**Case Study No II**

Magic Bag Developer.

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| Name(s), gender, age: | Bida |
| Location - village/town, district/province, and country: | Babesa , Thimphu |
| Keywords - themes: |  |

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| 2. Summary: please describe the interviewee’s day-to-day life and environment. |
| 37-year-old Bida got the opportunity to enrol in a three month long basic training in tailoring organized by Respect Educate Nature and Empower Women (RENEW), a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of women and children, in 2016. After her training she got a part time job as a trainer in one of the districts where she trained a group of unemployed women. She earned a minimum wage of Nu. 8500 supported by Ministry of Labour. However due to her health issue, she could not continue with the training work and in addition to that with the onset of COVID-19 pandemic she was left with no source of income for the past one and half years. She moved to the capital with her brother and sister-in-law who are also recipients of the Kidu grant from his majesty which was started as a response to COVID-19 pandemic.  When asked, how did you come to know about this Magic Bag work?  “I got a call from RENEW about the work to which I without second thought I agreed”. Said Bida.  She has been engaged in development of the staking rings and the fabric construction blocks. She owns a sewing machine which she bought back in 2016 with support from RENEW. Although it is challenging to make the play materials, she says it is helpful for her.  This work has helped me gain skills, particularly new skill in making fabric play toys. This is my first time. I have never stitched toys. It is interesting and I think it would be good to make similar play toys in the future. We can earn from such work, she said. |

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| 6. Case study reference information | |
| Interviewer: | Kinley Wangmo |