



## Case Studies

### Borra Ramesh on Livelihood

I am Ramesh of 34 years old married and I am blessed with two children Pranamjai and a month baby. I was born with disability and the parents Mallaiah and Mallavva were depressed and took me to several hospitals. As they felt it was difficult to lead life with the person like me they left me at old age home. I started my life in the hostel it was a pathetic situation to me It was very hard for me to attend but my friends supported me a lot in carrying out my education, I use to crawl on the roads to go to school and one of the local NGO supported my education and provided me a tri cycle, When I went to apply my pension and Buss pass I suffered a lot the irresponsive approach of the officials made me to do something for the disable persons, facing much difficulty I completed my graduation and I received training on livelihood support in weaving of chairs There I met Syamala a PWD and shared our views together and we decided to be one but the customs of the society stood a big hurdle. We fought against all customs and made our own life and migrated to Kasimpet for our survival.



When NPdO started working for the disable people they met and shared about the CBR program and it provoked my dream, I became the member in the group and I came to know so many issues and testimonials. They mainly focus on the rights of us and taught us the way how to achieve them. I was successful in organizing the Anganwadi School (Pre nursery school) with the support of the government, in this process I built strong network with the surrounding villages and organized a cricket tournament for non disables with the surrounding 22 village youth. I developed my communication and became a mandal level leader and attending all meetings of the network to know the issues of the persons with disabilities and the ways to educate them.

NPdO supported me by providing loan with that I started running a petty shop I Am receiving a good income from this, during special events we come together and share happiness with in the village. I am successful in addressing the issues of the PWDs.

I am thankful to NPdO and CBRW for sensitizing me on the rights and entitlements and making confident to achieve hurdles in life.