

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: February 2022



Nancy (Name Changed) family was admitted as our Educare Family on June 2019. Nancy (Name Changed), aged 32 lives with her only daughter Prasamsa now aged 12 in a rented room on the outskirts of Pokhara.

Nancy (Name Changed) was born with a disability, a partially paralyzed right arm and a deformation of her hand. She was lucky enough that her mother fed her and cared for her and this in a society where this is not always the case when children are born with a disability.

From early childhood Nancy (Name Changed) had to work, guarding goats, fetching firewood and fodder for the livestock. She never went to school and should remain illiterate like many other underprivileged girls of her generation.

In her twenties she was married off to an older man, a day laborer and a couple of years later she gave birth to a healthy baby-girl. As it happened her husband was an alcoholic and most of his daily wage was wasted on booze and in gambling. (The three evils, alcohol, gambling and violence are frequent among the poor, working-class people and they are wreaking havoc and bring disaster for too many families)!

At home he vented his anger and violence and fear and hunger became a frequent guest in the tiny makeshift-shanty they called their home!

In the year 2017, wrecked, indebted the desperate man committed suicide and for Nancy (Name Changed) and her little daughter things went from bad to worse.

Nancy (Name Changed) had no other choice but begging for food and they lived from the left-overs and the few pennies that people would give to them. It was a life in utter misery and despair!

It was at this stage, in July 2019, that these helpless and hopeless beings found their way to our organization and they were immediately admitted as a **“BEF-EDUCARE-FAMILY”**:

The impact by “BEF”:

Once their basic needs had been met with the provision of staple food, appropriate clothing and medical care this family gained hope and confidence immediately. The girl was admitted to school, she is now attending class V and she is a diligent, good student.

The mother, who was mentally unstable, was referred to our network-partner “Nepal-House” for psycho-therapy. (The NGO “NEPAL HOUSE” is providing psychotherapy for abused women and girls. Please see: <https://nepalhousekaski.weebly.com>)



After a couple of months of care and counselling Nancy (Name Changed) had gone through an amazing change, and this physically as well as mentally. We encouraged her to start a micro-business and a local donor provided the funds for a startup (approximately € 30,-). Now she is generating a small revenue by selling spices as a street vendor.

With her income and the support by “**BEF**”, they are living a decent life, in safety and dignity. From a life in misery and despair to a life in dignity, safety and hope!

We are supporting this family of two for less than € 800,- per year!

Many more destitute single mothers are in desperate need of our “**HELP**”!

The solution is at hand, it’s so simple, it’s “**SIMPLY BEF**”!