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Tula Danuwar (name changed) is originally from Sindhuli district. 18 year ago, after her home and land were washed away by a flood, her family moved to Hetauda where they worked as street vendors for 4 years. After saving some money they moved to Kathmandu and started selling clothes in the streets of Sundhara. But 6 years ago a car went out of control and hit Tula while she was working and left her with a broken foot.

This put a huge economic strain on their family and they weren't able to bear the cost of the treatment. Her husband started working as a security guard, but the pay was not enough for basic amenities or enough food. Her husband then started selling fruits in a cart along with her. The earthquake of April 25, 2015, brought more problems upon the Danuwar family. While her husband was trying to protect his cart, the debris from Dharahara fell on him leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. This incident left Tula traumatized and she started to sell corn in the streets of Maitighar.

"The business is good, but the people aren't. They eve-tease me even though I am an old woman," shares Tula. She recalls the time when a lawyer tried to misbehave with her while selling corn outside of a courthouse. For the following 3 days, Tula stopped going to work. She made the ultimate decision to shift her small business elsewhere. Even in the new location she got into fights and even had to complain to the police. Since then the incidents of misconduct have decreased, however, hasn't completely stopped.

"Seeing me alone people tend to think that they can take advantage of me. Even some educated people behave like that," says Tula. "Previously, I used to bring along my daughters to help me, but after seeing the behavior of people towards me I have stopped bringing them out of fear that they too might face the same problems and suffer as I did."

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