

Wending Of An Indomitable Girl

Mina is a girl of 11 years old. She is now living at Gawair, Ashkona, Uttara, Dhaka which is a working area of SOHAY for the implementation of Hazardous Child Labor Elimination Project supported by Manusher Jonno Foundation. Field officer of this area Mrs. Fatema identified this girl while she (Mina) was breaking bricks. Fatema talked with the girl and came to know that she (M) is an orphan.



When she was only 5 years old her father Md. Nur Islam died of cancer. Her mother Most. Ferdous Begum got 2nd marriage after her father's death. Mina and her younger sister Taz Nahar started to live with their grandmother at their village Noler chor, Saddam Nagor, Noakhali. Her grandmother is 65 years old lady and she has no ability to provide them sufficient food and other opportunities for blooming their inherent merits. With all this limitation they

stayed with their grandmother but all on a sudden their grandmother also fall in sick this time they fall in great trouble. She was sent to Dhaka with her aunt. She started to break bricks and earning.

Mina worked for her survival but she dreamt for learning. In an interview she expressed her feelings," While I was working I always dreamt for going school like other children, but I never found any way to go to school." She also added," very often I stood beside the school and tried to understand what was going on there." Hearing the sad story field officer Mrs.Fatema took initiative for her education.

The FO Mrs.Fatema went to Mina's aunt's house in a day of 2015 and talked with her aunt Most.Nargis Begum. She also showed interest for the education of Mina after hearing the assistance of SOHAY.

The rising of the sun of the next day brought new light to Mina's life. That morning Mina went to U.D.C- 04 that is a learning center of SOHAY under the project of HCLEP instead of going to break bricks. Mina's attitude in education was very positive. She started her new journey with lot of enthusiasm. She was very attentive in class room and quick learner. The FO tried her best to make Mina eligible for the primary school. Mina was admitted in class-i, in Ashkona Govt. Primary School in 2016 after receiving 9 months informal education from U.D.C-04. From the beginning of her school life she was serious in her study. She is very regular in his school and U.D.C.



Attentive student Mina is busy in study at U.D.C-04

Very recently her 1st term exam result has been published and she stood 2nd position. She has obtained 100% marks in English and Mathematics. In an interview she says, "*Madam (FO) had brought changes in my mind, now I will try to continue my study.*" She also added that it was impossible to enjoy the pleasure of going school and education without help of SOHAY. She is very grateful to SOHAY. In spite of having obstacles she is determined to make sure her education.

We also hope that the dream of Mina will come in true.

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