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Look at the picture. This is a beautiful innocent face. She is reading a class book

paying special attention. Traditionally you think I write a story about Sumi's dream, poverty, and fighting, but no I tell you a different story about Sumi. Most: Sumi Akter, nine years old a nice girl who read in class one at



Badshamia Government primary school in Kamrangir char, Dhaka. Four years ago she moves in Dhaka city with her parents. Sumi's father's name is Jog Mia mother's name is Most: Ranu Mia, four sister and one brother in her family. Jog mia was a good farmer, He get a two lac taka loan from different source for looking better future. But his luck does not work properly. He worked hard and soul but he cannot bear his family `s needs then he came in Dhaka and get start newly. He starts a small vegetable business but he cannot tolerate his big family. So he pushes his daughter and son on work. Here is start of sumi's fighting. Little

sumi, she does know about the world ,community ,family , development, and any other issue but she know about poverty then she go and fight to poverty. Sumi join a necklace factory with lam sum salary. The day was



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very difficult. Sumi's day was start at 7.00 am and end 8 pm. It was so much difficult for her little physical growth. Sumi cannot pressure the work load. She is always crying. She always feels reading and writing but poverty and social tradition stopped her capability. Unexpectedly one day SOHAY field officer meets with them and asks is she read in school? She give the quiet answer no! Field officer asks another question why? She becomes silence. Field officer continues two days discuss about present and future situation of Sumi with her parents and factory owner. At least his motivation worked well done. Both are agree positively about Sumi's future. Sumi's green future and tremendous journey is start with SOHAY. SOHAY is a national non-government, not for profit social development organisation, since the beginning of 2002 has been working very hard and closely with the impoverished families living in Dhaka urban slums for their better life and livelihood. Through SOHAY's hard work and relentless effort more than 2,500 children lives have illuminate by education which could have been different. SOHAY's work is close to earth, practical and response to the community need therefore its programmes are highly appreciated and accepted by the community. SOHAY's uses holistic approach such as supports children in pre-schooling, school admission, tutorial and education materials support and many others. SOHAY thinks it is not possible for these children to continue education without these support. Because most of the slums families are struggling to provide two meals a day to their family members, provide educational materials to children is remote on their priority list through very critical.(continue)