

## From homemaker to Entrepreneur

### A journey through Vermicomposting

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In a small village of Riun in Sundargarh district of Odisha Smt. Pupuli Bhumij aged 44 years, a homemaker could transform her household economy through Vermicomposting. Initially her family faced financial struggle because of seasonal Farming only and she was in dire need to augment her income through alternate sources. This is the time when she came across the training umbrella of CBSAE Dev. Project operated under OUAT funded by OMBADC Odisha implemented by KVK Sundargarh-II Odisha at Rourkela. She attended one such training programme and follow up support from KVK she established Vermicompost unit with very small investment and using locally available materials like cowdung, kitchen waste and agricultural wastes. She converted waste to wealth. Within 2-3 months she produced first batch of vermicompost and thereafter she has never looked back.

#### **Turning Point**

Demand of organic materials such as vermicompost has motivated her to establish 8 tanks with annual production of 10 MT.

Recognition of value of vermicompost in organic horticulture crops boosted her sale and she earns net profit of Rs. 1.5 Lakh from this enterprise and additional income from selling of earthworm.

Since she is residing in peri urban zone of Rourkela city she has understood the economics of this enterprise and has plan to double her production from this year onwards.

**Impact:** the additional income of Rs.1.5 Lakh has helped her to augment her family spending on good food , education, clothing and social expenses and brought a relief to her family financial hardship

