

## Basanti Mandal

Basanti Mandal Now knows how to protect herself and her family from disasters. Now she knows what to be done to prepare for dealing in disaster with her family members. She is 36 years old. She and her two children lived with her husband in the village Kalinagar. They have one acre of agricultural land. She culture vegetables in her homestead and her husband is a daily labor. Basanti Mandal said that, she saw disaster (SIDR, Aila) every year from the time of her wedding. After Aila her husband became unemployed due to salinity intrusion in Kalinagar. Every time they try to recover but again they fall back after every disaster. It's like going into a life of war. At that time,



she heard about DIPECHO –VII family group and their community based disaster preparedness meeting organize by Ulashi Sreejony Sangha(USS). She joins the program and included as a member and participates in the monthly meetings



of the family group. She learns how to take preparatory measures to stay alive and save lives of her family members and others. For example how to strengthening and raising their house hold; making movable oven, Charity bank for saving money; store dry food, necessary papers, cloths and safe drinking water for disaster period. She also learns to aware other people about helping the pregnant women, children, elderly, and persons with disability and aged. She attains the family group meeting regularly. Now she believes that she is ready to deal with any future natural disaster and the damage cannot be the same as earlier days.