

## **K. LALNUNMAWII (INDIVIDUAL) SUCCESS STORY**

Mrs. K. Lalnunmawii d/o Rualhnudala (L) is a 54 year old woman living in College Veng locality (Zone-2), Aizawl, Mizoram. As a single parent, she struggled with daily livelihood and having four mouths to feed added more to her burden. She had no solid source of income; she picked up any job she could find but things did not turn out in her favour due to lack of education and skills. Having passed only 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the quality of employment she could find did not generate sufficient income for her family.

As a BPL member under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, Mizoram, she applied for Skill Training (SJSRY, 2012) and received the required training for 6 months at a training center located in her neighbourhood. Fortunately, she received a temporary employment of one year at the same training center after completion of her training.

In 2014, she purchased a knitting machine in credit, practicing her skills and weaving on her newly purchased machine at the same time. In time, she solidified her skills and opened her own petty shop at an NGO building. In the past, she had to go out every day, searching for jobs. But now, she owns her own shop where she can work without having to worry about the next day's meal. Slowly, she refurnished her home with basic necessities like kitchen utensils, furnitures and even continued her children's education.

Gradually, her new found skills and hard work brought her better improvements like financial assistance through loans (SEP, NULM) with which she acquired two more knitting machines and other raw materials for her shop. She is currently repaying her loan and meanwhile earning a steady income of Rs 12300.

While slowing building her business, she is also on the lookout for better location for her shop where her crafts will be displayed to a wider range of customers. This will create better and more revenue for her business as well as her family.

NULM has inspired her and improved her livelihood in many ways. She is grateful and has the utmost respect for the development programmes carried out by the government. She hopes to be part of it and be an active beneficiary in the days to come.



*Mrs. K. Lalnunmawii with her knitting machines*



*Knitted Products*