

Kaushila BK

Kaushila Kumari B.K. of Gaguda VDC, Doti who lived with her family of 9 somehow managed to pass out high school in the year 2065 but couldn't give continuity to her higher education due to financial constraints. Her aging parents couldn't work for living and her brothers had migrated to India for a better fortune. With her yields sufficient only for 3 months of the year she was having a tough time to survive.

However, when RAP2 started building roads at Rajpur – Chamarachautara road corridors, she decided to join the Road Building Groups to support herself and thus with the help of Source Nepal, an NGO working for RAP, she registered herself with Gaudibagh group and started working for it earning Rs. 250 per day.

Currently she is a student at Indra Higher Secondary School in class XI. She is managing her studies and work equally well. Waking up at 5 in the morning she leaves for her school at 6 and studies till 10.30. Soon after while her friends go home & do their school work, Kaushila visits the sites where she eats, change her uniform and starts digging roads. Her determination to continue her studies and support her family has made her work harder.



Kaushila carrying stones for constructing gabion wall



Kaushila taking active participation in training

Having educated and undergone various skill development training Kaushila plays an important role in-group strengthening. She is also entrusted with group's Saving & Credits accounts and handles it very effectively.

She is quite happy and thankful to RAP for this opportunity and considers herself lucky. Now it's been easy for her to pay for her school fees, buy books, stationeries and uniform from her earnings. Kaushila is determined to complete her higher secondary level study keep continue working the way she is doing at present.

Likewise, Dinesh BK and Nabin Bam of Chawara Chautara 9 also share the similar

story. They attend morning class of grade 12 and work for RAP during the day. Chakra BK of Saatfari 5, Dauda too has been able to send his two sons to higher secondary school through the income earned through road buildings. Thus RAP has enabled 1120 RBG members to send their children to school.

Scholarships schemes for such hardworking & capable students would help keep their morale high and at the same time sustain their education. If everyone were allowed in every developmental activity in the village many children would not be deprived of basic education.



Kaushila (left) going to campus in the morning for study