

## *A little support brings the smile of many faces.....*

**Pramila Mandagi (30)** Wife of Bijaya Kumar Mandangi (35) lives with her 2 children (Girl-10 and boy-7 in class-2) hails from Bangi Chhaka under Gusegulumunda Grampachayat of Ramnaguda Block in Rayagda District, Odisha, India. The family is landless and minimum annual income is Rs.30,000/- (thirty thousand per annum) and the major occupation of the family is agriculture daily labour where both wife and husband are bread earner who are able to access at least 2 square of meal every day and inadequate to afford children's health, education and expenses of social function. The family has been adopted as one of the prime beneficiaries under READ programme titled " Women Empowerment through sustainable livelihood supported by All We Can, UK implemented at Ramnaguda Block since 2017.

Gradually the family has been supported with agriculture and alternative livelihood and strengthened capacity on organic farming, alternative livelihood and income generation activities as consequences the family able to access 3 square of meal every day and manage to afford children's education, health and expenses of social function.

But the COVID-19 pandemic turned out to be the curse for the family because of loss of livelihood and source of income due to continuous strict lock down and shut down by the state and district administration. Eventually the family consumed all the preserved food grain, and spent all the money to bear essential amenities for the members of households during April to June. They were neither able to afford COVID-19 protection kit (sanitary kit) not able to access 2 square of meal due to insufficient food and money.

**In this juncture READ with the support of All We Can, UK supported the family with Sanitary kit and 15 days ration for emergency survival as well as make them engage in income generation activities. "I am very Happy that READ has help us first to save our life by using sanitary kit and support to survive for 15 days where we can access at least 2 square of meal that pave a space for engaging ourselves in income generation activities to supplement the livelihood for our family" as revealed by the Pramila Mandagi after receiving the support from READ.**



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