



Serving the migrants in crisis

Lalit Khadka of Chhedaghat, who comes from a poor family in Jajarkot, reached Gorakhpur in India in search of economic opportunities. He believed the opportunities following this journey would help his family meet its aspirations of a happy and prosperous life.

A week into the new job in Gorakhpur, he began to work in a local furniture company and experienced things different from his expectations. As he only got to work three days per week, he started having difficulties paying for his accommodation and meals.

For Khadka, he had to go beyond than earning enough to sustain himself in the new city. He also had to save up to help cover his family's expenses. As the situation did not improve at the furniture company, the 23-year-old Khadka turned to exploring new opportunities all over Gorakhpur. Nevertheless, failing to find a suitable job anywhere, he embarked on his journey back home.

When he arrived at Krishnanagar in Nepal, he could not get on bus from Krishnanagar to Jajarkot as he had used up all his savings to reach the border. To fetch the money for his trip, he started asking around if he could find any help. He met the Case Management Officer deployed by Kapilvastu Integrated Development Services (KIDS) under project implemented by IOM with financial support from the European Union European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations. After learning about what had happened to Khadka, KIDS made necessary arrangements for his accommodation and meal for the night and counseled him to relieve him from the agitations. Early next day, after the health check, he was assisted to board a bus and was given some pocket money for mid-way meal.