

A Journey of Strength: Rekha's Story of Growth with CFCA/Unbound

Rekha's story is one of quiet strength, resilience, and transformation. Today, she stands as a respected leader in her community, but her path was never easy. She moved to DPP after marriage and was introduced to CFCA/Unbound by her sister-in-law. That simple moment, though small at the time, would become a turning point in her life.

"I used to work in the fields and make cow dung cakes for hours," Rekha shares. "We couldn't even afford a gas connection, so I'd spend my days collecting firewood."

Though interested in CFCA/Unbound's community activities, her participation was initially discouraged by her mother-in-law. But quietly and consistently, her husband encouraged her to attend meetings and calls, sometimes in secret.

Then came the day that changed everything.

"My husband met with a serious accident. We had no savings, no support system, I was completely shattered. Main toot gayi thi," she says.

In that moment of deep crisis, CFCA/Unbound became more than just an organization; it became her support system. They not only helped financially, but also gave her the strength to rebuild her life.

"They didn't just give me help, they gave me courage, identity, and purpose."

With renewed confidence, Rekha began working at a local school. And, with support from CFCA's Income Generation Program (IGP), she started a dal-making unit, which she named **Ronak FPU**, after her daughter.

CFCA/Unbound continued to walk alongside her. Through the **Agents of Change (AOC)** initiative, Rekha stepped into leadership roles, managing purchase and fine committees, helping set up a library, installing a computer system, and even advocating for a tin shed in the local school to improve learning conditions.

“Through each experience, I grew. From someone with no voice, I became a 5 Pillar leader. I learned to speak, to decide, to lead.”

She still remembers the day she gave her first speech during CFCA’s Annual Day.

“That moment made me realize how far I had come. I wasn't just Rekha anymore, I was someone people looked up to.”

Today, her daughter, Ronak, is a bright, confident student in her second year of BA. She loves sports, excels in her studies, and dreams of becoming a police officer.

“Ronak may soon retire from sponsorship,” Rekha says with pride, “but I will never retire from CFCA. This isn’t just an organization, it’s my family.”