



## Legal aid made a difference in the life of Dilawar Khan

Dilawar Khan is a 50 years old man who belongs to village Shahpur of Tehsil Alpurai in District Shangla. He has a large family with no sustainable source of livelihood. Before, he used to work in coal mining to meet the basic needs of the family. Although Dilawar Khan was a joint owner of a land inherited by his father, still he was unaware of his legal right of inheritance in the joint property. His step-brothers had illegally occupied the land justifying their act with a forged will of their father.



Dilawar Khan as himself

Strengthening Rule of Law in Malakand (SRLM) is a UNDP funded program focusing on free legal aid services for improving access to justice for the conflict affected and disadvantaged population of Malakand. The SRLM team during their routine clinics conducted a session on Legal Aid in Union Council Dherai. During the session, the legal aid mobilizer identified the issue of Dilawar Khan and referred him for consultation to Legal Aid Desk in Alpurai. On the next day, the Legal Aid Desk consultant briefed him about his case and provided him necessary advice on acquiring free legal aid services.

A lawyer was engaged for his case and a suit for partition of land was filed in the revenue court Alpurai. After due legal procedure, the case was decided and the partition of the said property was ordered according to their legal shares. As per the court decision, the possession of the share in the said joint property was handed over to Dilawar Khan.



Dilawar Khan Earning his Livings in the his Agricultural Land

According to Dilawar Khan, now he is using his share of land for agriculture purpose and has also started construction of a house for his family. He is quite happy from the Legal Aid Support provided by SRLM Project.

He hopes that the land will prove a source of income for his livelihood and will be able to feed and clothe his family without working in the coal mine.

*“Thanks to CERD and UNDP SRLM team for making efforts to bring positive change in my life”, said Dilawar Khan.*