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**Case Study of earthquake displaced people
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in
Dhading District**

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Case 1: “IOM supported us in hard times”

Suk Maya Tamang, a mother of three children is working as unskilled labor for debris removal

Full name of beneficiary	Ms. Suk Maya Tamang
Originally from	Zharlang VDC (2 days walking distance away)
Currently living at	Tatopani camp site in Nilkantha Municipality-12
Benefitting from IOM Program	Early Recovery – Debris Removal

activity of IOM-Early Recovery program in Dhading District. After the major earthquake on 25 April 2015, most of the people including Ms. Tamang living in Zharlang VDC migrated in search of safer place. Finally they temporarily settled in Tatopani camp site since June 2015. She along with around 111 households is living in Tatopani camp site at this moment. Ms. Tamang mentioned that as donations and distribution in the camp site has decreased in recent months, they were struggling to live in the Dhading municipality. She although wished to return to their place of origin but fear of landslides has prevented her to return back home. She said, “We wish but cannot return back and living in municipality is getting harder as we were not getting income generating work”.



“One day a person with long hair from IOM visited the Tatopani camp and informed about the short term employment opportunity”, Ms Tamang mentioned. “The work was to support in demolishing and removing debris of District Health Office in Dhading District. The person oriented us about protection measures IOM will undertake during the work” she added. Ms. Tamang also mentioned she was joyed as she receives Nepali Rupees 720 per day (equivalent to USD 7) pay totaling NRs. 14,600 (equivalent to USD 140) for her 20 days work. “It was a sigh of relief in hard times as we were struggling to maintain our living conditions. “The money will be used to purchase some of our immediate necessities”, Ms. Tamang mentioned. She is also happy to work as unskilled labour in professional way as there is protection measures maintained by IOM, she has gloves, shoes, helmet, and visibility jacket received from IOM during work.

Case 2: “IOM supported us when needed”

Phool Maya Tamang is living in Tatopani camp site. She is living in a family with six members. After earthquake her family migrated from Zharlang VDC, which is located at 2 days walking distance away from Tatopani camp site. Fear of landslides in and around settlement is preventing Ms. Tamang to return back to her place of origin. Although harvest was only sufficient for 6 months, agriculture was still her major occupation back home. Today, in Tatopani camp she does not have access to land for cultivation.

To raise household income she started looking for unskilled labour in municipality. “Sometimes we get work in municipality as unskilled labour but only for 1-2 days, the pay is also not the same between man and woman”, she shared the practical difficulties they are facing to make a living in the camp site. She added that donation/distribution has decreased in recent months and supports are more focused towards non-food items. She mentioned employment opportunities would ease their problems but finding job was becoming hard.

IOM Early Recovery team of Gorkha Hub started demolishing and debris removal activity in Dhading District as well. The debris removal team prioritized displaced people living in the camps to do unskilled labour’s work. Ms. Tamang explained that IOM staff informed about short term employment opportunities in the camp sites so she joined this work. Ms. Tamang is happy to work for IOM as she is collecting money on a periodic basis. “We are receiving fair amount of money compare to man unskilled labor”, she added. With this short term employment she is happy as she can purchase food and other necessary items. She shared her thankfulness to IOM for providing the work and income when she needed it most. She, however, also desired long term employment from IOM in debris removal works.

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Phool Maya Tamang posing for picture