

## Young mother's growing business means a better life for her family

BANGLADESH – **Nine years ago, Swarasati's husband abandoned her and their little girl, Lima.** She worked as a servant to try and survive. Thankfully, Swarasati enrolled in a CARE program that helps destitute women save money and start businesses. **Today, Swarasati sells sarees and also purchased a goat that is pregnant with twins.** With the money she has earned, Swarasati now has electricity for her one-room house and bought a fan and a bed. She can also afford better food and visits to the health clinic for herself, her daughter and her mother-in-law. Her mother-in-law says, **"Her success is thrilling to me. I am very proud and thankful."**

### FAST FACTS

- More than 17 million women in Bangladesh are poor and destitute.
- In Bangladesh, 82.8 percent of the population lives on \$2 or less a day.
- CARE economic development projects assist approximately 800,000 people, 90 percent of them women.



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