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A comprehensive approach based on water & sanitation and social enterprise to improve the living conditions of slum's dwellers



WATER SUPPLY IN BHASHANTEK

After a long process, the Dhaka Water and Sanitation Authority has renewed its water network in the surroundings of Bhashantek with the help of the Asian Development Bank. On one hand, this new network, with more water pressure, allows SJP to connect more households on its own network. On the other hand, the illegal water supplies were disconnected from the network, so at SJP the demand for water connection is increasing fast. Nowadays, 1,300 households are connected.

In order to meet this demand and cover the entire slum, W&L and SJP has to start the second phase of Bhashantek. The negotiations for a second connection to DWASA network are ongoing.

With the extension of the network, 1500 more households will be given the possibility to access a safe and reliable water network. It will allow W&L to pursue its mission of improvement of the living conditions of slum dwellers. Some hygiene promotion sessions, improvement of the footpaths and the drainage system will accompany the development of the network.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Awareness raising

The solid waste management Field Coordinator is in charge of raising awareness among the slum dwellers about the impact of waste on people's everyday life. Through a game created by W&L Training Department, the attendees discuss together the behaviours towards waste. This game becomes a forum for awareness in a creative and entertaining atmosphere. The Field Coordinator moderates the discussion to explain the direct and indirect impacts of waste on health. The implementation of SJP Solid Waste Management Service is finally introduced as a solution to get the waste of each household out of the slum. Nowadays, 260 households are part of the service.



Clean up day

The first Clean up Day in Bhashantek has been organized with the participation of the employees of W&L/SJP, Swisscontact and Oryx. Around 90 slum dwellers joined brigades in charge of cleaning the streets of Bhashantek.

Equipped with brooms, gloves and bags, the teams cleaned their neighbourhood thoroughly and with joy. All the waste collected has been dumped into the city's transfer station by SJP waste collector.

The amount of waste collected in such a short time has shown the good will of Bhashantek dwellers to have a clean environment and the scale of the challenge faced in terms of solid waste management.

Moreover, this day has been an outstanding example that, if we decide to gather our strength, we are able to improve the situation with simple tools.



FIRE FIGHTING

Refresh & initial training with the FSCD

A refresh & initial training was done for our volunteers in Bhashantek.

With the collaboration of the Fire Service and Civil Defence the volunteers received half day theory-training and half day practice-training. The FSCD trainers organized the session through questions and answers, to encourage participation and to guarantee the assimilation of the key information. The other half day was led by the FSCD and SJP plumbers. The volunteers were trained to the deployment of the pipes and fire hydrants connected to SJP water network. The plumbers ensured the full understanding of the technical parts. Then the FSCD trainers organized a fire mock-drill to ensure that all the volunteers still remembered the instructions to use the fire extinguishers provided to the brigades by W&L.

In fact, 2 days were necessary to ensure that the 70 volunteers present received an appropriate training.

The volunteers also received fire fighting kimonos produced with the help of Anne-Laure Pedegert (garment entrepreneur).

