



## Case Studies

### Dumpeti Rajitha

When Rajitha took birth her parents Narayana & Suguna observed that she was born with physical disability and her left leg has not grown properly. They felt bad of her situation and even didn't put effort to make her fit. Her childhood was very pain full and even the parents consider as burden to them. She struggled a lot and cursed herself for taking birth with disability. She stated her education in the local school up to primary level. As the availability for continuing the studies a bit far from village the family members insisted her to stop her education. She was encouraged by her friends to learn tailoring with that she could live independently. The encouragement gave new strength in her life and engaged herself in that profession. The work which she was doing gave support to the family, but she led her life in the dark. The circumstance does not make her to come out of the home and she was restricted to the household premises. The discrimination of the family members continued in case of her marriage. She was forcibly married with her own sister's husband as the parents felt nobody will take care of her. Her life restricted to four corners for many years at her sister's house. She continued her profession of tailoring to support the family. Except her family members nobody did not know about her.



Accidentally she was interacted with the activist of the NPdO and the interaction led to a great change in her life. She was invited to the gathering. After participation she got the answer of her ignorance and innocence for not being exposed to the issues happening with other women. After sharing the problems of others she console thng at her problem was nothing when she compared with others, she was somehow able to earn independently. Through attending the network meetings regularly she strengthened herself and aware of the rights of the persons with disability and the services provided by the government. She has decided to work for the persons with disability organization, she followed every meeting and the event organized by the networking group and sensitizing the other members and mainstreaming them.

She received livelihood support from NPdO and bought sewing machine to earn the livelihood. The support was very much helpful to her and also additional strength to her to train the needy. At present she is planning to run training institute especially for the women with disability. She is very much grateful to NPdO for strengthening her in all aspects of life and building her confidence.