

A tale about fighting with disability



My name is Taslima Jannat. Village Palakata 07 Ward, Chakaria, Cox's Bazar. We have 2 brothers and 4 sisters. My father is a farmer. I was diagnosed as polio patient at two years age. After having severe fever one night my family find out one of my legs became smaller. I couldn't walk after that incident. I've been crawling for up to five years. After that, my parents took me to several Kaviraj, doctor in various villages, but my situations was not improving . My family members, specially my elder brother & my mother used to take me to school in their shoulder, lap & arms. That's where my family met Rayhan Bhai from SARPV. He informed my mother that I am eligible to admitted to Prodipaloy (SARPV) school also he offered my family full scholarship. In 2005, I finished the primary school and later admitted for Higher secondary where I passed my SSC in 2010. One day SARPV field worker Mr. Shah Alam Bhai came to our area to conduct a disability survey. where I joined his survey, and learn about disability rights and opportunity from him. After that, I received various types of training from the SARPV organization. Such as leadership development training, child protection and gender related training, awareness training, poultry training, block-batik training, tailoring training etc. After getting sewing training, I was hired for sewing work in the SARPV Prosthetic & Orthotic department. Since 2012, I was doing sewing work in SRPV P&O department. My job was to tailoring Cervical Coller, Abdomen Belt, Arm Sling. With that income, I provide support to my family and bear my own expenses as well as my education expenses. Then in 2013 SARPV appointed me as an accountant. I got the opportunity to work with the help of Mr. Kazi Maksudul Alam Muhid Sir, RD of SARPV. Till now I face so many obstacles due to my physical condition everywhere I went. But My family was there for me and there believe on almighty everything will be ok one day. In this journey SARPV was there for me always as a beacon of hope and it's been 12 years; I am working with SARPV.