

## Shirin Go Ahead

Shirin Akter, now she is only 14 but in the mean time she have already gain a lot of experience about the meaning of hardship life. Now she is living in a slum of West Rosulpur, Kamrangirchar area with her family. In 2001 due to cause of economic constraints and lack of livelihood her family were shift from Faridpur to Dhaka. After migration in Dhaka her father was started rickshaw pulling and her mother was involved in maidservant but when she was only 7 her father was died suddenly. It was really very difficult situation to manage as they are 4 brothers and 2 sisters. After died her father her 2 elder brothers were starting work in a local plastic factory to support the family. That time she was going to school and passing a enjoyable time with her friends and family. But when she was read in class three her 2 elder brother left their family due to marriage and create a new family. In this context her family fall in vulnerable situation as any family members were not involve in any income able activities except her mother. For this reason after one month she left the school and start to help her mother's through take care his little brother and assist any others household work. After then she involve in a local leather shoes factory with 1000 BDT per month salary and last 1.5 year she was working there.



In 2015 Hazardous Child Labour Elimination (HCLE) Project find her in the local shoes factory. According to their job responsibility project staff try to understand the working condition and situation through discuss with workers and factory owners. Some of the workers says '*there are different types of health risk problem here such as headache and breathing problem. Not only that factory do not maintain any specific rules, such as we mostly working 12/14 hours in a day but salary is very poor*'. In this context project discuss about the labour law and others protection strategy with employers. After long time discussion and participate in employers meeting he give a commitment that initially he will try his best to provide rights his working children and develop working condition in workplace. Under the strategy of development of working children life and livelihood project invite some children for tailoring training as a non hazardous work, Shirin was one of participants of tailoring training. After complete the tailoring training project assist her to find a job in local market. Now Shrin is working in a tailoring shop as a skilled tailor master and earn near about 3500 BDT per month. But it is most important that project have change her dream as now she want to be a tailors shop owner. Shirin says '*now I am enjoying my work and in future I want to establish a tailor shops in this area. I have already discuss with my family about this issues. Now my mothers always encourage me to meet the dream*'