCPC & IDA Staffs.

A village meeting held again on dated 27.06.2017 . The VCPC, Child Club, IDA & Care Giver Family & villages attend this meeting. The present situation of the two Children, care giver & the Funeral after spiritual activity of late Kuna Mahakud were discussed. The VCPC finalized that the kriya karma of late Kuna Mahakud was completed by collecting of money from individual persons of the village & outside of the village.

With the initiative of IDA organization has collected and give one quintal rice and donate to the family for maintaining social custom.

Finally the two children are getting a family with the effort of VCPC and the stakeholders.

Children are with the Uncles Family at Present.

Adhar Prove of Two Children with Care Giver



Adhar card of Akash Mahakud



Adhar Card of Chandini Mahakud



Adhar Card of Had Mahakud



Adhar Card of Muna Mahakud

PHOTOGRAPHS & NEWS CLIPPINGS



Asish and Chandini



Home of the two children



Visit of the Block Development Officer
& DCPO Keonjhar



Joint visit and Counselling done by the
VCPC, BDO, DCPO & IDA project staff



VCPC meeting in Naupada



The Children with Foster family



Death News of Kuna Mahakud Covered by The Prameya, Odiya News paper



Fostering & Sponsorship support Covered in The Samaja, one of the Odiya News Paper in Odisha



Fostering & Sponsorship support Covered by The Swadhikar, Odiya News paper



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