

A Taste of Hope: Anita and Arjun's Journey from Struggle to Strength

"There were nights when I would go to bed hungry just so my children could eat," Anita recalls, her eyes filled with both pain and pride.

Left alone to raise three children, abandoned by her husband, Anita had no money, no steady work, and no support system. With two sons and a daughter to care for, survival itself felt like a daily battle. But in 2013, just when the weight of despair had nearly broken her, a quiet knock of hope arrived.

That hope was CFCA/Unbound.

When her son, Arjun, was selected as a sponsored child, everything began to shift. The sponsorship didn't just mean financial help; it meant someone believed in them. It meant school bags, uniforms, books, and the comfort of knowing that her child could now dream freely.

"Arjun was always a bright child, curious, eager to learn," Anita shares. *"But I couldn't give him the tools he needed. CFCA changed that."*

With CFCA's support, Arjun received a quality education, joined remedial classes, visited the community library, and attended exposure events that expanded his world. Slowly, the boy once trapped by poverty began to rise with confidence, but CFCA didn't stop at just supporting the child.

"They saw me too," Anita says softly. *"I was working as a maid, barely managing. But they believed I could do more."*

Despite long hours and limited time, Anita began learning to make momos, steamed dumplings loved by her neighbors. Encouraged by CFCA and supported by a loan through her Sponsored Mothers Group (SMG), she started a small stall-based business.

What began as a humble street-side stall soon grew into a steady source of income. Anita prepares the momos at home in the early hours of the morning, and her sons proudly carry them to the stall and sell them.

With CFCA's support in skill development, financial training, and mentorship, Anita transformed her struggle into self-reliance and purpose.

"For the first time, I wasn't just earning, I was building something of my own."

Today, Anita is no longer just surviving; she's thriving. Her momo business supports her family. Her children are healthy, studying, and hopeful. And Arjun, once held back by circumstance, now inspires those around him with his determination and spirit.

"Without CFCA, I could never have imagined giving my children an education," Anita says with emotion. *"They gave me hope when I had none. They didn't just support Arjun, they believed in me too."*

Their journey, from hunger to hope, from despair to dignity, is not just a story of success. It's a story of strength, second chances, and what becomes possible when someone chooses to believe in you.