

## **Drivers of Change**

### **-- A Woman Shall Prosper**



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#### **Introduction**

Mrs. Ramputty Meera is a gender champion at the district council of FLACQ. She is from Republic of Mauritius and lives in Central Flacq. She first met Gender Links organization in 2012 at a Gender Based Violence (GBV) event. She attended the Gender Links program named Gender Links Summit. Several times of workshops and campaigns had given her opportunities to encounter Gender Links since first meeting.

#### **Change at the individual level and the short history of the beneficiary's learning journey with GL**

In her personal life, she learned more and more rights which are related to herself through having relative lessons and participating in different conferences, workshops and seminars. She thus gained courage to stand up for herself and

her rights as a woman. The training she received from taking part in Gender Links activities put her in a position to gain a large number of skills. These events gave her chances to practice how to protect her rights. She improved her skills in time management, communication, planning, project management and so on. She also became more eloquent and much at ease with media. This is proof of development as she is using these skills as a member of the Flacq council. She is currently a very confident woman who is not always affected by other people's opinions or attitudes towards her work. She lives a life of peace and enjoyment feeling fulfilled by the work she does.

### **Change at the level of close relations**

After making great efforts, her family was very receptive to the changes and supported her in every way they could.

### **Change at the community level**

Nowadays, she supports women in the aspects of protecting their rights and standing up for themselves. For example, she believes that women are the most affected in the situation of environment and climate change. It has encouraged her to start and confidently manage a project on the area of recycling, reusing and composting.

### **Change at the societal level**

She uses her position as one of the three ladies in the Flacq council to advocate for the increasing number of opportunities. She acts as a role model to women who aspire to be in leadership. She devotes herself to the area of Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR). She educates people through providing adult literacies and parenting sessions including HIV/AIDS awareness. For the social development, she encourages sports activities, training, IT/library facilities as well as remedial courses.

### **Next steps**

There are also many challenges on her way to change herself. First of all, money is a big and main problem especially in trying to develop her projects.

Second, it is difficult to spend enough time on the project often. Third, resistance and hostility from her male counterparts in her efforts to better herself as a woman in the society. Finally, public participation is wanting. Trying to convince people to take part in the project and of its benefits has proved to be difficult. She has however managed to overcome these through supporting from the government, friends and family.

Quote

“It is very fulfilling to know that you add value to the society.”