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A Living Bank, Built One Step at a Time

Kandori Mandi's journey of livelihood resilience

Transforming Lives Through Climate Adaptive Livelihoods

Kandori Mandi • Parshuli village • Age 40 • Family of 5 • 1.5 bigha land • Sidhu Kanhu Swa-sahayak Dal

Why livestock matters

Livestock is often considered a 'living bank', especially in households where livelihoods are uncertain or inconsistent. Animals can provide a source of income when needed, while also growing as an asset over time. As climate conditions continue to affect rural lives and livelihoods, measured and selective choices can help families strengthen their resilience. Here, DRCSC intervenes to turn these assets into engines of climate adaptation. By training vulnerable households in sustainable livestock management, local feed production, and resource recycling, DRCSC helps families safeguard their living assets and build long-term livelihood security.



Building on what she knew

In Jhargram district, DRCSC is supporting communities through its project “Transforming Lives Through Climate Adaptive Livelihoods”, helping households diversify their livelihoods through different approaches. Kandori Mandi is one of the project's beneficiaries. Before the intervention, she was already rearing sheep and backyard chickens. With project support, she began building on that experience through goat rearing, She also adopted a nutrition garden and ecological agriculture practices and actively participates in group meetings and training sessions.

> ***Small changes can become lasting livelihood options.***

THE LIVESTOCK JOURNEY

From a Few Animals to a Growing Asset

Kandori sold all the sheep she had previously reared. Through the project, she received two goats and bought one more herself. After some time, one goat died from a snake bite. Despite this setback, she continued caring for the remaining two goats, and her herd has now grown to seven.



7
goats today
grown from the remaining two

3
pregnant goats
expected to produce at least six kids

10+
mature desi chickens
part of the expanding backyard flock

30+
chicks
a further poultry asset in development

A healthier household asset

The continued support, motivation and guidance on livestock rearing Kandori develop a healthy asset. Her backyard chicken rearing has also grown: she now owns more than ten mature desi chickens and more than thirty chicks. Together, the goats and poultry give her household more than one livestock-based opportunity.

Nearly
₹50,000
estimated total livestock asset at present

This asset can grow further in the coming months, depending on animal health, successful reproduction, care and market conditions.

Resilience grows gradually

Kandori's story shows how project support, personal initiative and continued learning can work together. From sheep to goats, and from backyard chickens to a growing flock, she is steadily strengthening her household's livelihood options.

Beneficiary: Kandori Mandi **Village:** Parshuli **Group:** Sidhu Kanhu Swa-sahayak Dal