

Dushtha Shasthya Kendra (DSK)

DSK-Shiree Project

Brief report on the Eviction at Karail Slum, Dhaka

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On April 04, 2012, more than 2,000 households have been evicted within a few hours' notice by the Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited- BTCL (previous T&T-Telephone and Telegraphs) at the slums of Karail and adjacent areas including T&T slums, Ershadnagar, Baidar Bostee, Beltola, Jheelpar and other adjacent areas. During the eviction 2,000 households has lost their whole assets and belongings. In addition to these 2,000 households, at least another 4,000 households faced different kinds of losses during the eviction such as snatching of their assets during shifting physical harassments by the law enforcement agencies and other miscreants. A young child has also been crashed down by the bulldozers during the eviction the baby was in sleeping situation. Over all at least, 20,000 thousand populations have been displaced from their shelters and still more than 10,000 households are staying on the open sky. Other 100,000 households are spending in uncertain situations.



Out of 6,000 evicted households, at least 810 extreme poor households who received supports from DSK-Shiree Project have also been faced losses during the eviction. Out of 810, 373 households have lost their assets and belongings fully and their houses have been smashed down to the ground by the bulldozers within few hours. In addition to them, other 437 shiree intervention households have also been lost their assets and belongings partially during the shifting. Still many households are out of track, so more accurate results will be found within couple of days.



In addition to the damages of different individual households, number of shops, informal primary schools, and community based clinics; latrines have been crashed down during the eviction. The structure of community based static clinic and a community latrine under the project have also been destroyed. In addition to the DSK-shiree project supported activities, another community based latrine supported from DSK-Eco project has also been destroyed.

During the eviction, two bulldozers, around 50 labors with red flags and a troop of police were used. The overall eviction was led by a Magistrate from Dhaka district administration.

However DSK-Shiree project, team is maintaining the communication with the project beneficiaries, community leaders, shiree management and the other stakeholders to mobilize the immediate responses to reduce the miseries of the evicted households as well as providing the legal and other communication supports to stop the further eviction.

The project staff members are also trying to trace the beneficiary households and collecting the damages for future interventions to cope the situations in long run.

