

## 242 050 Hansi Devi; Biogas Unit ID 1004

The life of women in the Himalayas is tough and full of challenges. They are burdened by home activities, farming and other economic activities.



**Hansi Devi** is a 35 years old mother of four children, who lives in **Jhirna** village of Ramnagar Block, Nainital, and has been through a lot. Her husband met with an accident two years ago and got paralysed below his waist. Till then, his daily labour wages were the only source of income to the family. Now he couldn't move from bed and Hansi Devi has to take over the responsibility

to run the errands.

Her workload got double because she had to go for labour work, to the forest to collect fuel wood and also cook three times a day on her traditional stove. This tedious routine was taking a toll on her and she barely had time to spend with her family and to pay attention to her husband.



Prakash, our Biogas Case Worker organized a village meeting in her village.

Hansi Devi also came as that day she couldn't get any work. The meeting described the business opportunity through carbon reduction for End User women and also the environmental, personal and health benefits to villagers.

She strongly came forward to grab the opportunity. With help of her daughters, she did all the work with our masons during the construction work. For the past 5 months she is using her Biogas unit.

She smiles and says:

*"Now I cook without burning my eyes and lungs in less than half the time it used to take before. I can now concentrate on generating income for the house. I don't need to rush to forest to get wood. I get time to spend with my family and I take care of my sick husband and also give time to my children in their studies."*

