

**Issue: Child/Youth Champion**

<b>Full name: Girija Sahu</b>	
<b>Age:25</b>	
<b>State: District: Village;Odisha, Nuapada, Jangula</b>	
<b>Gender: Female</b>	
<b>Contact :</b>	

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**Family background: GirijaSahu is an married girl, Age about 25 years, Live with her husband DhirojSahuand 2 son at jagula village. She completed her 10<sup>th</sup> class and after some day got married and discontinue her study. Her husband is working as a Munsii and she is a housewife. Now she is decided for self-employment and started the tailoring work in her home.**

**Core challenges and hardships faced by the child**

**Lack of proper knowledge and education the child marriage ratio is high along with the adolescence drop out and migration also seems. Although those who are educated adolescence, after their completion of school they engaged in the household activity. So the adolescence group are back forward.**

**At first as a married lady her husband disagrees for Girija as a Discussion Leader. When they know about the aim objective of MNCP project and realised that actually how an adolescence got affected by child marriage then he allowed to Girja as a DL and go for Lalitababutraining.**

**What has the child achieved despite the challenges and how?**

**When Girja took theLalitaBabu training, she feels herself very self-reliant and confident enough to raise voice infront of the people. She conducted the strengthening meeting with the village adolescence group and took the first session (I Me and myself on Self confidence). Firstly the group members are salient in the session and the participant level also low. But Girja was handle the session smoothly and encourage the girls to be active participated. With this she also helps to ManaswaniSahu(CC Ashaodisha) for the group**

formation, arranging meeting and selection of DL for other group. In the December she arranged the zero night celebration and involved all the group member. As a mother Girija after finished her role in the home she also assist to conducted various meeting with the village stake holder and adolescence group both boys and girls. In the celebration of International women day at Jangula village of Budhipali Panchayat. she facilitate the programme very energetic and be a supportive hand for the organization. she also took the session in the LalitaBabu Training at the organizational level. With all the responsibility of her family she actively act her role and responsibility and motivated the group member towards the programme. By this trining also she decided to build her own capability and stared the tailoring work for self-employment and giving supported hand to her husband.

**How has Save the Children contributed to the betterment of the child?**

As an adolescence group member she was selected for DL and coming to the LalitaBabu Training which was organized by AshaOdisha , Spported by Save the Children at Khariar Road.

During the 5 days training of LalitaBabuShalini actively participated and gained much more knowledge regarding UNCRC and LalitaBabu approach.

**What are the child's thoughts about his/her future**

I want to be a self-reliant and help her husband financially. She has the interest to educated the people on the adverse effect of child marriage and promote sexual reproductive health rights among the adolescence people. Because as a girls she also face many difficulties when she did early marriage. After the training she can able to take the right step towards their own life and being a joyful life. For this I am very much thankful to AshaOdisha for giving me this opportunists to coming forward from the four wall of the home and create an own identity in the society.

**State/National Data available on the issue/theme with the source**

**Name/Details of Save India's coordinator working with the child.**

**Smt. Manaswini Sahu**

**To fill in consultation/agreement with parent/guardian in the presence of the partner or Save the Children staff**

**Are you ok with your story being shared with the public and media ?**

**Are you ok with using your real name in public and media ?**

**Are you ok with using for your photo with**

<b>the public and media?</b>	
<b>Would you feel comfortable speaking at a public event attended by media ?</b>	
<b>Would you feel comfortable travelling to another city? If necessary.</b>	

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- In case of a minor please get the authority of the parent(s) or authorised guardian
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