

A TALE OF "NO" TO "YES" - *Made possible by Project AXSHYA*

District – Katihar, Bihar



Lalan Mahldar a regular alcoholic and hooked to ganja, a fish seller in a local market by profession belonged to a BPL family from Gorhi (Nishad) caste without any landholding. He has six children (3 daughters and 3 sons) but the socio-economic condition of the family was not well.

During AXSHYA Samvad conducted by CV of our Partner NGO Bal Mahila Kalyan in the period Oct-Dec. 2015 quarter, in village Chhohar, District Kathiar, a TB symptomatic Lalan Mahldar was identified and was advised to visit nearest DMC but he could not visit the DMC due to his occupational engagement. During the follow up of referrals, the CV came to know about his constraint in visiting the DMC. Upon which his sputum sample was collected and which was found to be positive. However, he refused the treatment of DOTS and expressed distrust in the Government system. However, with the consistent and persistent efforts of the volunteer and counselling of the senior citizens of the village, Lalan has left alcohol / ganja and is now a cured patient after taking regular DOTS treatment. The regular follow up of the PNGO's CV and the successful treatment of the patient followed by his shunning of alcohol and ganja, the trust of patient and his family has been restored in the Government system and his family is spreading awareness of TB symptoms, free examination and treatment government level in the society. A small initiative of CV under Project AXSHYA has helped Lalan and his family earns name, fame and respect in the society, apart from leading a happy, prosperous and happy family life.