

“Life Skill Education is the Key of Success”

Background of Story:

This is the story of an adolescent girl who lives in the boarder of Bargarh and Nuapada district of Khairani village. Which is 25Km far away from district head quarter Nuapada. 18years of Laibani Majhi D/O of Ratan Majhi and mother Ratri Majhi living in Below Poverty Line having 4 brothers and sisters in her family. Laibani Majhi after completion of matriculate parents refused to take admission due to the financial crises of the family. Parents always advised to work at home rather continuing her study. But she was very much interested to study further. So, she joined +2 arts in Dharmandha Collage and she passed with good percentage. Laibani is belongingness of Majhi Samaj who mostly works as daily labourer and marginal famers. The parents of Laibani were very happy seeing her daughter passed out in good marks and they joined GNM at Khariar road as per her choice. She never lost her eagerness of study and finding her own pathways.

Project Contribution:

All this success could happen because of Life Skill Education Training gained from ASHA ODISHA, Nuapada. She was trained on SRHR module and participated many more awareness program at community level. Life Skill education gave me a mental and physical support to stand in my decision and fight for needs and rights. She is very active and smart adolescent discussion leader. She regularly facilitates session among the adolescent groups. She always shows interest for the awareness program, campaign, rally and meetings in the village. With the coordination of community stakeholders, VCPC members' child marriage cases are counseled in the village. Adolescent girls are mobilized for attending VHND and accessing health services.

She said in her own words “I want to sacrifice my life to serve the poor people in the society and I will casted out the myth and mythologies of society regarding girls cannot do anything in their life or adolescent girl can be more than a bride. She always inspire other adolescent girls saying that, all adolescent girls must be one the role model each and every one, because unless until we snatch the rights nobody will care for the same.

VCPC and PRI members also acknowledged that, Life Skill Education is the key of Success in the life of adolescent girls. Because life skill teaches many things. Lainami Majhi and her parents always grateful for the knowledge, information she gained through training of LSE & SRHR from ASHA Odisha and Save the Children.