Bhagsara B.K is the youngest among her 9 siblings. Her father was a seasonal migratory labour to Shimla in India and he died there five years ago. Losing her father was a tragedy but having to leave school due to poverty left her heart broken. With a land holding of less than 1 hectare, her family was food secure only for four months in a year and her brother followed their father’s footsteps to work as labourer in India.

“After my father’s demise I left school when I was in the 6th grade five years ago,” recalls Bhagsara.

Binauna VDC where she lives is highly volatile to flood in Banke District. When Binauna’s community was chosen as a SEWIN Project site, Bhagsara grabbed the opportunity to participate in several training such as first aid, search and rescue; CBEWS, participatory vulnerability analysis and book keeping training. Because of the community’s vulnerability to flood her family encouraged her to be a part of early warning task force as they believed that increasing her capacity to withstand flood would help her, her family and the community too. Today, Bhagsara is an active member of “Rapti Prakop Byawasthapan Samiti” of Binauna VDC.

“No one can stop me from studying now - Bhagsara

“After attending several training provided by SEWIN Project I realised how much I missed school. My family saw the change in me. Our community gained knowledge through these training and it had changed all of us,” she explains. The change prompted me to join school again and I admitted myself in 8th grade after a gap of five years. I bear the cost of my school fees by working as a labourer during the holidays, “she says with gratification.

Today Bhagsara and her community are well prepared for flood and are less vulnerable.