

Case Studies:

Dream finds its own way to be fulfilled: The story of Suraia Akter

Like many other parents, Suraya's parents had the dream that their daughter will be a good and educated person. But her miserable life started when her mother got both kidneys affected. Her father was a poor day laborer. He did not have the capacity to bear all expenses of Suraya's mother's treatment. Till he tried heart and soul. He had nothing but a small house only. But he had to sell his little home in the village. So they didn't have the roof on their head. Moreover they were sunk by loan. Her family shifted Dhaka in order to continue her mother's treatment.



After coming to Dhaka they rented a small room in Goidartek slum. Suraia had to stop her study and started working in a house as child domestic worker. Luckily her employer was very good hearted person and he helped a lot her after hearing her mother's sickness. But till, they could not save her mother.

After few months of her mother's departure, her father got his second marriage. Suraya could not start her study again. Her step mother did not allow her to study more. She wanted her to earn money. Her days were passing like this. Gradually she was going away from her dream and thought she can never be able to fulfill her dream. By this time Action for Social Development (ASD) started their new activity with the help of Bread for the World (BftW), Germany in Goidartek through Learning and Recreation Centre (LRC) under Development of Children at High Risk (DCHR) project. ASD found her working in a house as CDW while survey. Suraya was very enthusiastic to take the service providing LRC. She enjoyed here to spend her time with other children. She loved to play but her main interest was in education. She got her dream back. She expressed her wish to LRC staff.

One day the Executive Director visited this LRC and listened her story. He felt her eagerness for study. On instance he declared to bear all of her expenses regarding study. At last Suraya got admitted into school in 2018 and continuing. Now she is very happy. "I will never leave my study again"- she said.

Tuli wants to be a good human being

Can anybody ever think to spend one day on the street under open sky? Can anybody even think to be abandoned by his/ her father at the very childhood? Or can anyone imagine starving continuously? It is really very hard to think. But in our country many unfortunate children are facing this situation. Tuli is one of them.

Tuli's life has never been a bed of roses. She has been suffering since she was born. Her father never took care of them. They had to spend life in a miserable situation. But their life became most vulnerable when her father got married for second time and left them. Her father started a new life with his new wife. Tuli and her family had no place in his life anymore. Moreover Tuli's mother has some psychological problems.



After her father's second marriage, Tuli came to Dhaka with her mother and younger brother. But they don't have any acquainted person here. They didn't have any work and they didn't have any money in their hand. They have to sleep on the pavement. After few days Tuli started begging with her brother in High Court area. Sometimes she sold flowers to the passengers. As much as she could earn, they bought food with that. (Her mother is a prostitute).

Tuli sighed when she saw any child going school. She always wanted to study. But in this life she thought it is impossible. But there is a saying by Paulo Coelho 'When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.' It proved for Tuli suddenly heard about DCHR project from a guardian. Her mother brought her in DIC. After hearing her story the project gave her the opportunity to fulfill her dream. At her age of 9 she came here. Now she is 13 and reads in class 5. She is very happy and wants to be a good human being.