Hazera Khatun changes a member of youth development centre, passing happy life

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Hazera Khatun, a successful vegetable cultivator is very happy to reduce the shortage of nutrition and poverty of her family. Hazera Khatun lives with her husband Shamsul Alam (day labor) and three children in the village of Katakhali under Whykong union of Teknaf upazila. Shamsul Alom is a day labor and he earns 3000/- (three thousand) taka monthly. From this earning it was impossible to fill up hunger of big family. And it was also very difficult to bear the cost of children's education. On the other hand for the lack of knowledge and money she could not able to provide nutritional food to her children for this they became malnourished. She did not know that it is possible to reduce poverty beside the nutritional demand of family by vegetable gardening. Hazera Khatun was passing her days with this problem but never realized that she can contribute to reduce poverty of her family but she wanted to reduce poverty of her family, provide good food to her children and live happily. In October’2018 Shushilan established total 29 youth development center consist of our women and five men total 09 youth development center are in Whykong union under Teknaf upazila and there are 30 youths in each group. The youth discuss many awareness issues and involve in social development works like road repairing, drainage, cleaning etc. & Shushilan has given 1000/- (one thousand) taka to each youth in every month. Hazera Khatun is a member of the youth development center of Katakhali village under Whykong union. She comes to center regularly and participate the sessions attentively. She learnt about the nutrition and its importance from the awareness sessions of youth development center and also learnt about as a woman can earn money beside full fill nutritional demand of family by cultivating vegetables in home state area. Then after receiving money and the training on vegetable cultivation from Shushilan she starts vegetable gardening. HazeraKhatun said, “I did not know as a woman I can earn money from stay at home. Did not know what are nutrition and its importance? Due to lack of nutrition my children were unhealthy. I have learnt about this from youth development center. After receiving the training on vegetable cultivation and money from Shushilanat first I have cultivated maize by costing 2000/- (two thousand) taka and got profit 7,000/- (seven thousand) taka from that. Then by costing 4,000/- (four thousand) taka I have cultivated vegetables and already have gotten 12,000/- (twelve thousand) taka by selling vegetables and sells are ongoing. Not only these things but also we are eating vegetables regularly which fill up our nutritional demand. My children’s are now well. My confident on vegetables cultivation are enhancing day by day. If anyone has more confident s/he will gain more profits by using less money. Thanks to Shushilan for give support to me and the poor people of our area.”