



Tribal girl Kamla Kumari Dama D/O Ratan Lal Dama lives in Village Nya Khola of tribal dominated Block Falasiya of Udaipur district. Kamla Kumari has 4 other siblings and lives in below poverty line where family livelihood depends on rain fed 2 beegha farm land. It was difficult for her family to have two meals per day for entire year and that's why her father used to migrate in near neither state Gujarat during nor farming season.

Family economic condition forced her to dropped out from school and she used to help her mother in housewifery and cattle rearing works. It was year 2015, when Shrushti was visiting village to perform village meeting with community and to share skill training plan for sewing & tailoring cloths. During meeting our coordinator make list of candidates who shown interest for training and Kamla was among them.

Kamla started learning sewing and tailoring and was quick learner and favorite of trainer because of her dedication. Shrushti team persuaded her to continue her education which she stopped after class 8<sup>th</sup> and she got convinced and filled class 10<sup>th</sup> open exam form. She trained herself well in the sewing and started sewing cloths of family members for free.

Once training got over she shown interest to open Tailoring work in village for which she got permission from father but weak economic condition was biggest challenge. Then her mother came as savior and put her part of jewelry as collateral security to money lender for purchase of sewing machine and other necessary material and resources.

In 2016 she opened her tailoring shop and gradually started making good income out of it and she is getting an average of Rs. 7000 per month. The busy schedule in the work did not stop the

ambition of continuing the studies and she appeared in class 10<sup>th</sup> open board exam but unfortunately failed. But she didn't lose the hope and continued her preparation and It was the 2018 when she passed the 10<sup>th</sup> board exam with good marks. Now this year, she has applied for class 12<sup>th</sup> open board exam which got postpone due to COVID-19.

Kamla is a role model for her siblings and many other girls of the village who lost hope and give up their dreams. She is now motivating them to become self dependent and making children aware; how significant role education can play in their lives.

She thanks FVTRS and Shrushti team for transferring skill which helped her in transforming as confident and independent girl, who can take her own decisions whether it's her education or marriage. When many girl of her age already got married but she refused and decided to marry after 12<sup>th</sup> exam, which is not easy to make in Rajasthan where every year thousand of girls become victim of child marriage.