

Story and Demand of HBW member
of
Coalition for the Urban Poor



“I am Lima. I am 19 years old. I live at Jeneva camp at Mohammadpur, in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. I am a home-based worker and work on karchupi since I was 9 years old. Additionally, I also stitch garments and supply to the local market. I am married and I have a son who is one and a half years old. I am a youth leader at Coalition of Urban Poor (CUP) and also the leader of home-based worker of Jeneva camp. Due to my leadership skills, I was also selected for a training programme in Ahmedabad. Though I couldn't attend the training as I couldn't get a passport. The government denied me a passport as I live at the Jeneva camp. Though the local government didn't have any problem providing me a birth certificate at the same address. I want to establish as a highly skilled home-based worker and want to provide higher education to my children.”

“As a traditional home based worker, who lives in camp, I demand from the Bangladesh Government to provide me equal rights as a citizen. I have been denied government services in the past and I am worried for the future of my child and others living in the same condition as me.”