

Success story: A case from a dedicated worker

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Sharmin Nahar spent a large portion of her initial years inside an organization, partly because of her parents' early deaths. Life wasn't easy for her, but she always had a kind heart and a spark of resilience. Being a wise and bright youngster, she began working with many NGOs and attempting to improve the community to manage her expenditures. A pivotal moment in Sharmin's life came when she met a Korean woman, a kind-hearted social worker visiting Bangladesh and planning to help 100 orphanages. She encouraged her to dream big and believed she could catalyze change in her community as a changemaker. Inspired by her words, Sharmin decided to dedicate her life to the welfare of her community.

Sharmin's journey from an orphan to a Nari-pokkho (NGO) is a testament to the power of determination, empathy, and the belief that one person can make a significant difference. While working at Rohingya Camp 4, she learned about EMCRP interventions for the first time. After getting training arranged by BCCP, the communication and awareness team for EMCRP, she dedicatedly began to motivate the community people of the host. She shared-

Sharmin began her journey by addressing the issue of unsafe drinking water in her community. She organized courtyard meetings to educate the community on the importance of safe water for drinking and other household uses. Simultaneously, she worked on the host community. Through engaging activities and educational sessions, she taught the community people about the importance of a clean environment and roads. She also focused on promoting better hygiene. She conducted several courtyard meetings on handwashing, and proper waste disposal, and motivated them to use all interventions with care. According to her statement-

‘All the training arranged by EMCRP-BCCP was very useful for me. From these training courses, we have learned how to improve communication skills and maintain communication from lower to upper-class people. It has helped me a lot in improving my skills in my career and helped me to become more confident’

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Living in a cyclone-prone area, Sharmin understood the necessity of having a safe place during a cyclone disaster. She tirelessly motivates community people to build awareness and go to the cyclone center by following proper instructions to ensure a well-equipped shelter and safety. Even though sometimes she participated in miking during the disaster. To aware people, she found Billboards/signboards in the marketplace very effective. But in the Rohingya community, there is no alternative to Courtyard meetings and

‘In the beginning ownership among the community people was not developed properly. For instance, heavy cargo trucks are not allowed on the road. However, they were not aware that heavy trucks may destroy their streets. They did not have this understanding. Again, they were seen stealing the bricks off the road but didn't think that by doing this, their communication may be hampered, or they will suffer in the future. People eventually begin to realize how important it is to maintain roads after they are made aware of and given counsel.’

leaflets/posters especially for women. Moreover, visual aids in the camp must be because of the higher illiteracy rate. Electricity was scarce in Sharmin's village, limiting productivity and safety after dark. According to her, Solar streetlights not only improved the villagers' quality of life but also enhanced security at night.

Deforestation was a pressing issue in Sharmin's community, leading to soil erosion and biodiversity loss. She always encourages tree planting and sustainable land use practices. She encourages all the community members to preserve their natural environment and try to involve people of all ages in tree-planting activities. Sharmin's relentless efforts transformed her community and the lives of many in the Rohingya camps. Her community gradually achieved sustainable development and resilience, with improved health, safety, and environmental conservation. Her work in the community garnered recognition and support from EMCRP, amplifying her impact. For Sharmin, success wasn't measured by accolades or recognition but by the tangible improvements in her community and the smiles on the faces of those she helped. She found inner peace in knowing that she had made a difference. Her story continues to inspire others, proving that with a dedicated heart and unwavering resolve, positive change is possible.