

Hydrating Hope: Badarpa Village's Story



Chari Bahadur Tamang is a resident of Badarpa village in Balefi Rural Municipality of Sindhupalchowk district. He has a family of four which includes, himself, his wife, a son, and a daughter. Like most of the villagers, his primary source of income is agriculture. For years, Chari Bahadur and his family struggled with the basic necessity of accessing clean water, but in 2023, ISARD's intervention brought a change to their lives. He says, "Before ISARD's intervention, life was a daily struggle for my family. We had to walk around an hour on daily basis to fetch water, which was exhausting and left little time for other activities. Due to limited water, we could only grow paddy, millet, and maize, just enough to feed our family. We couldn't diversify our farming activities and earn from it."

Chari Bahadur on his way to sell the tomatoes grown in his tunnel

In 2023, the situation changed when ISARD implemented a project to construct water taps and install water collection tanks in Badarpa village, with the financial support from ICFON and Himalaya Resources. Chari Bahadur and his family members no longer have to spend hours walking to fetch water. This simple convenience has saved time and effort, allowing them to focus on more productive activities.

Chari Bahadur has been able to grow a variety of crops beyond the basics. He now cultivates tomatoes, chilies, and cauliflower inside plastic tunnels supported by the organization, along with the saplings. This has not only diversified the family's diet but also provided them with surplus produce to sell in the market, generating additional income. Furthermore, with sufficient water now available, he has started rearing broiler chickens. This would have been unthinkable before due to the water scarcity.

The water project has also brought the community closer together. Working alongside ISARD in the implementation and maintenance of the water infrastructure has fostered a sense of pride and ownership in them. The community is now more united and empowered to address other development challenges collectively.

Chari Bahadur and other villagers thank ISARD and their donors, for the support that has brought clean water to his doorstep and, with it, a chance for a healthier, more productive, and empowered community.



Vegetable grown inside Chari Bahadur's plastic tunnel