Phulumoni Soren Murmu Balahati, in Baks District is one of the intervention Village of VHAI, supported by Caritas India and National Vector Borne Disease Control Program. In the picture is Phulumoni Soren who happened to be identified as Pf positive case. The lady lives with her husband and 3 children. The main occupation of the family is daily wage. They sometimes work as seasonal cultivators in others land or work where ever they find a job that can buy them a morsel of rice.

On 17th September during one of the regular field visits of the FS, Chandra Mushahary he met a person on the way to the CHV’s house who informed that his wife was suffering from fever for the past three days. The FS along with the CHV immediately rushed to the beneficiaries’ home and tested Phulumoni who was burning in fever. The results through the RDT kit used reported as PF positive. The CHV accordingly gave medicine (ACT AL & PQ 7.5) & told how to take the dosage of medicine. However on second day evening when the CHV visited to patient’s house he came to know that the Patient had taken only PQ 7.5 without ACT AL, then the CHV urged to patient to take ACT AL medicine also, & given the dose in front of him. There after the CHV made a regular follow up on the beneficiary and saw that the beneficiary had recovered in due course of time.

However, on further detailed investigation and observation it came to light that why the family did not use LLIN. During the recent visit of the BCC officer along with DPO on 16th November, the Officers went to meet the beneficiary and then on interaction it was found that they had received a bed net from Government, however the family received only 1 single bed net and the overall number of family member was 5. Hence they unable to sleep under one single bedded LLIN & decided not to use the LLIN given by the Government. That is why The FS post suggestion and discussion with the DPO decided to give an additional normal Bed Net without adding any further expenditure cost to the project.

Such initiatives thus created a benchmark of Humanitarian Nobilities and have been able to gather the appreciation and acknowledgement from the community level people. The CHV takes pride today in informing that despite the odds the service given to the community was satisfactory and he take a breath of happiness as he contributes towards bringing a change in the practice of the people.

The DPO of Baks along with his field team are examples of truly committed people who with their little act of kindness and consistent hardwork and dedication have been able to bring ray of hope in the community.