

## Dawa's Future as a Local Entrepreneur



Dawa Lakpa Sherpa, a man with hearing impairment from Ilam, aspired to create traditional woven bamboo stools (Muda) to earn a livelihood.

He attended a seven-day Muda-making training with the help of Milijuli Group for person with disabilities and their families, supported by the program (DPRP). He was a very active participant and showed incredible dedication. He then intended to start a small, home-based business with the help of the training, planning to procure raw materials from Jhapa district.

For people with disabilities and their families, the DPRP promotes local entrepreneurship by enrolling them in Milijuli group that provides them financial loans in minimum interest in addition to skill training. Dawa is an example of how community-level initiatives within the livelihood aspect of the program empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve self-reliance and contribute meaningfully to their communities.