

## Project Unnati: Inspiring and Empowering Women



A resident of Raighati-I Keonjhar district, Padmini is an Adivasi woman who worked as a daily wage labourer and sold plates made from dry leaves in the market. Her husband, Prafulla, who also worked as a daily labourer, tried to sustain a living for a family of nine members. The low level of income and earnings



exacerbated their financial burdens

Padmini joined an SHG in 2012 and in 2014, she started training under a BIPF-led program. Under the program, she was trained in goat and poultry farming. She also learned the Odia language whereas earlier she only knew the Kulu language. Now, she has seven goats of her own and has managed to trade two male goats for ₹7,000/- each. In addition, she has also started cultivating cash crops like cabbage,



brinjal, spinach, and beans in the kitchen garden. Through a loan taken from the SHG's savings, Padmini has successfully started running a shop in the vicinity of her home. She is committed to sharing her learnings with the other members of the

SHG and to create further livelihood opportunities for herself and the others.