

## Grameen Gazette #11

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**\$50 = 40 chickens to escape scavenging**  
**\$200 = microfinance loan to overcome poverty**

**Our social business programs are changing lives in some of the most disadvantaged communities in Southeast Asia. The families we work with are at least **DOUBLING THEIR INCOMES**, thereby freeing them from poverty permanently.**

**Sal** was a scavenger on the Siem Reap Dumpsite in Cambodia. She was badly abused by her father and had only one eye due to an accident when she was 8 years old. She joined the Siem Reap Chicken Training Centre in 2013 as a student farmer. She now lives at the Centre to escape her father and she works there part-time. In January 2014 the Centre organised a new artificial eye for Sal to enable her to live a normal live. With support from the Centre, Sal has returned to school part-time. **Her income as a part-time apprentice is USD50-70/month, doubling her income from scavenging**





**Rowena** commenced her business in 2003 but she had no access to capital so could not expand it, limiting her income to USD 5/day which was not enough to provide for her 2 daughters. She received a USD 180 microfinance loan from the Manila Social Business Hub to expand her business. **She has at least doubled her income to USD 10-20/day**



**Teresa** established a small eatery in 2013 but a lack of capital meant she could only fund a small range of short orders. Her income of USD 5-10/day was not enough for the daily expenses of her family of 5 children. A USD180 loan from The Manila Social Business Hub enabled Teresa to expand her business to cooked food for breakfast, lunch and merienda (light meals) instead of just short orders. Teresa continues to build her reputation as a good cook with client numbers increasing and **tripling her income to USD 30-45/day.**



**Nak** is the oldest son with 5 siblings. Family financial pressure forced him to leave school in Grade 9 to earn income scavenging at the Siem Reap Dumpsite in Cambodia. He joined the Chicken Training Centre in 2013 as a student farmer and is now a full-time apprentice. He assists with chicken rearing at the Centre and has recently commenced training to enter chicken statistics into the Centre's database. **He has tripled his income to USD90-100/month.**

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