

Delight Obtained from Thela Business



Man Singh Mahara, of 51, resides in the settlement having 40 households that lies in Patan Municipality ward no. 8, Dhari, Baitadi. General farming is regarded as the major occupation of the community settlers. The youths of the village in tremendous number leaving Nepal for abroad seeking employment regularly is considered as the central problem of the village. His family consists of 8 people including 4 daughters, 2 sons, his wife and himself. Since he was unemployed in the village facing financial hardships, he left Nepal for India in search of job in order to manage his family expenditure in 2013. He had to struggle a lot during pandemic of Corona Virus in 2020 and returned back to his own village though the circumstances then was unfavorable in his own home. He has decided to initiate small business by selling some goods on *Wooden Wheeled Thela* in Khodpe Bazar nearby his village investing little amount of money since there was no alternative way to earn for his family. He became able to earn some money that made him run regular expenses of his family being quite economic.

Integrated Development Society (IDS) Dadeldhura has provided him with the assistance equal to 20 Thousands in pursuant to the project activity of support to poor and back warded micro-entrepreneurs under Social and Economic Empowerment Program for the most vulnerable and marginalized families with the financial partnership of FCA. The office of ward no. 8 of Patan Municipality has recommended him for the same support. Integrated Development Society (IDS) Dadeldhura has handed over the aforementioned support of 20 Thousands to him in the February of 2023. He has invested the amount in his *Thela* business by adding the fruit items in the shop. With the investment of the money, his business flourished offering him the profit of NRs 2500.00 per day though that was only NRs 400 in the beginning. The profit made from the business has enabled him to pay for the household expenditure and educational charges at school for his children.

Mr. Mahara has been saving personally on the basis of income monthly and depositing with the rate of NPRs 5000.00 to Sidheshwor Cooperative established locally per month. “I have spoilt significant and productive 10 years in India. If I have worked hard so long in my native village, I would have made good fortune previously” Mr. Mahara utters. He further adds, “I am satisfied with income generated from *Thela* business as it has assisted in managing regular family expenditure and depositing for secure future”. “My success is directly linked to the significant contribution of Integrated Development Society (IDeS) Dadeldhura” he concludes.