

Success Story of Tahera Khatun

Project: WE LEAD Jharkhand Project

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Personal Details

- **Name (नाम):** Tahera Khatun (तहेरा खातुन)
- **Village (ग्राम):** Malgo (मालगो)
- **Panchayat (पंचायत):** Hombo (होम्बो)
- **Block (ब्लाक):** Bharno (भरनो)
- **District (जिला):** Gumla (गुमला)



Tahera Khatun, a resident of Malgo village under Bharno Block of Gumla district, belongs to a modest Muslim family. Despite facing financial hardship, she never gave up on her aspiration to support her family through her skills and hard work. Today, Tahera is successfully running her own tailoring shop from her home and earning approximately **₹6,000 per month**, which has significantly improved the economic condition of her family.

Before joining the **SIDBI-supported and AMFI-WB implemented WE LEAD Jharkhand Project**, Tahera's family depended mainly on her husband's income as a driver. However, the earnings were irregular and insufficient to meet the family's daily needs and educational expenses of the children. Although Tahera owned a sewing machine and occasionally stitched clothes for neighbors and relatives, her work remained limited to small household activities and did not provide any substantial income.

Recognizing her potential, the WE LEAD Project encouraged Tahera to participate in professional tailoring training, which began on **10 January 2026**. Through the training, she learned advanced tailoring techniques, customer handling, measurement methods, finishing skills, and basic business management practices. Along with technical knowledge, the field staff of the project continuously motivated and guided her to transform her informal stitching work into a structured livelihood enterprise.

With the confidence and skills gained through the project, Tahera established a proper tailoring shop within her home. Gradually, people from nearby villages also started approaching her for stitching services due to the quality of her work. As her customer base increased, her income steadily improved and reached nearly ₹6,000 per month. This additional income brought financial stability to her household and strengthened her confidence as an entrepreneur.

Tahera also shared that her husband, inspired by her progress and determination, shifted to a vegetable business outside Jharkhand and now actively supports her tailoring business whenever needed. Their combined efforts have improved the family's overall economic condition and created a more secure future for their children.

One of the most significant achievements in Tahera's journey has been her ability to provide better education to her children. She proudly states that because of the income generated through her tailoring enterprise and the support received from the WE LEAD Project, she is now able to enroll and continue her children's education in a good-quality school, something that was previously difficult for the family to afford.

Tahera Khatun's journey is an inspiring example of how skill development, professional guidance, and entrepreneurial motivation can transform an existing skill into a sustainable source of livelihood. Her story reflects the positive impact of the WE LEAD Project in empowering rural women, enhancing household incomes, and creating opportunities for a better future for the next generation.


