

"Let's co-create our neighborhood"

-Dhaka

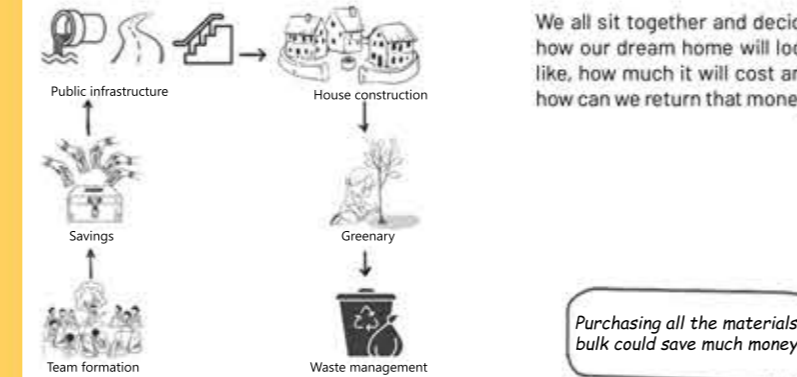


Apa, all of you have made your home and surroundings beautiful and healthy. We want to live in such an way in the future, how to do that?

First, we formed a cooperative and saved money regularly to build healthy settlements and beautiful homes.

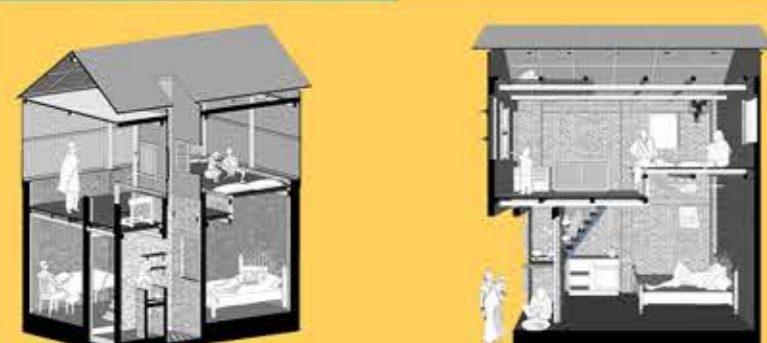
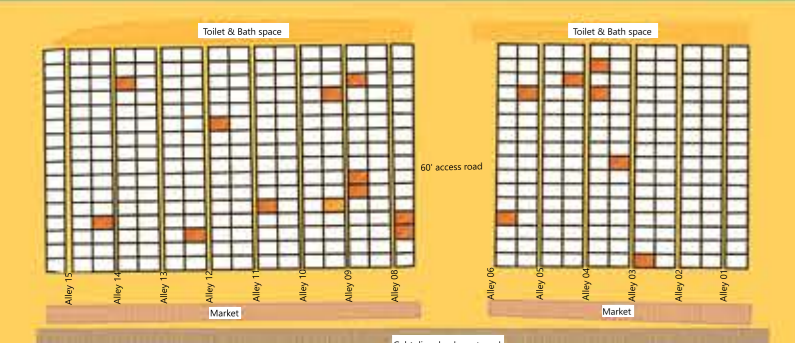
We have worked on the development of our settlements with this basic principle of 'Doshe Mile Bosoti Gori'. Simply put the steps are-

- Establishing a regular system of savings and transactions by forming cooperative teams
- Checking the map of your area, the design of your dream house and its cost
- First of all creating infrastructure for everyone to use
- Then all kinds of help with their house construction work
- Ensuring proper waste management, water management



We all sit together and decide how our dream home will look like, how much it will cost and how can we return that money!

Purchasing all the materials in bulk could save much money



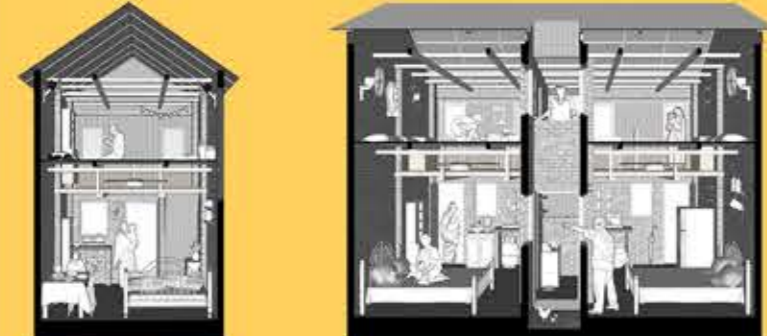
In addition to housing, we have planted trees to protect the environment of the area and created a magic garden. We also have a school for children which we can also use for community needs.



We are paying the money with which we have built our house in monthly installments. By doing this, more people like us who want to joint housing can also take loans.



Then the design work begins. The house is designed with the kitchen inside or outside according to the convenience of each family. The lightened house or "Alo Ghor" is designed by making some changes in the design for the light to enter.



We bought the materials and started building our own houses. We all participated in this work.



POCAA (Platform of Community Action and Architecture) is a platform where people from different backgrounds with the interest of working for low-income communities engage with each other. This platform is well connected with the socially vulnerable communities in Dhaka and are actively working with youth groups from various communities. POCAA has been co-creating various designs with these communities using tools like community mapping, profiling, and implemented housing and other social infrastructures in different parts of Bangladesh. "Let people be the solution" is at the core of our philosophy, and all of the ventures aim to elevate the practice of community architecture and to establish a network between the communities to share good practices.