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Story: I am working with Self Employed Womens Association (SEWA) as an Agewan for the past 19 years. Right now I am working with the city team. We are two people in our family. My husband works as a tailor.

Last year, when the world was battling the corona pandemic, our income had nearly stopped. My husband even had a heart attack in between. On 24th April 2021, I came to know that I am positive of Coronavirus. I got very upset and feared for my life. Due to my condition, we went into home isolation. But we were only two people in our house, so the big question was "Who would do the household work...How will we have food? I got very tensed after thinking about all these things. My husband came to my support and told me not to worry and promised to help me in household duties. He asked me if we can take tiffin from outside..but I denied and continued to cook myself. We could not have asked anyone for help as we were home quarantined. We had a tough time. I continued to take warm lemon water mixed with turmeric for the whole day and took some medicines from a nearby Urban health centre. In 3 days time, I lost taste of food and was not able to eat anything. I took immunity medicines as well. After 15 days, I had my RTPCR test done which came as negative. Still I continued with home based treatment.

I remember that within 10 days of testing positive for corona..I got a call from SEWA asking about my well being. I told them I have been infected with Corona. They reminded me that I have a Corona Kawach health insurance taken from VimoSewa and asked me to send all my documents to them.

I was Corona positive but never got a separate certificate of my disease from Urban Health centre..only they had the mention of my name in their records. I told this to VimoSewa team and with their help I could finally get my attested health certificate copy from Urban Health Centre after visiting them for three to four times. Finally my efforts paid off and I got a sum of Rs 25,000 from my health insurance scheme from VimoSewa.

I am very thankful to VimoSewa which recognizes people like us and is always ready to support us. I had taken health insurance against Corona which helped me get monetary benefit during such an important phase of my life. Jai Sewa!