

## Case study Anuja

Anuja (26) is a lady with personal experience of Hansen's disease (leprosy). Her father is another person with similar experience in the family. But, she's married now and has a kid. Her husband has gone abroad for better earnings, but the money he sends is not etiquette to take good care of her family. They have very small land on which they have their small home. They do not have other sources of income.

Anuja always wanted to do some work. But since she didn't have proper knowledge or skills in any professional work, she was forced to stay home and look after her family. She had seen Beauty Parlours and thought this could be a great choice for her too. But she didn't have enough money to stay in Kathmandu city and train on this.

Fortunately, one of her neighbors (IDEA Nepal leader) informed her about the "Beautician Training." She joyfully applied, had an interview, and had this opportunity to learn. She is learning with great enthusiasm. She states that this is the right training for her. It is her passion to be a beautician and she wants her own small business in the future. Now, she is happy that she is living her dream.



Anjua (right) with trainer and fellow student

Anuja has started saving some money sent to her by her husband. She wishes to run a small shop after she finishes her training. She also wishes to continue learning and looks forward to more advanced courses. She is also hopeful that she can pursue the advanced courses on her own in the near future.

Anuja is thankful to all who have arranged this program. "It has truly been a great help for me to shape up my professional career."

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