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**Sub office Gorkha, Nepal
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**Case Study of differently able person
Supported by Early Recovery Program**

**In
Gorkha District**

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Date: 21 January 2016	GPS Coordinates: 27.97042; 084.59204	Altitude: 720 meter
Name of Enumerator: Ranjan Rijal	Location: Ratna Rajya Secondary School, Biren Chok, Gorkha municipality-9	
Activity: School building demolition and debris removal. Cash for work		

Ms. Dirga Kumari Rana, a single mother aged 60 years old is living with her two children. Her husband is living with his second wife, away from them. Ms. Rana told that when she was a child, in one accident she lost her 3 fingers. "It is already many years, I am used to working with this hand as well, but people are hesitant to give me work", Ms. Rana added. She further said, "That is why there is a shortage of work for me. I sometimes get work in farmland but very irregular, the pay is also like not more than NRs 300 (USD 3) per day". Apart from this, sometimes she makes money by selling fire woods in the market as well. She said, "Collecting fire wood is difficult, I have to travel far sometimes. It takes almost a day to collect fire wood that can be sold at NRs. 200 (USD 2) in local market"



Ms. Dirga Kumari posing for a picture to IOM in the debris removal site

One day a teacher from this school informed her that IOM was demolishing the cracked school building and they are looking for interested people to work. Ms. Rana said she then came to school to talk with IOM staff. When she arrived at school at that time, she told, "I heard people were saying that IOM should not allow anyone above 50 years age to work in demolition works". She added, "I then met IOM staff and stated the need of this work for me despite my age, the IOM staff smiled and told me not to worry".

"I am more than happy to work with IOM, I have gloves, helmet, shoes, mask, jacket, IOM staff are giving us orientation on how to protect ourselves during work", she mentioned. She said she was happy to know that pay is equal to both man and woman in IOM work. Ms. Rana is also happy to receive NRs. 720 (USD 7) per day pay from IOM as it responded to her livelihood needs. She said, "The earthquake has destroyed my house. This winter is very cold, with the money I bought warm clothes for my children. I also repaid little bit of my loan."

Ms. Rana mentioned that if she gets work regularly from IOM then she wished to start small shop near the school. She said, "IOM staff mentioned me at first that they will give at least 20 day's work and pay. Maybe IOM liked my work. They gave me another 20 day's work. I request IOM to give me chance to work in any demolishing works in Gorkha. With that money I want to start my small shop near this school".