

Devastating earthquake on 8th Oct. 2005:

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It was the morning of 8th October 2005. Every thing going on routine. It was the morning of the Holy month of Ramzan (Islamic colander). After breakfast some people were sleeping, other went on their business, children went Schools. Women were busy in cleaning houses.

I (writer) was working at that time in Private School of children as a teacher. I reached in school at 8:00 AM. After assembly session children were getting ready for their first period. All teachers were in office of school included me. I still remember, just I got Attendance Register of Children and ready to go to class room, at 08: 53 AM, suddenly we heard a shocking voice and then shaking of earth. One of our friend cried “Zalzala” (Earthquake). We all ran out from office, in the meanwhile all children also ran out from their class rooms. It was still shaking of earth; it’s very difficult to stand, so we all sat down on ground. Every body frightened very much, because no body faced before like this situation children were crying but no body injured in our school.

Near our Private school there was a Government school, we saw that the building of that school has been collapsed and children are crying for help. We sent our school’s children to home. I (Writer) went there in government school with a friend; in the meantime some more persons came form market nearby. We started rescue children from collapsed building. Many injured, their teachers brought them to Health Centre for first aid but the building of health centre was also collapsed. Suddenly I heard that all houses in village have been collapsed, so I decided that I should go to home to see my family members. There was a distance of 2 miles from school to my house on foot. On the way to home I saw all houses were collapsed and there were voices of crying everywhere. But I continued running towards my house because I was worrying about my family members and other relatives.

When I reached at home, my mother was weeping, she told me that my little nephew was inside house and the house was collapsed down completely. My brothers and

mother were busy in digging house to escape little child, I also joined them but it was very difficult to dig out because we had not digging tools. I also heard that eleven (11)

My other close relatives abandon down under their houses. All people busy in digging their house, no body helping each other. At sunset time we carried out little child but he was died, all my family members were weeping. I also heard that other 11 my closed relatives also died. It was the most dreadful day in our life. There were no foods to eat, every thing was obscured under houses but no body wants to eat because every body has heartache of relatives. At last night emerged; every body was shelter less, at night heavy rain started. There was only one house escaped, all our relatives escaped themselves from rain in that house but every body was standing, when we felt after shock every body ran out, we spent that night without sleeping. Second day of earthquake we buried out all departed.

It was the most dreadful day in my life. It will never remove from our mind. After earthquake I started work on computer Centre, every thing was looking very different compare to before earthquake. Life become very fast after earthquake. One day when I was busy in work at computer centre, my uncle told me that one Japanese person is present at Govt. College Bagh and he needs an assistant, so I went to meet that person. I met with him at college. He introduced himself as: (Koichi Shiwaku his name and Seeds Asia NGO) He offered me to work with him as an assistant. I also want to learn from person like Koichi because I know Japanese are hard worker and professional people, so I gave him positive answer. After that I start working with him.

It was new experience for me because before this I am not aware about this field. I think due to professionalism and ability of Mr. Koichi that he completed this project with totally inexperienced person. He educated me every thing like a teacher. He encourages me every time, whenever I felt that this work is difficult, he was saying that “You can do this work, you have ability” I am much impress with his techniques of work.

At last one day I become able to establish an NGO (STAR). While working in ADRRN Project some time I faced some problems because after earthquake most of the people become shelter less, so it is not easy for people to give all attention to work. But after getting heavy damage in earthquake, it is very interesting Project for me. There are too many lessons for me to learn in this project.