

## Success story of a SHG member

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T. Pushpa, a 25 year old women hails from a very remote and small hamlet, Sanjeeva Rayani Patteda, a place in district Tirupati. She and her husband were agricultural labourers with income sufficient only to buy food for themselves and their two children. Mahila Vikas, a branch of AWC motivated her to join a SHG. Then she started attending the SHG meetings regularly and saving Rs. 30.00 a month. After 6 months she hesitantly approached Mahila Vikas for loan. Mahila Vikas helped her to take up loan of Rs. 6000.00. She purchased a cow and started milk vending. She repaid the loan through monthly instalments of Rs. 400.00. After repaying the entire loan she applied for another loan of Rs. 8000.00. She started cultivation at her own marginal land and also used a tractor on rental basis. Her Income raised through milk vending and intensive cultivation. Now she is able to send her children to school and is also constructing a small but concrete house of her own.