

## *Case Study (Kalika Community)*

### ***Poultry Farming as new Income Generation***

*Kabita Thapa, a literate female of 31 years, lives at the Daumadi cluster of the Kalika community in Pokhara Metropolitan City Ward No-28. She lives with her father in law, mother in law, husband, a son and a daughter in a small house as a joint family.*

*She says: “We were very busy with fetching water. Approximately, it took one and a half hours to collect one jar of water. The total three jars of water were needed to drink and cook, all for just one family. We had no time for other activities.” She further added that the local people of Daumadi had spent all their time to collect water, just like her. They did not have knowledge and skill of poultry farming. Therefore, they adopted subsistence poultry farming in traditional way. It had a very small income and people were not attracted to poultry farming as they had insufficient time, knowledge and skills.*



*The Kalika Solar Lifting Water Supply and Sanitation Project started in our community at the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2016. The Red Cross and the Unica Foundation have been helping our rural community. Where local villagers expended a lot of time to fetch water, they did not have time left to generate income. The water fetching issue has made the village life a lot more complicated. The people of Deumadi do not have knowledge and skill regarding income generating activities. Therefore, the Red Cross has organized Basic Poultry farming training. Moreover, the Water User Committee has provided me the opportunity of participating in the Basic Poultry training. I am now trained with adequate knowledge and skill in practical and theoretical manner. Furthermore, the Red Cross has provided 30,000 Nepalese Rupee through the Water User Committee to manage chicks. I have arranged a poultry farm house and started poultry farming from Kartik 2074 BS. We were also provided with seed money. The training in combination with the seed money has encouraged me to turn into poultry farming.*



*Now, water is available in our household yard. The time which was previously spent to fetch water has been used to systematically farm poultry as I learned from the training. All family members are looking after the poultry farm house, are caring for the chicks and are feeding them. This new occupation has increased my income. As Pokhara is close to our community, I used to sell my chicken in Pokhara, having contracts with the fresh house beside the local market. My income is around 30,000 Nepalese Rupee. It has helped our family to manage household expenditures and savings. I am very happy with the income generating training of the project and I would like to thank the Red Cross and the Unica Foundation for their initiation of the project and for their support throughout the project.*