



**Report**  
on  
**Orientation Local Government Institutions**  
**DSK-SHIREE Project**

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**Background:** DSK-SHIREE is one of the projects that will work for extreme poor to graduate them into the poor class through enhancing economic empowerment. The total project participant will be 10000 HH in three years in Karail and Kamarangirchar slum under Dhaka City. HHs will unite among them, mobilize group funds for starting business and will raise their voices to the government service providers for getting their dues and rights as per the constitution of Bangladesh and the UDHR. Actually this is an ultimate goal expecting from the project designed by DSK. With the view to more sustainable efforts DSK's intervention is like that. Apart of this sustainability the involvement of local Government Institutions are also necessary. Therefore, DSK arranged an orientation for different service providers along with the beneficiaries.



**Objectives of the Orientation:**

- To present the salient brief about the DSK-SHIREE project to the audiences
- To seek suggestion and commitment from the audiences in the implementation
- To build an strong relationship with the stakeholders

**Workshop Details as per program schedule:**

DSK organized a half day orientation about its SHIREE Project with the LGI official on June 24, 2009 at BRAC Centre, Mohakhali, Dhaka. The total participant of that orientation was 40 comprising the ward commissioner, various levels of govt. officials, slum dwellers and DSK staff. Mr. A.F.M Abdul Alim Noki, Ward commissioner of ward no-19, Dhaka City Corporation, presided over the meeting, and Dr. Dibalok Singha, Executive director of DSK was the chief guest of this program. Among the special guest Ms. Sutapa Paul, Program manager-Shiree, Mrs. Peyara Mostafa, Female ward commissioner, ward 19, 20 and 21 under Dhaka city Corporation, Fatema Aktar chairperson, BOSC Karail and Selina Begum, CBO of Karail, were also presented. The main Objectives of this program were to orient the participants about the SHIREE Project and to develop a relation with the different officials of local government.

**Inauguration & Welcome Speech:**

The program started at 10.30 facilitated by Salma Yeasmin, Cordinator-Operation. She welcomed to all participants and introduced everybody in the program. Then Mr. Ranajit Das, senior program coordinator of WatSan, DSK delivered his welcoming speech before the audiences. He cited the example to work with local government Institutions and positive result

of it. He mentioned the DSK's effort for doing advocacy to ensure the safe water rights to the slum dwellers.”



**Project Presentation:**

In the presentation session Dr. Tofail Md. Alamgir Azad, Project Director, DSK-Shiree project presented and discussed the goal, objectives, major activity, working area, total amount of budget and the implementation process of the said project in detailed. An open discussion session was also took place afterwards

with everybody's participation.

**Open Discussion:**

Dr. Dibalok Singha played the role of moderator of this session. He started to give the answers after listening to all. At first, Mr. Noki asks the question.



**Q:** He wanted to know how the HHs would promote to poor segment from extreme poor and what would be the initiatives. What is the budget for each HH? Will there be any service charge for the facilities? Is the money refundable?

**Ans:** Providing different skills to the BHHs, transferring assets and ensuring follow-up supports the extreme poor people will promote to the poor. And for all this initiatives will be undertaken through the participatory decision making. What they are thinking to get the support and how they like to get it that will be taken into account. A fixed package has been defined for each HH that is 36000 /- tk. But it will be finalized after the discussion with those beneficiaries.

For this purposes, BHH will not repay the loans or credits to the organization, rather they will deposit their profit to the CBO management for their mobilizing capital so that they can run their business in sustainable manner. The money will not be refundable to the organization. Older women/men, lactating and pregnant mother will also be benefited through the support of this packages.

**Q:** A.F.M. Noki asked to installation of Deep tube well for supplying the safe drinking water to the Karail slum.

**Ans:** Mr. Ranajit Das, Senior Program Coordinator, WATSAN, DSK replied, ” Deep tube well is a complex idea as it requires a huge amount pay to WASA, and some technical problems to installation due to its location is underground of the Lake. Provision and arrangement have been done to establish a WASA main line in Karail slum from which at least 500 connections will be provided.

**Q:** Engineer from DESCO asked again the commissioner who will monitor and ensure the increased electricity bill for the slum dwellers. Usually someone take a connection from DESCO and further distributed the connection among HHs with a high rate. Slum dwellers need to be aware of this practice. Is the responsibility does not go to the representative of Local Government?

**Ans:** Mr. Noki replied, “it will be better to monitor by the respective department whether there are involvement of corrupted officers of DESCO to cheat the poor.

***Recommendations came from the participants:***

- NGOs should have a strong collaboration, so that overlapping can be avoided, and ultimate profit will go to poor.

- And development of poor should be sustainable so they don't move around the circle of poor and left from the slum.
- Requested DSK for shifting at least 200 BHHs permanently from Karail slum that would be the indicator of their graduation or promotion of economic status.
- Slum dwellers used to pay high house rent, it should not be, and NGOs can facilitate to raise the people's voice so that they can pay as per their affordability for housing.
- Service providers of government department like; DESCO, WASA to reduce their electric bill, and identify the gaps whether any corruption by cheating poor.
- WASA requested for ensuring the main line to Karail and that was the past projects' achievement of DSK. Regarding the sewerage line can be constructed in the slum which may results decreased environmental pollution.

Mr. Azharuddin, revenue inspector of WASA, started his speech by thanking DSK for its good works. DSK had worked hard for last 2 years and as a result WASA will establish a main line as quick as possible. He asked DSK to help in constructing a sewerage line beside the water pipe line. WASA is willing to make a pipe line through the support of DSK.

Dr. Md. Imdadul Haq, Health officer of City Corporation said that, City Corporation will help in any type of health related activity. He also showed his interest to visit field. He advised to maintain a relationship with City Corporation for obtaining health care support. It should consider the overlapping in NGO's service delivery, again he added.

Mr. Altaf Hossain, DPHE engineer said that, DSK has taken a nice initiative. Sanitation is an obviously a great concern for slum dwellers. Any connection from latrine to drainage will increase the environmental pollution. Shiree project should focus more on WATSAN issues. Though DPHE do not work in Dhaka city but they are willing to provide support if needed.

## Banu.....

Representative from extreme poor HHs Mrs. Banu described her life history, reasons for being poverty and steps of struggles in her life. She said that, she got married at the age of twelve. She is alone, her husband died as well as she had lost four of her children. She is living in Karail for last ten years and nobody ever inquired about her. She used to break brick for her livelihood and earns 30 to 40 tk. per day. But she got hurt and her one hand has broken during working. Now she can not do any heavy work by her hand, even nobody takes her as maid servant. She is leading a miserable life.

Bachchu as a representative from extreme poor HHs gave a picture of his every day's struggle; he works as a daily labor and can not manage work everyday. Maintaining a family of wife and 3 girls is a tough job for him. He earns around 2500 Tk. per month which does not allow him to arrange 3 meals a day. He believes that, he will be able to earn more and lead a good life if receive some help from DSK.

CBO chairperson Salina Akter said that, no one thinks about slum dwellers. NGOs try to choose a leader after making several cross checking. Shiree project will primarily focus the extreme poor segment. Migration from a slum should be permanent as no one comes in a slum willingly. There are many sad stories behind their migration. Most of the people usually come from villages.

### **Speech of Chief guest & special guests:**

After finishing the open question answer session the speech of chief guest and the special guest was started and then Dr. Dibalok Singha, Executive Director, DSK told that permanently shifting may not be possible to poor family but will be able to graduate them from their current status. But for this initiatives Government has to take the responsibilities. As public representatives you people can make contribution in policy making. Increased budgetary allocation for industry setup, creating employment opportunity for poor people and distribute fellow land to the poor. DSK can pursue the government for those issues.



Female ward commissioner Mrs. Peyara Mostofa requested to DSK permanently the at least 200 BHH for shifting from Karail slum, that would be the indicator of their graduation or promotion of economic status. Poor BHH needs also the skill training along with start-up money. A well organized network should be established among LGI representatives, government officials and NGOs. The development need to be sustainable. She will provide her support whether she would be in power or outside of power.

Then Mrs. Sutapa Paul, Program Manager-Shiree delivered her speech, Shiree project will only become a success when participation of all level of stakeholders will be ensured.

Fatema Aktar from BOSC said," Karail slum have many problems. If slum dwellers become united than any type of development would be achieved." She recognized the NGOs initiatives for the development of poor particularly DSK's contribution to build in road and water sanitation facilities. Everybody needs to work together forgetting the political biasness to achieve the goal.

### **Closing session:**

At the ending guests speech the Chairperson said that, no "mastan" will rise from the slum. He wished Shiree project great success and told that he will be always around if any kind of help is needed. Then he declared the formal closing of this orientation program.

**Orientation on  
Moving from extreme poverty through enhancing economic empowerment  
of extreme households**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

Venue: BRAC Centre, 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

**Participants list**

Serial No	Name and designation	Organization and address	Signature
1	Aa Fo Mo Abdul Alim Noki Commissioner	City Corporation, Ward- 19	
2	Peyara Mostafa- Female Commissioner	City Corporation, Ward- 19, 20, 21	
3	Najarul Islam-Ex. Engineer	WASA	
4	Asadujaman-Ast. Engineer	WASA	
5	Mannan-Ast. Engineer	WASA	
6	Md.Akmol Hossain-Ex. Revenue	WASA	
7	Azar Uddin- Ast. Revenue	WASA	
8	A.F.M.Abdul Alim Noki	City Corporation, Zone-9	
9	Dr .Md. Imdadu Haque, Health Officer	City Corporation, Zone-9	
10	Engineer Arafat, Asst.Manager	DESCO	
11	Taslima Akter,SAE	DPHE	
12	Md.Moin Uddin	DPHE	
13	Md.Altaf Hossain, SAE	DPHE	
14	Md. Anisur Rahaman Khan, Chemist	DPHE	
15	Md.Ashaduzzaman,Ad.PO	DPHE	
16	Nijamul Haque, Journalist	Jugantar	
17	Biplob Ch. Sharker, Journalist	Borar Kagoj	
18	Fatema Akter	BOSC	
19	Nilufa,Community Representative	Karail Slum	
20	Rohima,Community Representative	Karail Slum	
21	Banu, Community Representative	Karail Slum	

22	Bachchu, Community Representative	Karail Slum	
23	Salina Akter CBO Chairman	Karail Slum	
24	Ms. Sutapa Pal , Program Manager	Shiree	
25	Dr. Dibalok Singha Executive Director	DSK, Head Quarter	
26	Dr. Tofail Md. Alamgir Azad Project Director	DSK, Head Quarter	
27	Ms. Salma Yeasmin Coordinator Operation	DSK, Head Quarter	
28	Ranojit,SPC	DSK,Head Quarter	
29	Enamul Haque,PC	DSK Head Quarter	
30	Ms. Gitasree Ghosh Coordinator Training	DSK, Head Quarter	
31	Mahin Al Nahin Sr. Project Engineer	DSK, Head Quarter	
32	S.M. Nazrul Islam Monitoring Officer	DSK, Head Quarter	
33	Md. Ariful Islam .Markating Officer	DSK,Head Quarter	
34	Md.AlamgirKabir,Sr.MIS Officer	DSK, Head Quarter	
35	Md. Hariz Miah Office Assistant	DSK, Head Quarter	
36	Ms. Monowara Begum,UM Unit Manager	Karail Unit Office	
37	Kabir Hossain Supervisor	Karail Unit Office	
38	Ms. Hosne Ara Accountant	Karail Unit Office	
39	Aminul Quader,FO	Karail Unit Office	
40	Md. Safiullah Miah Sr. Manager	Kamrangirchar Unit Office	