



Rev. Azariah Korabandi

Tribute to a

Habitat for Humanity Icon in India

*I*ndeed we at Habitat for Humanity India mourn the loss of a great visionary, a man of great faith and a true friend of the down trodden whom we know as Rev. Azariah Korabandi, who died tragically on Thursday 20th May 2010 in a road accident. Rev. Azariah was a simple, humble man with great vision and compassion for helping the poor. In 1983 Rev. Azariah was introduced to Habitat for Humanity and this resulted in the development of the very first Habitat program in India and the very first Habitat program in all of the Asia-Pacific region.

In September 1983 the first proposal for 65 houses was sanctioned by the International Board of Directors of Habitat, which in effect was the launch of Habitat for Humanity's program in the Asia Pacific region and India. Since then this program at Khammam has grown steadily, serving more than 2000 families to date.

In addition to his efforts in Khammam Rev. Azariah served as the Chairman of the HFH India national board for a period of time. The seed which he planted in the small rural community of Khammam has resulted in more than 35,000 families being served in India and hundreds of thousands across Asia-Pacific.



"I believe that Rev. Azariah's compassionate vision was an important seed which fuels the work that we all do for Habitat in Asia-Pacific today. I visited Khammam as part of a global village trip and saw first-hand how God was using this ordinary man to do extraordinary things in transforming the lives of people across his community. It was truly an amazing experience and played a great part in my interest in serving in Asia-Pacific."

Rick Hathway, Vice President Habitat for Humanity Asia Pacific

"A man of deep faith, a man of vision and great foresight, a man of integrity goes away from amidst us leaving behind his footsteps not on sand but imprinted in the hearts of all those who have come into close contact with him".

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Participation of young people in building homes, transforming communities and changing lives.

In our continued endeavor to build homes for the homeless, Habitat for Humanity is involving the youth to contribute and participate in the building process. This is an opportunity to include youngsters in Building Homes, Transforming Communities and Changing lives of the less fortunate people. Young people are the pillars of our society and any development work with the active participation of youth in it, can assure success and continuity. This can also raise awareness among the youth about the problems prevailing in our society and the difference that they can make through their involvement.

Habitat for Humanity invites youth from all walks of life to join us in building homes for those who are desperately in need and participate in bringing about a positive change in improving their lives. Young people have great potential to shape the future and proper guidance and direction can bring them in the forefront to transform the society and inspire others to continue the good work.



Youngistaan for Habitat

Teens for a Socially Conscious India



The Teenager magazine invites the teens of the country to participate in the Teen of the year 2010 contest. It is a platform for the teens to reflect on the most pressing social issue. Shelter is the special focus this year and Habitat for Humanity will help the participants initiate concrete action plans and carry out community projects. The participants will sensitize their peers by creating awareness in their respective schools and colleges.

Students of Kentucky University, on the outskirts of Indian capital

A team of 12 students from U.K. along with two facilitators from the University of Kentucky recently spent time studying life in Bawana, on the outskirts of the Indian capital Delhi. Bawana is a resettlement colony where Habitat for Humanity India is building homes. The students were not here for a regular build but as part of their project "Writers without Borders" studying the impact of Habitat Housing on slum dwellers. [Read More...](#)

Habitat Club

Ms. Khushi Desai of grade 12 from Ecole Mondiale World School, Mumbai, India receives the CAS award from Mr. Francis Chirayath the CAS coordinator in presence of Dr. Narendra Jadhav (Member of the Planning commission, Government of India) and Dr. Pradeep Sarada (Chairman



▲ Ms. Khushi Desai - The Leader of the Habitat Club of Ecole Mondial World school

of the Governing Board of Ecole Mondiale World School) for her dedication to Habitat for Humanity. Khushi has played an important role in starting the first Habitat Club in her school. She was responsible for creating awareness, mobilising funds and volunteer teams for Habitat, during the year 2009-10. As a leader of the Habitat Club in her school she led 4 teams of volunteers (35 members) each from the school to contribute their sweat equity for Habitat House building program.



International School of Kuala Lumpur

Habitat for Humanity India recently hosted a team of student volunteers from the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL). As the team boarded the flight from KL to Mumbai on the 4th of April they discovered that John Abraham the Global Hero for Habitat for Humanity was also on the same flight. The introductions over, John was extremely delighted that the team was going to a build being hosted by the Habitat Mumbai. John took time to talk to the team members and also consented to a group photograph. This really buoyed

up the team’s spirit, which was evident as they worked on three houses at Karjat, Maharashtra State. The teams’ efforts were focused on building the homes and hopes of the families they worked with. The commitment of this institution is seen in the fact that this was the fourth successive year that a team was sent to India to volunteer.

Go Green and Build

Habitat for Humanity Chennai on the occasion of World Environment Day organized a tree plantation drive followed by a build. 80 youth volunteers of HCL Technologies, Flextronics, and Irevna demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship through active participation.

The volunteers planted fruit-bearing saplings of coconut, guava, and mango in Mangaadu village, Kanchipuram district, providing families with a source of food and livelihood. The volunteers later contributed their sweat equity by helping nine Habitat families build their houses.



Nevaan Cup 2010

Woot Factor, an event production company partnered with Habitat for Humanity to host an indoor cricket tournament for the charity titled the **Nevaan Cup**. This tournament was a two day event held on the 15th-16th May 2010 at the R City mall in Mumbai and sponsored by the ICICI Bank. 17 corporates participated in the tournament and keenly contested for the Cup. The event received wide publicity through local radio and TV channels. Part of the proceeds of the registration fees was donated to Habitat for Humanity.



▲ Enthusiasts in action



▲ A cheque of ₹ 30,000 being presented by Amit Relan and Smita Jadhav of Woot Factor to John Thattil of HFH India



▲ Employees of IDFC participate in the Build a Home Brick by Brick during the employee conference held at Regus Trade Centre, Mumbai.

Sunfeast World 10K Marathon, Bangalore

The Sunfeast World 10K Marathon held on 23rd May 2010 brought the citizens of the city of Bangalore in unison to propagate the message of giving back to the less fortunate in society. At this event 64 participants ran in support of the cause of Habitat for Humanity India. The participants included individual volunteers and corporate volunteers from YES Bank and CISCO.



Families Served



Location	New Houses	Repairs	Rehab	Total
Bangalore	179	-	84	263
Chennai	39	35	0	74
Delhi	8	30	0	38
Mumbai	1035	100	-	1135
Affiliate	10	-	27	37
Total	1271	165	111	1547

April - June 2010

Volunteer

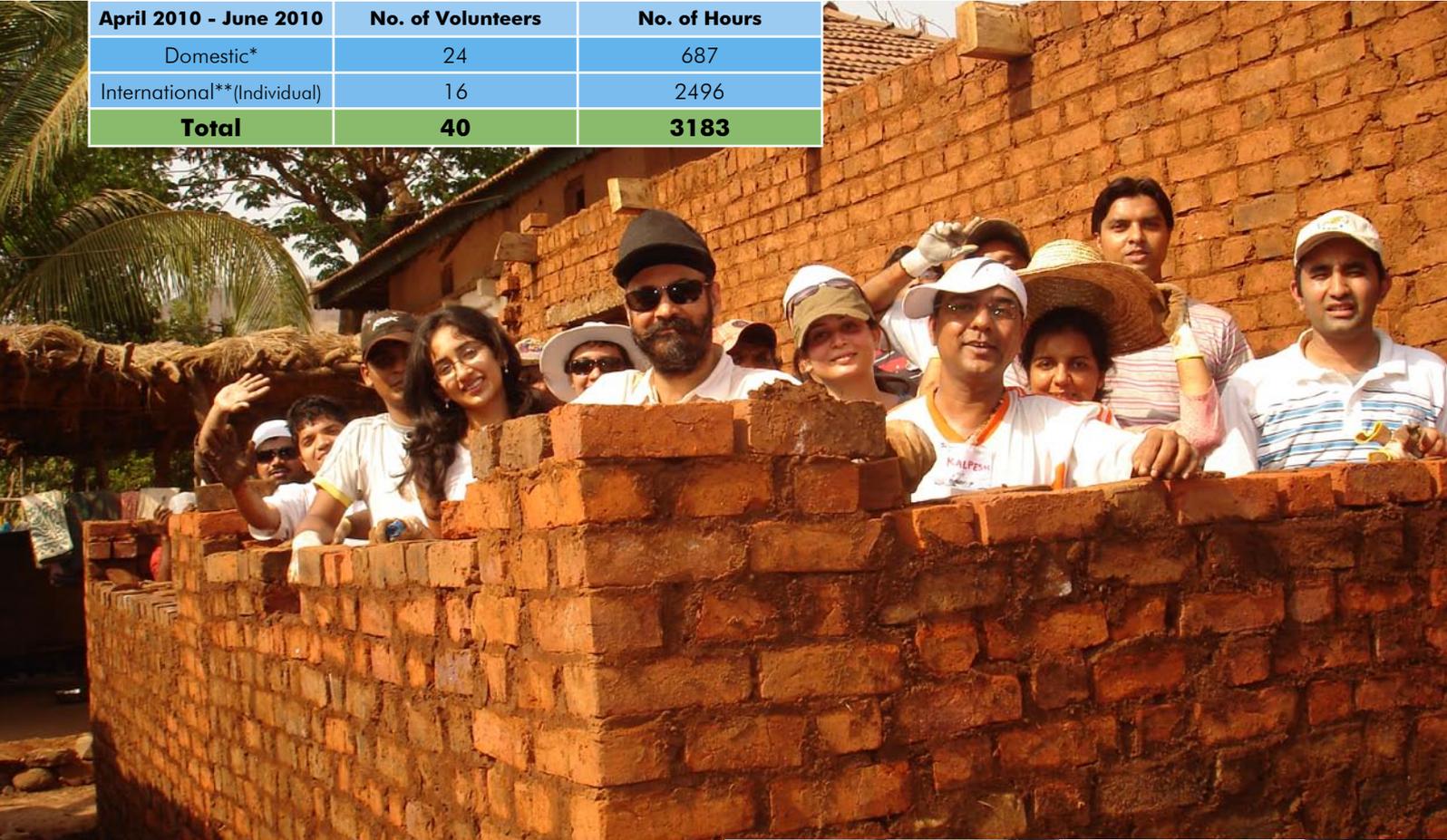
Volunteers engaged in Construction Activities

April 2010 - June 2010	Volunteer Team	No. of Volunteers	No. of Hours
Domestic*	22	357	2856
International**	4	57	3248
Total	26	414	6104

* Volunteers from India
 ** International Volunteers

Volunteers engaged in Non Construction Activities

April 2010 - June 2010	No. of Volunteers	No. of Hours
Domestic*	24	687
International**(Individual)	16	2496
Total	40	3183



Volunteer Teams



Volunteers from United States of America

Volunteers Speak

Urbana Champaign, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois, Class of 2012

"I came here expecting to leave a mark on this place, but it has left a mark on me."

McGuckien Rose (Team Leader)

"I think the building we have done with Habitat for Humanity India has been beneficial for the community and it has been eye-opening and educational for me. "

Brendan Tubridy

"When I first came to India I wondered how we were going to build and if I was strong enough to build. But we worked with the community and family, and it was wonderful that we could do so without knowing the language. Homes are a basic necessity and it was a privilege to be a part of building someone's home."

Heather Wilson

"It was a humbling experience. It made me appreciate what construction workers do. It was like one of those experiences, by the end of which something inside changes, and there is no going back."

SAURAV KAYAL, Irevna

Homes of Hope

“Homes of Hope” is a project sponsored by Nissan Motors India Private Limited, under which Habitat for Humanity India in partnership with Women Education and Economic Development Society (WEEDS) is assisting 75 less fortunate families of Mangadu Town Panchayat, Chennai to build safe and decent homes. This project was commissioned on 24th April, 2010 and since then seven houses have been completed with 18 more houses under construction, with the active participation of the families.



Climate Change: Shelter & Settlement

HFH conducted a workshop with the facilitation of RedR{a leading training organisation in DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction)} in Jun 2010 to understand the challenges faced by development organisations due to climate change and to build community and organizational capacity towards addressing these issues. The theme of the workshop was “Climate Change and CBDRR with special reference to Shelter and Settlement”. It was attended by HFH Staff and partner NGOs with real time involvement of a selected community near Chennai.



Forthcoming Events



Hard HATS for HABITAT

We invite each one of you to wear a "Hard hat and Build" with Habitat for Humanity.

Join us at this "Fun 'n Fundraiser" at High Street Phoenix Mall, Mumbai, from 29th Sept - 3rd Oct. 29th Sept. would be a Special Women IndiaBuilds Support day at Palladium Mall with a leading celebrity. The five day event will culminate with celebrations on the eve of World Habitat day. Visit us and show your support to end poverty housing!

For more details write to us at info@hfhindia.org

General Mills

HFH India received support of US \$2500 from General Mills. The Cheque was handed over by Mr. Virren Malhotra, Managing Director, at their staff recognition event held on the 25th of June, 2010.

Realtors for Habitat



▲ Realty Plus India's first real estate monthly magazine

▲ Realty Plus magazine carried the advertisement for Habitat for Humanity in their June 2010 Issue

The free ad space valued Rs.1 Lakh

Home Owner Story

Coloring Bawana—Habitat for Humanity’s Delhi Slum Project

Extract from stories written by Hannah Newby and Stephanie Anderson, University of Kentucky

The Rashidi family is just one of more than 7000 families that have been relocated to the Bawana slum area since 2004. Moved as part of the Delhi government’s city beautification project, these families were abruptly and forcefully uprooted from their homes and livelihoods on the banks of the Yamuna River in the heart of the city. Left to rebuild their lives in the barren, undeveloped countryside, families struggled as life turned quickly chaotic. With an almost two-hour commute back to the city, most people relocated to Bawana found it impossible to keep their city jobs. Rickshaw pullers, house cleaners, and unskilled daily workers, all were now far removed from any potential source of employment. Most families, required to move on foot from their former homes to the government’s resettlement land, brought only what they could carry on their own, abandoning beloved belongings. With no home and no job, these families were forced to depend on government support and accommodations.

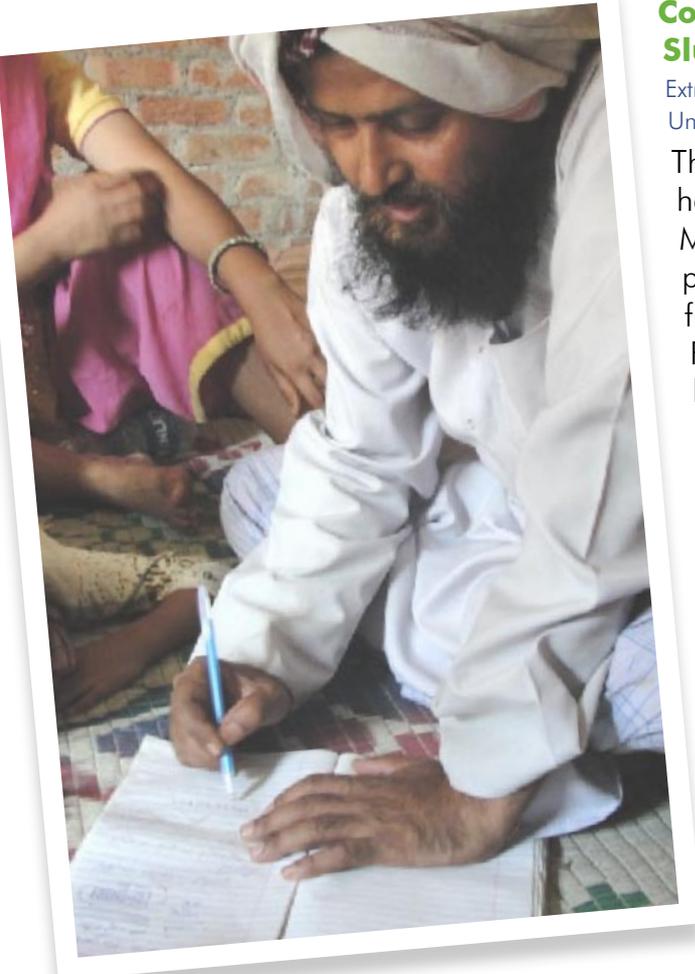
Habitat for Humanity India came to the aid of these disadvantaged individuals in 2006, when the first 150

of a proposed 2,000 homes were constructed in the Bawana area.

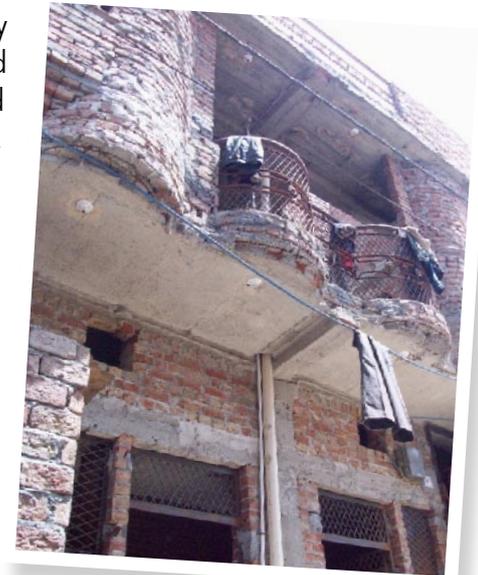
Halfway down a path in the community stands a two-story brick house. Its proud owner, M. A. Rashidi, explains that his modest home is only the first step for his family, and potentially, the community. The brick and cement house, is being constructed with the help of Habitat for Humanity India. The bathroom, located outside in a small separate structure, is in the front of the house.

For Rashidi, a graduate of Aligarh Muslim University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education, his house is more than just a safe place for his family to sleep and stow their belongings; it’s a center for community outreach, a place for Rashidi to make a difference, a place to house and nurture knowledge. A Muslim cleric and community healer, Rashidi spends time imparting education to the members from the community, in his home which also doubles as a ‘school’.

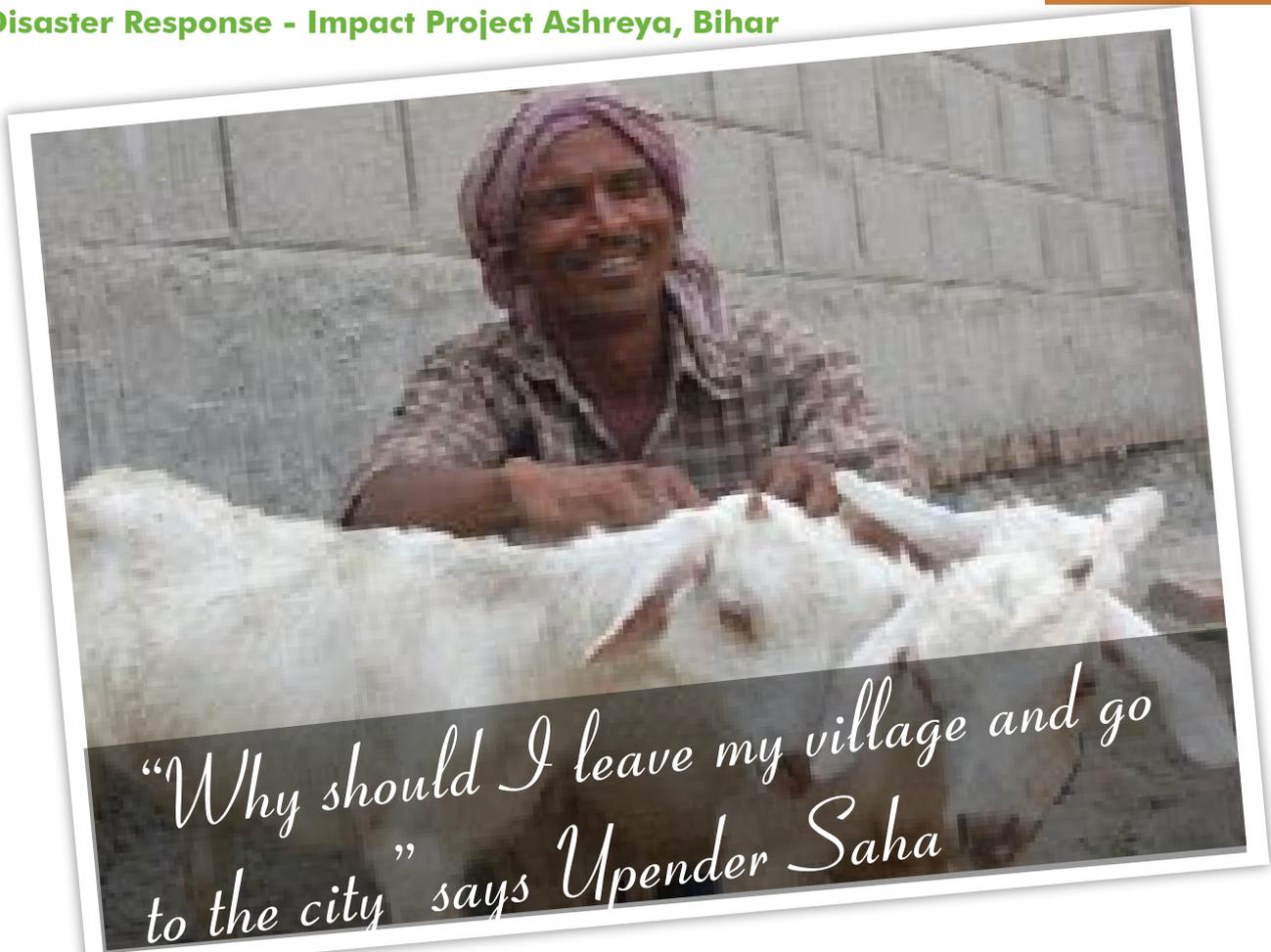
Though amazing just by its existence in Bawana, Rashidi’s ‘school’ is even more astounding because of its inclusiveness. He charges no one and accepts everyone, young and old, male and female. “I believe it is very important for women to be educated,” Rashidi casually nods. “I studied about Napoleon, and Napoleon says, ‘You give me a mother and I’ll give you a whole society.’ That shows the importance of the role women play.... It is very important then that women be equally educated as men.” Imagine what could happen in Bawana with a few more Habitat homes.



▲ Mr. M.A. Rashidi writes in his notebook



▲ Rashidi's Habitat house

Disaster Response - Impact Project Ashreya, Bihar


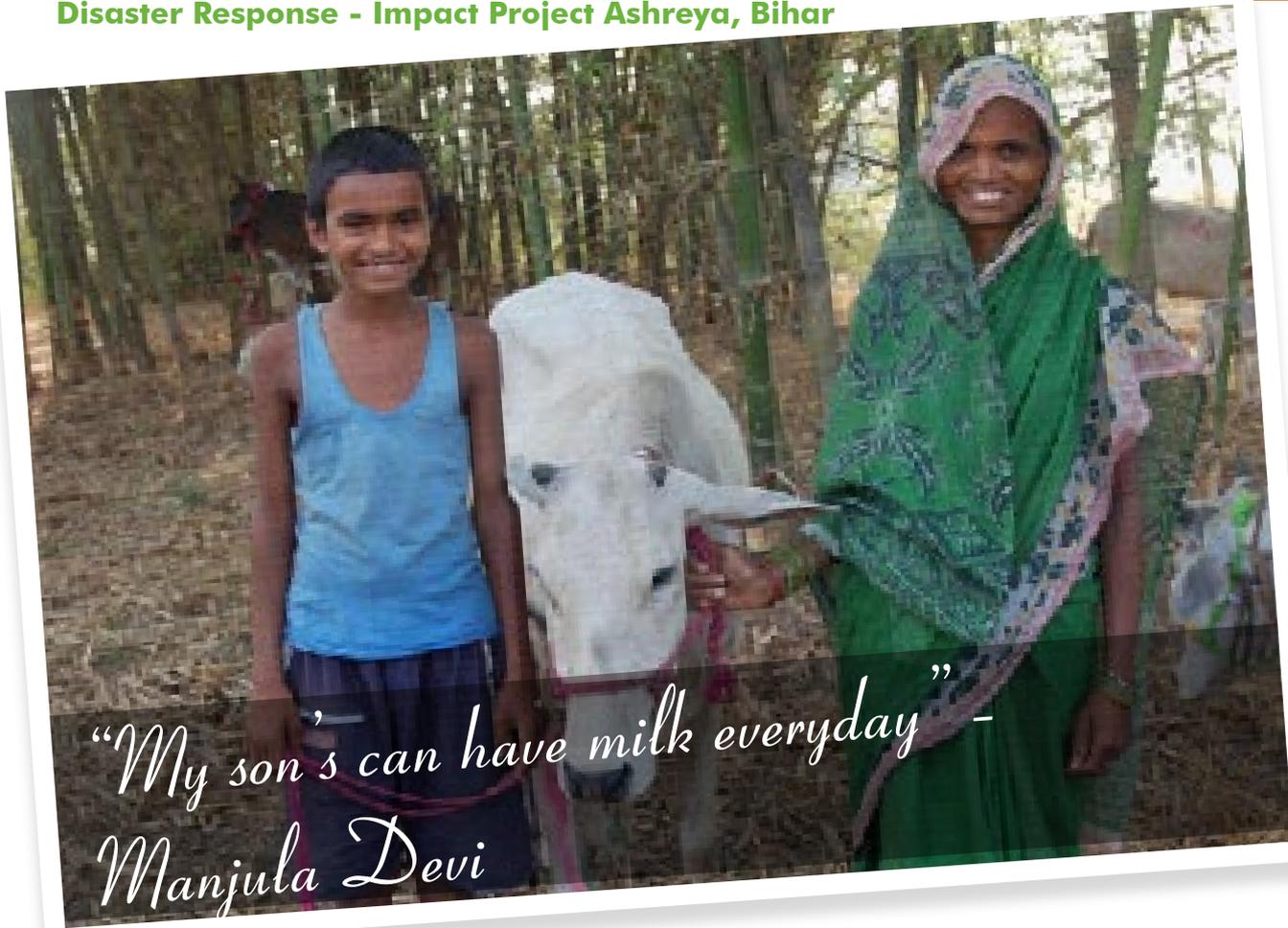
“I had no hope but to leave the village to earn, when I looked at my children. How was I to feed them, what had I left to secure their future and especially the immediate problem of my married daughter waiting for her ‘Gauna.’ looked me in my face”. These are the words of Upender Saha one of those whose life changed completely when the floods came to his village. The floods took away everything, his belongings, and his livestock but fortunately spared the lives of his family members. Upender was left with four sons and a daughter to look after. He was at the crossroads, to go out of his village and work as a migrant laborer or to stay back and be with family but with nothing to earn for a living, the floods having destroyed everything.

When all around him seemed dark and hopeless the three goats given to him as a beneficiary of the ACC-HUL sponsored Habitat For Humanity Project “Ashreya” came as a ray of hope. Unexpectedly there was something he could look forward to. Now he need not leave his village. The goats provided were just the new beginning that Upender was looking for. “Now I can have a better ‘gauna’ for my daughter than even her wedding.” The local custom requires that after the wedding the girl continue to stay with her parents till the ‘gauna’ ceremony of moving into her husband’s house takes place.

But along with the ceremony comes the custom of sending off the daughter with new household goods as she begins her married life. This was the biggest concern for Upender as he did not have the money to perform the ‘gauna’. But now with the goats that he has acquired he is confident that very soon he will be able to save a reasonably good amount to see that his daughter is sent off happily. “You know, to see that a daughter is married and sent to her husband’s house in the most satisfying thing for a father” he says with a assured smile on his face.

Upender is not just upbeat about his daughter but now dreams of a better future for his sons. Sitting next to his goats, he tries to feed them some grass, “I will take good care of them,” he remarks; “true that the goats would have to be given back to the self help groups, but I am sure that with the offspring’s I get from them I can make a good living in the future”. Upender is now confident that he will be able to slowly rebuild his house and collect belongings, which was destroyed in the floods. “Now I need not leave my village and go to the city, why should I, my family, friends, relatives are here and more importantly my source of income is also here”, he says contented.

Disaster Response - Impact Project Ashreya, Bihar



*“My son’s can have milk everyday” –
Manjula Devi*

“I can’t believe we have a cow again” remarked Manjula Devi when we visited her at her house. When the floods came it took away the cow Manjula Devi had with her family. Her husband does not stay with them as he works in far of Sultanpur in the state of Punjab. “My husband comes only once or twice in a year, but sends us money whenever he can but when there is a long period before the next amount comes I do not know whom to ask for money”, say Manjula . The floods came and went but left Manjula Devi’s life in a distress. Before the floods the cow they had helped supports the family. Even when the husband was unable to send her money for long periods she somehow managed to take care of her three sons with the income they got from the cow at home. Her daughter was married and stays with her husband. Now with the cow gone, and with no money with her, she didn’t know who to ask for help, after all the entire village had suffered because of the floods.

Life changed for Manjula Devi as she became the beneficiary of a cow given through the ACC-HUL sponsored Habitat For Humanity Project “Ashreya”. The smile is back on her face. “It is like those good old times, I have a cow just as before” she says. Manjula Devi looks forward to her new beginning. She is now assured that she can take care of herself and her sons by selling the milk from the cow even when her husband is unable to send money. “And even when he does, at least I can now feel happy that I will be able to save some amount for my children, this way I am also capable to make a contribution towards the family and support my husband” she remarks contentedly.

Not just Manjula Devi but even her sons are happy with the addition to the family. No wonder that they cheerfully volunteer to take the cow out for grazing. “It is not just the money that this cow brings, it is a new hope for the family. I feel especially happy when my son’s can drink milk everyday”, she remarks.

Manjula Devi is also aware that she needs to give back the first female calf born to her cow back to the self-help group. When asked she says, “I know that I have to give the first female calf to the self help group. But I will be also very happy because I know that the calf that I give will be given to someone else and that way hopefully will bring a change in the life of another Manjula Devi and her family”

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