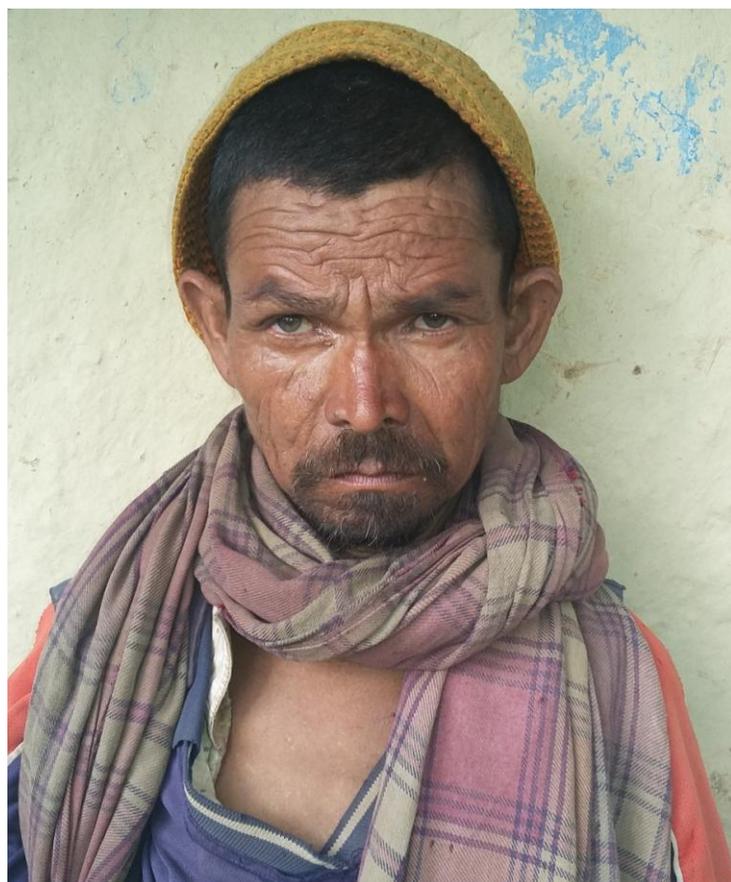


Successful Story

Mr. Khadke Damai, aged 47, resident of Khalanga – 9 of Rukum district, a hilly remote district of Rapti zone, and western region of Nepal was deaf and dumb since his birth. In spite of his disability he was able to carry out his daily activities, in addition he was help to his family as he used to look after the cattle and do some household chores. Four years back he got hit by the cataract and became blind with both eyes. Post blindness his life started to become worse as he already was deaf and dumb. He became totally dependent even for a small thing. His life became miserable and he became very much depressed. One fine day the Incharge of our Rukum Eye Centre found him at his home. He collected the information from his family member and started to counsel him for the surgery. Previously he denied for the surgery as he was very much panic. As per source of his family he was approached two years back also by our outreach activity team and that time also he had denied. After the very much effort and counselling of Mr. Niranjana Gaire, incharge of Rukum Eye Centre, finally he agreed. He was brought to Rapti Eye Hospital, Dang in full expense of the hospital and he got both eye surgery one after another within some span of time difference in the support of iCare NABP Norway. The total expenses incurred his surgery was borne by the fund from NABP Norway. The surgery was performed by Dr. Sulaxmi Katuwal and Dr. Monica Karmacharya. After



surgery when he got vision, the joy in his face could not be described. He including his family member was very happy, after all a deaf, dumb and total blind person had got new life, he again was able to see the world and lead the normal life as before. His brother Mr. Haste Damai told, " We can't describe how happy we are. My brother who was total idle and burden to the family, have got new life. Without the support of Eye Health Programme and NABP it would not be possible. We from the bottom of our heart would like to thank the hospital team." After about four months our hospital had organized a camp in the same area of Mr. Khadke Damai. As per our outreach coordinator Mr. Salikram Gautam Mr. Damai came to the camp. Mr. Gautam found a drastic change on him. He looked very smart with cleanly shaved face and clean cloth. He looked very cheerful. In such a huge gathering he recognized each and every staff involved in his surgery at the hospital, approached to them and greeted. By his sign language he thanked the hospital team.

