

Meet Mangayatkarsi...

Sathiyaseelan Mangayatkarsi (32) has three daughters (ages 02, 12 and 14). Her first husband left her 12 years ago soon after the birth of her second child and the second husband also left two years ago due to a family dispute while she was pregnant with her third daughter.



In 2018, Mangayatkarsi started a small retail shop. “I needed to find a way to support my children, so I got a loan from a bank for 100,000 rupees and bought different items to sell in the shop,” she says.

Ever since, she’s been running the little boutique at home with the help of her sister, selling essential items such as sugar, tea, biscuits, spices, onions, candy, rice, potatoes, soap, dried fish and other grocery items and toiletries.

“It gives me an income of about LKR10,000 (USD 52) every month and I use the money to cover the household expenses, children’s school expenses and to buy new stocks to the shop,” says Mangayatkarsi.

With the country lockdown she is struggling with her marketing and capital for her business where at present she is only able to sell stuffs through her retail shop to the nearby houses.

“My mother suffers from a kidney ailment and asthma and is on medication,” she says “At times when I’m short of money for their needs, I borrow from a neighbour.”

Mangayatkarsi needs help to expand her little boutique so that she can increase the variety of items she sells as well as have enough space to keep the goods.

Her hope is to see her children do well in their studies and come up to good positions in the society. She too wants to be more economically stable so that she can care better for her family.

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