



Case Studies

A. Padma

Padma is the third child of late Ilaiah and Laxmi. She has one brother and two sisters elder and younger. The family lives in Jagirpalli village of Venkepalli Saidapur mandal of Karimnagar district and they depend on daily labor work and mainly of agriculture. She was effected with a sever fever at the age of 7 years and the family members consulted the doctor, for the medical treatment, the medication went wrong and affected the spinal cord and her both legs. The family members were shocked with the thing happened to her and consulted other specialists. After that she was unable to walk and faced much difficulty even to move. In that situation the family members supported a lot in building confidence in her. She started her education in the local village up to primary level and all the villagers and relatives suggested her education. But the thirst of her towards education made her strong with the help of her brother and continued her education. She never worried about the discrimination in the society towards her. Her father passed off when she was in intermediate stage and it disturbed the family a lot. She took the responsibility of the family and worked as a book keeper in the local village IKP program. It helped the family and even to her brother's education. Her relatives put the family far of feeling burden of making her marriage. The situation put her in the deep depression. The life led by her was full of obstacles sometimes she curses herself.

During the survey by NPdO team organized a meeting where she got identified and came to know the rights and their accessibility and the entitlements. .She was attracted by the meeting as she was not aware of the rights and entitlements of PWDs. After that she engaged herself heart fully in forming network and able to bring people under one roof. She was successful in meeting 500 women with disability and made self help groups with more than 60 members. As a member of self help group she met many bankers for the financial support. With the support of the group she was personally benefited with some financial assistance and purchased cattle for livelihood. The efforts made within the group led by her were succeeded in getting the land support to organize the regular official activity for their group.

The strength given from the supporting groups and the economical support she continued her education at present she is doing her graduation and also working for the rights and the empowerment of the women with disability. She heart fully thanking NPdO for giving good strength and encouragement in all aspects. The moral support given by NPdO driving her life towards high ambitions.