



**Start with Smaller Things!**

# **SUCCESS STORY OF SHANTI THOKAR**

## **WOMAN ENTREPRENEUR MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT FAMILY**

The Story of Shanti Thokar, who is class three passed, age 33, resident of Dalchoki, Lalitpur is amazing. She is honest and sincere whatever she is doing. She is a true example for rural women who want to earn with their own. Success does not require to have high education, huge investment and larger business. Success is the journey of small steps with continuous efforts. When she got married at the age of 18, she got involved herself in the grocery of her husband. Slowly Shanti learned to communicate with customers and started building a relationship with regular customer and supplier. Now, she solely looks at the grocery shop. She started buffalo farming. Later she also started goat farming, beekeeping and local chicken farm.

**I WANT TO TELL EVERY WOMAN THAT SMALL STEP CAN CHANGE THEIR WORLD. ITS SLOW PROCESS HOWEVER ITS SATISFYING**

### Monthly Income of Shanti in NRS



**Grocery**  
5,000



**Buffalos**  
25,000



**Honey**  
15,000



**Goats**  
5,000/-



**Total Income**  
50,000



### Shanti as Small Entrepreneur:

Shanti always had the desire to do something with her own. This motivated her to look around and find the opportunity at rural circumstances. She started with a goat as the forest was near, there was enough grass available, When she realized money can be well earned from this, she decided to do it professionally. Following that she added more 26 goats. With the time, her confidence and finance boost up and slowly she started looking after the grocery herself, while, her husband is now a full time carpenter. Later Shanti also started buffalo farming and bee-keeping, diversifying her activities and income.

### Challenges:

She initially faced some financial constraints, however, she got a loan from a local cooperative, now she has returned all the amount. Having limited knowledge on goat farming, she initially faced problems, Later she got training from Scaling up Energy Access through Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE Nepal Project) implemented by Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N) supported by The International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy (ENERGIA), the Netherlands and overcame the problems. Shanti said that the orientation and business development training was quite helpful for her, she learned to maintain accounts, calculate profit and dealing with diseases on animals. Another major challenge she is still facing is water scarcity, every day one hour is needed to fetch the water.

### Future Plannings:

Shanti mentioned that as an entrepreneur I want to grow the farm and as a mother, I have a dream to provide good education to both of my children. She stated that as a woman her responsibility is more towards children. She wants her children to be honest and sincere along with good education.



### Electrical Appliances:

1. Chaff Cutter
2. Water Mill
3. Heater
4. Water Boiler