

## Ensure Proper Waste Management Service for Slum-Dwellers: A Dream of Tanzina Aktar Tania

**USAID & FCDO - supported Dhaka CALLING Project motivated a Young Girl initiate movement towards ensuring waste management in slums**



*Tania is presenting the Press Brief in Press Conference on August 26, 2021*

Tanzina Aktar Tania, aged 21 years, is a youth leader from Korail Slum. Her father, Mohammed Humayun Kabir, works as a part-time employee in a pharmacy and her mother, Tahmina Aktar, is a CBO leader of Korail Slum. Tania grew up in Korail slum. She wants to become a highly educated person and work for social development.

Tania studies Child Development and Social Relationship Studies in College of Home Economics (Govt College of Applied Human Sciences), a constituent college under Dhaka University. She has been volunteering from an early age with different NGOs' and GOs' activities. At present, she is volunteering for different NGOs' as a Master Trainer on "Basic Self-Defense" for training up the youth and old members of her community.

She always willingly wants to do something for her community and community people. After learning about Dhaka CALLING Project, she showed interest in volunteering works for ensuring proper waste management in her community. She has been supporting Youth Advocate Group members of Dhaka CALLING project while she got spare time since then.

Along with other youth leaders, community leaders, federation members, Tania participated in a preparatory meeting on Press Conference which purpose was to sensitize mass audience and draw attention towards ensuring proper waste management. During the meeting, she stated, "Slum dwellers have rights to get City Corporations' provided service on waste management. Why lower income community people have to pay as same waste collection fee as other higher income people, when waste collection process is not systematic and regular in slum area. We have to raise our voice toward the issues in Local and National level together." Pursuing her spirit and activeness, forum selected Tania for representing the Press Brief with Recommendations coming from slum dwellers on ensuring proper waste management.

In Press Conference, Tania presented the Press Brief in front of many reporters. During the press conference, she stated "We all are Bangladeshi, slum dwellers have the same rights to live in a waste free environment like other areas. On behalf of all slum dwellers, I am requesting you to all reporters to bring in light on the present situations of our community and publish the recommendations for drawing attention of city authorities for improving the waste management situation in slum areas."

Community people are very proud for her bold attempt towards ensuring proper waste management in slum areas and raising her voice for community people. She shared, "I am also very happy with the part of Dhaka CALLING Project and readout the press brief in front of many reporters. Now it's one of my dreams to see my area is waste and pollution free".