

Halima: A New Participant

Participant Profile	
Name	Halima
Date of Joining CLP	January 2012
District	Kurigram
Village	Khamar Holokhana
Marital Staus	Divorced/Abandoned
Implementing Organisation	Zibika



Halima married when she was just 12 years old. Her husband rejected her because of a physical disability in her leg leading to reduced mobility. Since then she has never remarried. After working as a maid in Kurigram town for 18 years, her family bought her a small tin house on the *chars*, where she now lives taking care of her elderly mother, Fuljan.

On the *chars*, Halima again works as a maid. She earns enough to feed herself and her mother twice a day. They have moved around eight times due to flooding and erosion, making her and her mother extremely vulnerable. Her household does not have a latrine. The family usually goes to other people's homes to defecate, and Halima sometimes practices open defecation.

In January 2012, Halima joined the CLP. She has bought a heifer and invested in a share-cow. She plans to look after her cattle and sell their milk. This will allow her to diversify her income sources. Using seeds and agricultural advice provided by the CLP, Halima has begun a homestead garden where she will cultivate vegetables. Halima and Fuljan will now be able to eat vegetables and afford fish. The CLP has also raised her home on a plinth and soon she will have her own latrine. Halima and Fuljan no longer worry about flooding.

"Now that my home is on a plinth, I can rear my cows on it and cultivate vegetables. I no longer have problems"

