

Rakhishree : A friend of transgender community, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India



Rakhishree, a transgender leader and member of the transgender self-help group Sweekriti, made a firm resolve to fight the pandemic. She started a small business of selling vegetables. Rakhishree has also been assigned the role of a tax collector by the Municipal Corporation.

However, she needed a mask and a sanitiser so that she could keep herself safe while selling vegetables. These items were in short supply due to an increase in demand. With CFAR's support, Rakhishree and other transgender persons got hygiene kits. The masks and the sanitizers were of immediate help to transgender leaders like Rakhishree who have been stepping out despite the pandemic.

The pandemic and the lockdown have affected everyone, including transgender persons, who are dependent on their daily earnings. The transgender community has been in a state of struggle. CFAR has helped them with supplies of dry ration and hygiene kits. "We were overwhelmed with the feeling that someone is looking after us during our adversity," said Rakhisree.

