

Hawa: Living with a Disability in the Chars

Participant Profile	
Name	Hawa
Date of Joining CLP	October 2007
District	Kurigram
Village	Beharim
Marital Staus	Married
Implementing Organisation	MJSKS



Hawa and her family have struggled living in the *chars*, as she lives with a mild intellectual disability, which has affected her social interactions. Before the CLP, Hawa and her husband both worked as day labourers. They did not earn enough money and did not always manage to eat three meals a day.

In 2007, Hawa and her husband purchased a cow using the asset transfer grant provided by the CLP. Since then the cow has given birth to three calves. They sold two and were able to reinvest the money into leased land. They

*“Now we can now harvest their own drink milk and rice and produce milk bear the cost of which they often sell. the market. We*

*can also eat meat and fish”*

Today, Hawa and her husband no longer have to work for others. Despite living with a disability, Hawa keeps busy. She spends half of the day collecting grass and the other half caring for her cows, whilst her husband cultivates onions and other seasonal vegetables. Now, Hawa and her family no longer struggle and have enough food throughout the year. They are even able to eat fish and meat on a regular basis.

