

Empowering Women Through Livestock: Saraswati's Success Story

In the heart of Sundarbans, where livelihoods are often at the mercy of nature's whims, Saraswati Das, a resilient and landless woman, found hope and prosperity through a simple yet powerful intervention – small livestock.

With seven indigenous hens provided by DRCS, Saraswati's life took a turn for the better. No longer dependent on fishing from the nearby river, she embraced the opportunity to diversify her income and improve her family's nutrition security.



Within a year, those seven hens multiplied to seventeen, and the eggs they laid became a source of both sustenance and income. Saraswati's entrepreneurial spirit shone as she sold around 250 eggs in a year, not only boosting her family's finances but also contributing to the local economy.

What's remarkable is Saraswati's resourcefulness. She feeds her hens with locally available food, incurring minimal costs, and faces no significant challenges in rearing them. The income earned from selling eggs is wisely managed, either reinvested in livelihood activities or saved for the future.

But it's not just about the financial gains. Saraswati's story reflects the resilience of indigenous chicken breeds, which thrive in harsh environments and contribute to climate resilience. Moreover, it showcases the transformative power of tailored support for vulnerable communities, particularly women, who often bear the brunt of poverty.

Looking ahead, Saraswati dreams of expanding her chicken production, not just for higher income but also to improve nutrition in her community. Her journey is a testament to the profound impact of small livestock on livelihoods and the importance of empowering women in rural development.

Saraswati's gratitude knows no bounds as she expresses her heartfelt thanks to DRCS for their unwavering support. Together, they're not just changing lives – they're building a brighter, more sustainable future for Sundarbans and beyond.