

## **A Confident and determined girl: Saliya Khan**

A Muslim girl with strong will power has succeeded to get enrolled and continue their education in mainstream school by breaking their strong social norms. She is the Saliya Khan age of 13 from Dahawa , Khajura Rural Municipality. Coming from economically poor background and parents with disability Saliya was excluded from mainstreaming school in the past. Her mother solely handling the entire 9 member's family by earnings from labor work. Saliya's father and brother are living with intellectual disability, her mother; Halima Khan always concern about the education of her children. So , Saliya got confident to continue her education and started to reading in 9 months informal education bridge class and continuously mentoring support by Big sisters gave her hope for of her education. With help of Big Sisters and Parents Saliya was enrolled in nearest school in grade 4, Now she is continuing her education. She is active and curious student and confidently puts her question and thoughts during her class in school. she has been evolving in every orientation, trainings and workshops on school related gender based violence, menstrual hygiene, about disability, child marriage, importance of education. She participated actively in every events in school by project. She also shares with other student about those topics. She confidently gives her introductions and interact new people without any hesitation. Her class teachers also said , the girls from Saliya Khan and herself is very proactive in class, participate in every activities in class."



Halima Khan says "I will give education to my children at any cost and situation. I won't not lose hope. I bring this far to my family by my individual effort I am sure I will bring to the point where my children will happy and educated."