

Case Study: Empowering Women through Flour Mill Enterprise

Title: Sustainable Livelihood through Flour Mill: Smt. Suman Bharat Kandhare's Success Story

Name of the Beneficiary: Smt. Suman Bharat Kandhare

Village: Pimpalgaon

Taluka: Nanded

District: Nanded

Family Status: Widow with all family members working as daily wage laborers

Project Support: Single phase flour mill

Installation Cost: Rs. 17,500/- (Suman's contribution: Rs. 4,000/-)

Background:

Smt. Suman Bharat Kandhare, a widow and permanent resident of Pimpalgaon in Nanded district, faced significant financial challenges. With no land and her family members working as daily wage laborers, Suman sought a sustainable source of income to support her family.

Project Implementation:

Under the Parivartan: Holistic Rural Development Program, Suman participated actively. After assessing her needs and the local requirements, it was determined that a flour mill would provide a sustainable income source for her. In November 2019, Suman was provided with a single phase flour mill and received the necessary training to operate it effectively. The total cost of installing the flour mill was Rs. 17,500/-, of which Suman contributed Rs. 4,000/-.

Results:

Since November 2019, Suman has been successfully operating the flour mill. She charges Rs. 15 per 5 kg of milling, earning an average monthly income of around Rs. 1,800/-. This income has significantly contributed to her family's livelihood, providing a stable financial base.

Supporting the Community During COVID-19:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Suman demonstrated remarkable community spirit by reducing her milling charges to Rs. 10 per 5 kg to support her fellow villagers. This initiative provided much-needed relief, especially during the challenging months of May and June 2020. Suman's gesture supported the community by an estimated worth of Rs. 2,500/-, earning her appreciation and respect from the villagers.

Conclusion:

The introduction of a flour mill under the Parivartan program has transformed Suman Bharat Kandhare's life, providing her with a reliable and sustainable source of income. Her efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic exemplify the positive impact of empowering individuals with the means to support themselves and their communities. Suman's success story serves as an inspiring model of resilience and community support, demonstrating the far-reaching benefits of targeted developmental interventions.