

## Case study of Nirmi Lukun

**Age-** 14 years

**Address-** Village- Tati Nawatoli, Post –Badibiringe, Thana-Jaldega, Dist –Simdega, Jharkhand

Nirmi had come to Delhi with a 25 year old woman called Sumari, who belongs to Panposh, Rourkela, Odisha. Sumari works as an agent for domestic help and visits Delhi, often. There is a girl called Sangeeta, who belongs to Nirmi's village and is working as a domestic help in Delhi, since three years. Sumari got information about Nirmi from, Sangeeta's parents. When Sangeeta was at her home (Jharkhand) for one month leave, Sumari persuaded her parents to convince Nirmi's parents and ask them to send Nirmi to Delhi along with, Sangeeta to work as a domestic help. At the same time Sumari had also convinced Sangeeta's parents to allow Sangeeta to accompany Nirmi while travelling to Delhi.

Sangeeta's parents convinced Nirmi's parents to send Nirmi to Delhi along with, Sangeeta so that Nirmi can work in Delhi as a domestic help and reduce the financial burden of the family. Nirmi left for Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 along with, Sangeeta and Sumari and stayed in Panposh for one day. They travelled from Panposh to Delhi in general compartment. They travelled for one night, from Panposh to Delhi.

Nirmi was glad and excited at the same time about her visit to a new place. This was the first time in her life that, she got an opportunity to travel via something else other than a cycle. She was assured about her safety as Sangeeta was accompanying her. During the entire day she got only one samosa to eat. Fortunately, she was carrying her Aadhar card with herself.

Her family consists of 8 members, including her father, her mother, one elder sister, two younger brothers, two younger sisters and herself. Her father owns a small piece of landholding, that serves as their primary source of livelihood. Her father was able to provide them only rice, with the income that he generated from the small piece of landholding. For covering other expenses they used to sale laha, wood and tamarind.

She reached Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014. She was taken to an office, by auto. It took approximately 1 hour for her to reach office from station. She had no idea about the locality, where the office was situated. That office consisted of only one room, where, already two boys and three girls were present and the worst part of the story was that, all of them had to sleep in the room. She stayed in that office for two days

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day an agent called Raju, left her in a house where she was employed as a domestic help. That family consisted of 7 members. She stayed in that house for two days. During that time, she used to sleep in their drawing room. For breakfast, her employers used to provide her three slice of bread and a cup of tea, three chapattis for lunch and three chapattis with tea for dinner. As Nirmi belonged to a village, therefore she had no knowledge about the use of modern kitchen appliances. Instead of teaching her the method of using such appliances, her employer had slapped her one day, because of this.

On the same day, when her employers had gone to market, she came out of the house. She had no idea that where she should go. She did not have Sangeeta's contact number neither she knew the office address, where she landed up in Delhi. She was wondering here and there hopelessly. She had phone number of someone from her village. Then that Rickshaw puller told about Nirmi, to a female tea shop owner. That lady knew a girl called Subhani who is a part of Nirmala Niketan and works as a domestic help in a home situated in Rohini, Sector-9. Nirmi came to Nirmala Niketan along with Subhani on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. The team of Nirmala Niketan has assured Nirmi, that they will send her back to their home with the help of the address given in her Aadhar card and send to Nirmi to her village with a old girl of Nirmala Niketan.