

# Bahini Educare Foundation

Educare Family



FAMILY OF THE MONTH JANUARY “2022”

This family has been admitted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2015.

Reeta (Name Changed) now 27, and a mother of three, got married at the age of 13, which is not unusual in Nepal. They lived in a tiny house in a village, and Reeta (Name Changed)'s husband was a hardworking and caring father. Albeit they were poor like almost 60% of Nepal's population, they somehow managed to survive and cover their most basic needs. In the year 2014 Reeta (Name Changed)'s husband was killed while felling a tree. With the demise of the only bread earner, 20 years old Reeta (Name Changed), her daughter Geeta (Name Changed) 7, her daughter Neeta (Name Changed) 4 and her son Ramesh (Name Changed) found themselves in dire straits. Reeta (Name Changed) worked hard to feed her children but ends would never meet and all too often they would go to sleep with an empty stomach. In the year 2015, when a devastating earthquake struck Nepal, their small habitat was badly damaged and they were left without a place to live. They had no other choice but to move to the tiny house of their parents in another village, but given that her parents too were destitute day-laborers, they lived in constant food-insecurity and misery.

The young and hopeless Reeta (Name Changed) was no longer able to cope, she became suicidal and threatened repeatedly that she would take her life along with her children. This is an act of despair that some single mothers who see no other way out are reverting to and one of the greatest tragedies in our society.

It was at this point that Reeta (Name Changed) was referred to the “Bahini-Educare-Foundation” and in May 2015 this family was admitted as one of our “Educare-Families”. By now, January 2022, this family has been under the wings of the “BEF” for almost seven years and the whole family has seen dramatic positive changes. Reeta (Name Changed) and her children are now living in a corrugated metal shack in a beautiful village and a safe and clean environment. The children are joining a nearby school and all are diligent and good students.



We are providing them staple food every month, clothes, medical care, education and counselling if needed so. We are not providing them any money and all family members have to help in the daily chores such as taking care of the orchard, fetch fodder for the goats and collecting firewood. All family members are happy and thriving, they supportive and caring and their faces are expressing gratitude and hope.

We are able to achieve all this for one Euro a day for each family member and the result is truly amazing! These children didn't end up in an orphanage, they were not forced into child-marriage, child-labor or unsafe migration, abuse and exploitation. These children are staying with their mother enjoying a family life in safety and dignity. With our approach we are preventing a lot of intolerable suffering and injustice and we are creating a minimum of dependence. This is a simple but unique new concept and thousands such single mothers and their children that are in similar conditions could find adequate help, provided that this "CONCEPT" will convince the international donor-community. Please consider and increase your support, recommend our work to other organization's or support us in any other way. No one is more deserving of your support than these mothers and their children.

Thank you for your support!

Surendra & the TEAM