

Journalist Networking for Promoting the Waste Management System in Dhaka

USAID-supported Dhaka CALLING Project developed a Journalist Networking for sustainability of this project



Meeting with journalist for forming the Journalist network under the Dhaka CALLING Project in November 2022

Environmental journalism in line with the solid waste management system improvement in DNCC and DSCC was challenges conventional notions in journalism, such as journalists' status as neutral and independent observers. Dhaka CALLING project has created a space among the journalists for promoting the waste management system for improvement of waste services for the poor slums peoples in DNCC & DSCC. Now journalists has been doing their job for making the articles for creating a space for the officials of DSCC & DSCC to take action for improvement of waste collection process of slums peoples in 4 slums. Under an activities of liaison and coordination meeting in November 2022 of Dhaka CALLING project a group of journalists felt that they have to need a networking for improvement of waste management for poor slums peoples by using such active and peoples oriented articles publication for creating the attention of government officials for taking necessary action for promoting the waste service rights. Willingly a group of journalists has developed a Journalist Networking to work accordingly Solid Waste Management Rules-2021 for waste management system improvement. To conduct meeting with journalist was to form a Journalist network, so that they give priority on environmental issues and suffering of the people due to pollution as well as they can reach service provider and policy maker through their writings. This networking committed to publish the articles on waste management to continue the Dhaka CALLING project activities as non-budgetary approach. This initiative of Journalist already has created a new space for journalists to write articles and news for active participation and attention for the government officials to improve the laws and policy for waste management system. Journalists engage in negotiations with other institutional agents in DNCC and DSCC over the meaning conveyed in news reporting about important environmental issues relating the waste management. This networking will conduct the advocacy to environmental reporting do embrace some elements of active participation in debates compared to more conventional notions of journalistic neutrality and distance. The Networking will also argue that the nature of waste management system improvement news reporting in DNCC & DSCC are mainly continuous process for ensuring the city service rights for slums peoples which will create a civic space for city dwellers. The Journalist Networking was formed in leadership with the Nikhil Bhadra, Senior Journalist of the Daily Kalerkantha