CASE STUDY

Name: Nisha Mukhi
Age: 31 yrs.
Profession: Tailor and Homemaker
Address: TiljalaShibtala Lane Khalpar Slum

Nisha Mukhi, a 31 years old lady living in TiljalaShibtala Lane Khalpar (West) slum. She works as a tailor and the rest of her time she spends as a home maker. Her family consists of her husband, in-laws and her only son living in the slum for the last 35 years. Nisha’s husband works in a media company as a daily wage labourer. Her son is studying in the local school in Kindergarten class.

They all used to drink water from KMC supply regularly for a long time without knowing of the risk of water-borne diseases. They all frequently suffered from stomach problems, dysentery but were unable to manage the risks. Being a community mother group member of the DDR project, she regularly attends meetings, facilitated by the Development Research Communication and Services Centre, the local implementing organisation of Save the Children in Koolkata.

In a meeting she came to know the water-borne diseases like Typhoid, cholera etc. She also became aware of the process of water purification. Subsequently, she asked her husband to bring a chlorine solution (eg: geoline) bottle from the market. From that day on, she started using the purification method and has better health expectation.

Nisha introduced the water purifying solution for better health to the slum dwellers. She shared her experiences and motivated others in the slum to use the water purification method.

Presently, 15 households are practicing the same purification method for their drinking water in that slum. A new dream has been initiated.
Nisha Mukhi is practicing water purification method in her house.

Nisha Mukhi wearing red salwar explaining her experiences in Mothers’ Group meeting.