

For a long time her parents postponed this maintenance job because of lack of money and the difficulty to get hold of skilled craftsmanship in the local market.

Rubi left the house very early in the morning, only to return home an hour later with bags of sand and cement. Her mother Parvati was very surprised and quite annoyed with the behavior of her daughter. "But after Rubi changed her clothes and started mixing cement and sand to fix our house, I was so proud of her and thought that finally my little daughter is becoming something", she recalls.

After watching a while, Parvati left Rubi at her job and returned to the kitchen, but when she came out of house to see on how Rubi is working, she couldn't



Sense of smile even after a hard day's work

find her anymore. Rubi has locked herself into her room and was reading. "When I asked Rubi on why she stopped working, she told me that she felt uneasy after people started to gather in the street to watch her working on our house."

Parvati encouraged her daughter to finish the job and feel proud. Rubi not only completed the wall but also painted it and became the talk of the town for the next few days.

Success story at the OJT

After this incident, Rubi's moral, pride and motivation grew constantly. For her OJT, she was assigned to work with four other girls, all equally enthusiastic classmates, at the construction site of the new governmental Veterinary Hospital in Kudi village, a place about two and half hours walk away from Besi Sahar. The five LSDF girls rented two rooms near the construction site where they stay in clean but modest conditions with the facilities do their own cooking.

On our on-site inspection tour we visited all students during their OJT assignments, supervised their living conditions and analyzed their progress in intensive discussions with the particular site instructors. The five girls in Kudi very much convinced their employer, a governmental contractor, and his overseer supervisor with their dedication for their jobs. The entrepreneur was highly satisfied with the LSDF students and is keen to extend his collaboration in the coming years – certainly the best promotion for the Gairi Campus!

Impressed about the skills and the motivation of these girls, the contractor even assigned a special job to our girls' team. "I asked them to build the toilet block for the hospital, but to be honest, I never expected them to handle the entire project alone, but believe it or not, they managed all steps on their own from land surveying, designing, foundation, masonry works, plastering and would definitely have managed to finish the roof if they didn't had to return to the



Toilet block solely made by the LSDF ladies student team

Campus for their further studies by the first week of April." The supervisor proudly showed us the toilet block and asked us to check the fine quality of work those marvelous students produced.

Back at the Campus

On April 3, Rubi together with her colleagues Sapana Gurung, Amrita Panta, Shushila Thakuri and Indira Bohara returned to the LSDF to continue their studies at the Campus. The contractor of the Khudi Veterinary Hospital together with his co-workers surely misses these dedicated semi-skilled workers at the construction site. On the other hand, the management at the Gairi Campus warmly welcomes all its students back and is looking forward to sharing their first real life experience.



The proud contractor negotiating with the LSDF Business Manager Huma Gurung on extending the collaboration contract.