

## Case Study Hamsapur Community

### ***Poultry Farming as a new form of Income Generation***

*Arjun Kumar Shrestha, a literate male of 45 years, lives at Hanspokhari community of Rupa Rural Municipality Ward No - 7. He lives with his wife, 1 son and 3 daughters in a small house as a family.*

*He says: “We did not know the technique of poultry farming but we adopted it as our occupation. We were herding a very small amount of chicken (three or four). All locals did this in a traditional way. It did not give much income. The farming was an open one which effected our household sanitation. Our kitchen gardening was also destroyed by the movement of the chicken.”*



*Hamsapur Solar Lifting Water Supply and Sanitation Project started in the community from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Red Cross and Unica Foundation helped the rural community. “Because there is more time spent to fetch water, local villagers are not thinking about other options for income generation. The water fetching problem has made village life more complicated. People have to spend a lot of time to get water. We are trained on income generating methods. I have participated in Basic Poultry Training provided by the Red Cross. I am trained with adequate knowledge and skills in practical and theoretical manner. I have learned knowledge and skills of systematic poultry farming. We are provided with seed money alongside knowledge and skills to conduct systematic poultry farming. The training in combination with the seed money has encouraged me to start poultry farming.”*

*Currently, Arjun is busy with systematic poultry farming as he learned during the training. “I have been adopting the farming alongside my wife. The time which was previously spent to fetch water can now be used in poultry farming after the household taps with water have been installed. This new occupation has increased my income. Although we do not have a direct market access at our community, I can sell my production locally and thus manage my family expenditures. My income is around forty thousand rupees. It has helped our family to manage the household. I am very happy with the income generating training of the project and would like to thank the Red Cross and the Unica Foundation for their initiation of the project. I also like to thank them for their support to rural locations through other income generating training and basic support.”*

