

Disable Bathhouse makes the disable person life

In Nayapara Registered Refugee Camp, Najma Khatun (95) is one of the most aged Rohingya refugee woman who is currently living with her granddaughter Sanjida (27) in the shed no of 981. She used to do her daily bathing activities in her very congested bed room. There has no any special bath house for her to do daily bathing activities very easily. Due to her physical illness Najma Khatun is unable to move herself and even can't eat properly. Granddaughter Sanjida only look after her and for her daily life necessary activities, she always depended on her granddaughter. However, in this shed there is only 2 small bed room where living 4 family members in a very unhygienic and congested way.

At the very beginning of January 2018, while NGO Forum for Public Health was conducting the survey on Disable population in camp area, Najma Khatun was found in E block, Nayapara Registered Refugee Camp who has needed disable bathhouse immediately. The sick disable person was really living helpless and poor lifestyle where she was unable to move and to do daily activities without her granddaughter



Picture: 1 Najma Khatun's Disable Bathhouse, Block E, Nayapara RRC

support, even can't eat her daily meal herself. On the other hand, the others family members in this shed were facing a lot of problems due to proper bathing space and unhygienic bathing practice as well as environment. Her Granddaughter Sanjida said,

"During the rainy season it was really painful for me & my grandmother because of we do have any personal bathhouse and especially my grandmother suffering a lot, she was really helpless."

Another thing is Najma Khatun's family had not financial ability to build a disable bathhouse for Najma Khatun. Most of days Sanjida could not bathing her grandmother which was Najma's sickness major reason and her poor physical condition.

After survey and consider to Najma Khatun physical condition NGO forum has decided to construct a disable bathhouse in shed no 981. In February 2018, the disable bathhouse construction work has been completed and hand over to Najma Khatun. A chair also attached in this bathhouse for her flexibility during bathing time. NGO forum Hygiene Promotion Volunteers are also give instruction for good hygiene practice to Najma

Khatun's family as a regular basis. Now Najma khatun can do her bathing very easy way and other family members are also free from bathing space problem.

However, when the disable bathhouse hand over to Najma Khatun she was very pleased and thankful to NGO forum though her physical condition was tough to talk.

Najma Khatun's granddaughter also very happy and expressed her feelings,

"My mother has been died when I was born and since my childhood I am living with my grandmother and she is only my guardian and it's very painful for me when I see my grandmother sufferings due to her illness and unable to eating, bathing and other personal activities. But now I am very much happy and grateful to NGO Forum, my grandmother can do her bathing very easily in this bathhouse"



Picture 2: Najma Khatun bathing in her Disable Bathhouse, Block E, NYP RRC

In this way, the disable bathhouse providing service to Najma Khatun and solve her bathing space problem. In fact, this disable bathhouse changed the shed (981) environment and also to make easy the Najma Khatun life as well as created hygiene environment in the shed for her and other family members.