**Better Livelihood Through Farming**

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I am a young farmer from Burutulunda village in Anandpur block. My family consists of 7 members, and we faced financial struggles for a long time. Due to our difficult situation, I had to drop out of school. My father relied solely on paddy farming, which required an entire year to yield a harvest, but there was no additional source of income.

During this time, many young boys from my village started migrating to other places in search of work. I, too, joined them and worked outside for three years. When I returned to my village, I attended a **Farmers’ Club meeting**, where I met representatives from an organization. They informed me about **vegetable farming, compost preparation, and organic pesticides**.

Eager to learn more, I attended a **training session at the Panchayat Bhawan**, where I gained further knowledge about **vegetable cultivation, organic fertilizers, and compost pits**.

I started my journey with **tomato farming** on 10 decimals of land, with my father’s support. I invested **₹400 in seeds** and cultivated tomatoes. The harvest was excellent, and I sold my produce at **₹20 per kg**, earning a total of **₹5,500**. This success motivated me to expand my vegetable farming.

Currently, alongside farming, I am also involved in **goat and poultry farming**. I now have **14 hens and 6 goats**.

Today, my family’s financial condition has improved significantly. I am grateful to the organization and its staff for guiding me on this path. Their support has helped me achieve a stable and better livelihood.

