Sujata gave a suppressed smile of embarrassment when she first confessed that while she was in Delhi, she used to work as a domestic help, and washed clothes and dishes to earn a living. Before coming to Jharkhand, Sujata used to live in Delhi. Being an orphan, she had no one to earn for her and pay for her necessities. Her struggle began at a very young age. She could hardly complete her secondary level education, when she had to finally drop her studies. Feeling oppressed and exploited under the system, she migrated with her friend, to Jharkhand. She worked as an agricultural labourer, and did petty tasks to earn extra income to run her family.

While practicing goat farming with the community, she got associated with JOHAR Project as part of Chand Utpadak Kisan Samooh. Being an active member and sufficiently educated, her name was nominated for the post of Master Trainer.

“When I give training sessions to others, I feel elevated. I had never imagined that I will teach and train others. I am also earning well and able to support my family.”

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Under the project, ASSET & W is supporting Producer Groups by providing technical expertise and trainings on Improved Animal and Resource Management and Strengthening Social Capital.
Under JOHAR Project, ASSET & W provided extensive training to Master Trainers on Trainings on Heifer’s 12 Cornerstones for Just and Sustainable Development, livestock and cattle management, and training methodologies. These Master Trainers in-turn train Community Livestock Managers and Pashu-Sakhis (Community Agro-Vet Entrepreneurs). They play a major role in establishing a strong system of community level entrepreneurs to ensure animal well-being services at the doorstep, for the communities.

“It remain deprived of education, but I am happy my children are going to school. My children will not lead a childhood of scarcity and misery. They will lead a happy childhood”

It was a life changing opportunity for her. After being trained as a Master Trainer, she currently spends 7 to 8 days imparting trainings to CLM’s, and is also able to earn INR 4,000– 5,000 a month from these trainings. This complements her income from agriculture and livestock. This also makes the family economically strong and provides a sustainable income to her household.

She feels elated that she has become capable of training others. She confesses that she had never imagined she will some day be called a ‘trainer’. In order to plan evolve as a master trainer, she wishes to continue her further education and complete her Bachelors degree from college. She feels that being a Master Trainer, she is wants to be more knowledgeable and experienced, and improve her training capacity. She wants to keep up to the expectations invested in her, and wants to improve, evolve and grow.