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Dear Hasan,

How are you? I am fine by the grace of Allah. Today I want to share an important problem from my discourse community with you. That is why I am writing this letter to you. Before I start, I want to tell you that the discourse community I am in is a small NGO which is in Bangladesh. We have two different departments. One is the financial department and the other one is the field department. I have worked in the financial department since I have lived here. Our purpose is to help slum area people and try to help their children with their education. We have different ways of funding these people. Some of the members of the NGO are out of the country like me. So, we also try to involve people from here as well. In that way we get more funding. In Bangladesh we do not only take financial help we also take any kind of help one can do. Such as working for the NGO on the field without any payment or with food, cloths etc. While doing this work sometimes we find ourselves in a tricky situation because of corruption. Where these people live is a government place and which is assigned for the people who do not have a place to go. But some government officers are taking disadvantage of their position. They threatened the people who live here. They want to take the place-built shopping mall in this place. The company who proposed the idea of making a shopping mall in this area, we have our reports that they are bribing the government officers to ensure that they get the place. By looking at it you can see how bad it is. My community is facing this problem, but we are working on it to solve the problem. Here is a

[link](#) I am giving you to see the corruption reports in Bangladesh.

It is nothing to be proud of honestly. It is a shame that countries like us are still facing this kind of situation. What we are facing here is really a big problem. But we must save this slum area people. They do not have any other place to go if they lose their current home. Our NGO is still working on it. But we tried to see the solution from a law angle. But we are convinced we might not be able to win it that way. Because the government officers changed paper works for their higher positions. They are doing everything to hold their positions. But we still have some other options to save this place such as media attention or doing it legally with the verified paper from the slum area people. By verified paper from the slum area people what I mean is that we need to file a complaint against the government officers and the company who are trying to steal this place with the verification from the people who are living there. Now it sounds like we found our solution but not. We need verification from the slum area people but most of them do not have any government ID. They never thought they would need one and they never tried to get one. When we asked them one of them said “We don’t have a daily meal from where we going to get an ID.” Which I think makes sense. They do not have enough food; how will they have a national ID. So, we thought of getting the IDs for them. We can select one person from every family who lived there. The person will get his ID so that he can verify himself for the complaint against government officers and the company. This is one way of doing the work. Another way we can do is get media attention so that we can get help from the higher position of government officers who are not involved in this fraud. Which is also not an easy option for us. Because you never know what is going on between them. We are also aware of that.

As you can see, we have two options to solve the problem. But we do think media attention is not the solution we want right now. The reason behind that is because it will take time and not guaranteed that we can resolve the issue. Besides, the media can be cornered by the government anytime. We saw this kind of things happening in Bangladesh even before. Our NGO cannot take any kind of risk. So, we decided to go for the other option which is to file a complaint against the government officers and the company. We believe that [Law and Justice Division](#) will give us justice with proof of the land. As I

already told you, the process of filing this complaint is not easy. But we have already started the process. Yes, it will take some time, but we see it is the best for the long term. In that way we can secure the place for the last time. They will not face any problems if we can successfully verify the slum area people and file a Complaint. Most of the 30 aged people in the area are not educated and that is why they are not aware of having govt documents. They must start everything from the beginning, which is also a tough situation. We have already covered one third of the area with the verification. We believe it is a matter of time right now for us. I can assure you that we are on the right track. Soon we will be done with the verification. I hope you can sense the problem we are facing. I will let you know the good news soon. I hope so.

Sincerely,

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