

New Life for special needs girls.

Kids with special needs (Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Etc.) face a real challenge in Nepal and IGWR have been supporting two 'special' girls who have been in a Special Education and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children for several years.

Sadikshya (15 years old) was supported by IGWR as her mother (Sharda), a single parent, needed to work and care for Sadikshya's older sister. Sharda's story [see below] demonstrates the difficulties faced when there is little welfare or support services to ease the load.

Reecha (13 years old) was originally sponsored as a baby and is in the same residential care home as Sadikshya, as a child with Cerebral Palsy she needs much support and at the same time is developing as a clever and delightful person.

Both girls are very much included in the IGWR family and regularly have home visits and stay with the other children so that they both know and feel the love of family.

Covid-19 has added to the challenge both for the girls and for IGWR in caring for them, and this has inspired us to take a bold step and give the girls and Sharda a new family life.

**Were setting up a family home for Sharda, her two daughters and Reecha;
and they think that they're in heaven.**

Mum will no longer have to leave her special needs daughter to go work, rather she will be the caring mum for both special needs girls and will have the added support of Samiksha, the older sister.

A happy family home, safe, secure and with a loving mum.

IGWR-Nepal has worked hard to bring this proposal to fruition and has sought advice from child welfare specialists who support the initiative as a wonderful outcome for all concerned.

The gift is that we give these girls the real opportunity of family life and loving care.

The giving, well, that is the budget we have prepared, and it involves a long-term commitment as the girls will need ongoing care and support as they cannot live independently.

Apartment Rent	3470
Furniture fittings & modifications	500
Food & Consumables	2000
Sadiksha/Reecha medical needs	500
Mother's carer payment	2000
Tuition & support	1000
	9470

Please consider joining us and become part of this family, share in giving these three girls and a hardworking mum a future, and see what a very real difference we can make together.

We need a number of regular supporters to ensure we can commit to this project long-term and expect that over the next ten years we will need around \$120,000.

That sounds a lot BUT, imagine 20 regular supporters and then it's only \$50 a month.

Sharda's story

Sharda Basnet

*You Never Know How STRONG,
You are until being strong, is the only choice you have!!*

Sharda Basnet, is mother of two kids Samikshya and Sadikshya. She is 33 years old now. Her hometown is in Ramechhap. Recently, she lived in BaluwaKhani, Kapan. She stays with her two daughters and one younger brother. She was forced to marry when she was just fourteen and gave birth to first child at age of seventeen. And after two years she gave birth to another child. She is now a single mother for both her daughters.

Her husband turned out to be chronic drunkard and used to abuse her; he was killed in Malaysia 4 years ago.

She tolerated a lot, but after she couldn't bear it anymore, she left the two kids with her mother-in-law and went to Kathmandu where she stayed with her aunt (mother's sister) at Nilo Pul and found work in hospital as a cleaner.

She got a call from her mother-in-law that her youngest child Sadikshya needed special care.

Then she returned to her village and brought her girls back to Kathmandu with her.

Sadikshya is a special child, and she needs a special care; but her mother had to go to work, and she could only lock her in room when she was out working.

Sharda tried to get Sadikshya enrolled in a school, but Sadikshya got rejected from it because she needed a special school where she could be properly cared for. Then Sharda came to know about "Special Education and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children" [SERC], however that was too expensive, and Sharda could not afford the fees.

IGWR heard the story and contacted Sharda, and with the help of supporters we got admission for Sadikshya in SERC.

Now, Sadikshya has developed and is both quite smart and able to speak properly. After some months, we also enabled Sharda to enroll her elder daughter (Samikshya) in School.

It has been 10 years now since IGWR-Nepal have supported these two girls, the elder daughter is in grade 12 and Samikshya stays in Special School as complete boarder.

Now mother and two daughters are doing quite well; however, being a single mother Sharda has had to face many problems and obstacles. She says sometimes she would just like to die; life is so hard; but she has jumped every hurdle.

IGWR has another special child, Reecha Balika, and to give the best care to both special children we are planning to foster Reecha to Sharda and she will be a caring mother to her. She understands very well the needs of this child as she is a wonderful mother to her own special child.

IGWR-Nepal has worked very closely with the family and has received expert advice to determine if this is a good initiative.

We have come to conclusion that this will be brilliant project to run as all girls will receive proper attention and care in the context of a loving family, and Sharda can fulfill her role as mother without the added burden of needing work outside the home.

