

Bachani: Building Assets and Improving Lives

Participant Profile	
Name	Bachani Begum
Date of Joining CLP	January 2008
District	Kurigram
Village	Char Ghonoshampur
Marital Status	Married
Implementing Organisation	Zibika



Bachani and her husband were once extremely poor. Char erosion forced Bachani to move out of her home to new char land multiple times. This insecurity made it very difficult for the family to escape extreme poverty.

“Earlier we were in a disaster situation. We were extremely poor”

In 2008, Bachani purchased a cow and a calf using the CLP asset transfer grant. This calf is now grown, and has given birth twice. The CLP cow has also given birth to a calf, which Bachani sold. The profit from this sale was used to lease 20 decimals of land, which is now being used to grow rice.

“Now with the kindness of Allah and support from CLP, we are in a good situation”

In total, Bachani now owns two calves, one cow and leases land. These assets help the family meet almost all of their dietary needs. The cow produces milk, some of which Bachani sells in order to buy fertiliser for the land. As their income grows, they plan to invest in more land, and thus increase the amount of food they are able to produce.

