

## Case story: Tikapur Municipality Flood

**Sita Devi Chaudhary** is a resident of Tikapur Municipality- 3, Kailali district, Sudhurpaschim Province, Nepal. She is one of the victims of the recent flood that occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. According to her, the flood reached her house at 7 am and in front of her eyes she saw her live stocks consisting of cows, goats and chickens being swept away. In the fear of losing lives, she and her family fled through a broken boat. Though her family members were saved, later she witnessed that her house was severely damaged, making it impossible for her to reside there. There was nothing left in the house except for the clothes they were wearing, all the utensils, clothes; blankets were swept by the violent flood.



Currently she is staying in an open shelter along with all the dirt and dust that were brought by the flood into her courtyard. She has sent her children away to her relative's place because it is dangerous for children to stay in the open with contaminated drinking water source and no safe toilets. After being swept for few meters, one of her cows had died. Due to many dead animals being buried near her house, the whole place has begun to stink. The seeds she had dried on the yard for cultivation along with the food grains stored in the shed, were also swept leaving her household with nothing to survive on. The flood has immensely affected hers and her family's lives.



While receiving the relief items she said, “I lost everything I had. I have nothing much to say. Thank you for these items. These will let me feed my family. I also appeal for some concrete help. We would be immensely grateful, if you can help us with other support.”

Sita Devi Chaudhary is one of the 50 beneficiaries, who received food items, hygiene kits and blankets.

**Sharmila Chaudhary** is a resident of Batanpur tole, Tikapur Municipality- 3 of Kailali district, Sudurpaschim Province, Nepal. She is also one of the many victims of the flood that occurred in the municipality in 19<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The flood has severely damaged her house making it unsafe to reside there anymore. She has sent her children away to her relative's place as she herself is currently living in someone else's house. Except for the clothes that she had put on, the flood swept away everything else. Her house seems to look abandoned as there is nothing left in it. The utensils, official documents of property or marriage, stored food grains and clothes have all been swept away. The shed with livestock she owned is as equivalent to as being non-existent for now. All her neighbors have faced similar loss.



Sharmila Chaudhary said, "I will only be able to feed myself when someone gives me something to eat." It has been two days since she has had food properly. Even the little land she had was swept away along with the crops that she had planted. The property area that her house covered has also been cut almost by half because of the forceful flood.

Sharmila was happy to receive the food items, hygiene kits and blanket. She said, "The organization like yours has given me hope, that we are not abandoned at this time of distress. Thank you for the relief items. But I am worried that there is nowhere to keep my children. I won't be able to leave them forever at the relative's place. Where will we stay and how will we continue our lives now?"



Sharmila is one of the 50 beneficiaries, who received food items, hygiene kits and blankets.