

IMPACT STORIES FORMAT

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| Story Title | Empowering Dreams: Ganga Meena's Journey in Sakhiyon Ki Badi |
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| Name of partner Organization | Gayatri Seva Sansthan |
| Name of Daksha/Daksh | Ganga Meena |
| Name of SKB centre | Mer Fala |
| Cluster | Kharka |
| Block | Salumber |
| District | Salumber |

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

Ganga Meena, a 30-year-old woman from the village of Van Talab in Pratapapura, has undergone a remarkable transformation through the Sakhiyon Ki Badi program. Before joining this initiative in January 2018, Ganga lived a life confined to household chores, managing her home with responsibilities like cooking and cleaning. Having completed her education up to the 12th grade, Ganga harbored dreams of pursuing a job and contributing to her family's income. Upon discovering that Gayatri Seva Sansthan and IIFL Foundation were championing the cause of girls' education, she seized the opportunity to become a Daksha in her community.

CHALLENGES FACED:

Initially, Ganga faced considerable challenges. During her first training session, she felt overwhelmed by fear and self-doubt about speaking in front of others. With no prior experience in a professional setting, Ganga was apprehensive about how to engage with participants. However, the support from fellow trainees bolstered her confidence. Despite her hesitations, she gradually began to participate actively. Ganga also faced challenges communicating with parents, as she was newly married and had never taken on such a role before. Moreover, the Sakhiyon Ki Badi center was located 2 kilometers from her home, requiring her to navigate rough terrain daily, which added to her struggle.

INTERVENTION/ACTIVITIES:

Once Ganga began her journey, she quickly realized the profound impact she could make. She welcomed children to her center, teaching them to read and write, and enrolled girls in local schools. Those who had previously dropped out or were not enrolled at all received special attention. Ganga nurtured their interest in education,

facilitating their admission into schools. The parents in her community recognized her efforts and began supporting their children in attending the center regularly.

Ganga utilized Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) and engaging activities to enhance the learning experience, making education enjoyable for the children. As a result, the children's academic performance improved significantly, and Ganga found immense satisfaction in her role as an educator.

OUTCOMES:

To date, Ganga has successfully enrolled three children from her center into local schools, earning recognition as "Ganga Madam" in her village and Gram Panchayat. Beyond education, she has played a pivotal role in raising awareness about girls' education, preventing child marriages, and helping the community access government schemes. Ganga Meena's story illustrates the profound impact one woman's courage and commitment can have on her community, inspiring future generations to pursue their dreams.

GOOD QUALITY IMAGE: - 3-4 IMAGES (Attach below)



