

## SUCCESS STORY

### Child Support Group, Karmana

**Title:** *“Disables are similar as ables”*

#### **Background:**

Karmana is a small village within distance of 6 Km from Ghatanji having population of about 829. Single community people especially **“Nathjogi”** reside in the village who earn their livelihood by making prophecy. Three CwD’s namely Kartik, Komal and Sarla, a boy and two girls respectively were found as CwD’s while conducting survey under CBR project way back in 2012. At that time Sarla was learning in third



standard where as Komal and Kartik was learning in Anganwadi. Sarla’s elder sister was taking her care and Komal and Kartik were taken care of by their mothers.

#### **Intervention:**

Home base programme was planned and initiated by the organization for these three CwD’s. A child support groups were established in the village and the first beneficiary of this group was Sarla. The group started helping Sarla in taking her school daily, playing games with her, helping her in doing study, taking her to toilet, introducing her with the nature etc. This has resulted in bringing in tremendous change in Sarla and thus need of care taking by her elder sister was finished. Child support groups of similar aged children were formed of the neighboring or near school children for Komal and Kartik. The group was imparted about getting understood the needs of Komal and Kartik, how to converse with them and time and again the capacity of the group was strengthened by giving them various needful inputs relevant to the development of both of them. The group treat these CwD’s as normal children therefore, this has helped in building up confidence of Komal and Kartik. The teachers of the school have played their role magnificently in supporting the groups.

#### **Changes happened:**

The group has adopted all the responsibilities of caring Sarla and this made brought up the emotions of caring CwD’s by normal children in the village. Komal and Kartik Mandaokar are Hearing Impaired (HI) by birth now nine years of age and both are learning in third standard. Initially, the families knowing this fact had disappointed

and were neglecting these children. Due to interventions of child support group the scene changed and now these children are actively doing all activities like normal children. They are going regularly to school, completing syllabus with the help of the group, participating in sports and cultural programmes. Fondness has been created among them about education and due to this their educational progress is very fantastic. The CBR worker has taught code language to the group and the teachers as well. The teachers and the group members converse with them in code language. On holidays the groups and Komal and Kartik use to go on picnic at nearby places. The group including Komal and Kartik has carried out plantation in school premise.

### **Special Achievements of the group:**

The perspective of the family and the society looking towards these children has been changed completely. In case Komal or Kartik remain home on school day for any purpose other members of group use to come them and take them to school. On remaining on leave by any of the two for health purpose, the members of group help them completing the home work. On the occasion of farewell to the teacher of the school, Shri Rathod who was transferred to other place, both the children became very emotional. The teacher gave them lot of love along with very good teaching that evident from their tears at the time of farewell.

### **“opinion expressed” or a “quote” of the proposed nominee group for the award.**

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