

"Carrying a baby in my IT class"

Rima, Jharkhand

01 Dearth of Baby Food

Rima got married at 18 and became a mother a year later. Her husband, an informal daily wage worker lost his job after their first baby. **"We could not afford dairy products and baby food."** she explains with frustration. The potential food insecurity within her household became some of the key drivers of acute malnutrition in the family

03 Baby in the IT class

When Rima decided to take up the employability program for vulnerable communities, **"I had to take up a special approval from ANUDIP to take my child along in the class."** Rima's child slept in one corner in their IT class while she got mentored in different aspect of new-age training. **"Being disconnected to education, I took more time to learn than my class-mates."** Along with a technology training, Rima was trained on different aspects – workplace readiness, decorum and English Communication.

05 Motherhood is the strongest!

The pregnant mother travelled in a crowded bus taking her first child where-ever she travelled. **"I had to risk since the need to improve our living conditions, nutrition and health became the first priority with my second pregnancy."**

07 Building blocks

Rima and her husband has bought a small plot of land in the village. **"It will take us some time to build our small home there but I am happy that we have started making informed decisions."**

02 In search of aid

"Motherhood made me go out to look for income" - She could not go back to her parents for financial aid since they were in equal destitute. Rima's first job search landed her with some odd tasks which were heath taxing. Next, she was referred to ANUDIP by the community volunteers who helped her know about how high-school graduates from the slums were gaining from new-skills training.

04 Unexpected news

"My training continued for two months until I discovered that I was pregnant." What followed were visits to the local government hospital for prenatal check-ups, yet regularly attending the IT training classes.

06 ITes Executive

Rima adds her livelihood training was their only hope to address the basic needs. After four months of her sessions, she got her first interview call from iMerit Technology Services. **"It was the first time I saw a corporate office. Later they confirmed me I was selected as an ITes Executive."** Rima brings home a decent income – with which she is taking care of her basic needs. **"My first priority was to meet the nutrition needs of my children. I am happy to bring food to the family."**