

Youth Activist of Dhaka City preparing for Effective Movement for Protecting Her Community and City from Environmental Pollution

USAID & FCDO - supported Dhaka CALLING inspired a Young Environmental Activist



In Youth Advocacy Group formation meeting, Boishakhi share her thoughts about community people and their surrounding environmental pollution.

Tannery industry is one of the most prominent industries of Dhaka Hazaribag. Balurmath and Bou Bazar slum are two most congested and vulnerable slums in Hazaribag due to tannery industry.

Boishakhi is a student of class nine living in Bou Bazar slum of Hazaribag. She is involved with YouthNet, an online platform works for climate action & Disaster Risk Reduction. She also worked for road child of Dhaka city. Along with other 10 youths, she is planning for planting trees in World Environment Day. Moreover, they are trying to raise awareness among the people for protecting the environmental pollution. Though she is working with a platform, she wants to work more effectively for bringing changes in her community.

Under the Dhaka CALLING project through Bangladesh Resource Center for Indigenous Knowledge (BARCIK), Boishakhi joined with the Youth Advocacy Group (YAG) as a youth leader. Through the group formation meeting she learnt about the project purpose. She was inspired. As she was looking for such a platform, through which she can start an effective movement for improving the situation of their areas in terms of sanitation, odor pollution, waste management. As she observed that people living in their areas are being used to the pollution due to tannery industry, unhygienic situation of the slum, mismanagement of the Waste dumping and so forth. She believes that people living in that areas are the responsible for the pollution, on the other hand it's not possible to bring changes in a single day, it will take time. She wants to work with Dhaka CALLING Project and do something new for her community and the people and for the new generations.

Dhaka CALLING project was looking for some energetic youth and leaders who will work with the project effectively and try to bring changes in their own communities with the support of the project. Dhaka CALLING has found Boishakhi as one of suitable youth leaders, as she showed lots of interest for combating the environmental pollution.