



In their words

## Sabina's story

14-year-old Sabina was born and spent the first decade of her life in a Bangladeshi village. Her father was a successful farmer with his own land. She and her sister were enjoying school. But like many farmers who are experiencing the impact of climate change, one bad season meant Sabina's father lost his crop and income for the entire year. With no financial safety net, soon he was relying on moneylenders but in time he lost his land to them. The family left the village for Dhaka, following in the footsteps of many families before them. Shortly after, Sabina's father suffered a heart attack, which left him weak and unable to work - this meant Sabina would need to find work in a garment factory.

Sabina learned about Nagorik Uddyog's drop-in centres from a colleague who was already registered. Because the centres work around the shift times of the garment workers, Sabina is able to attend the centre before her shifts start in the afternoon. She still needs to work, but is hoping that one more year of factory work will mean she can save the money her father needs to open a small grocery shop. Her dream is to once again get enrolled in school after her father starts earning. Until then, the centre means she is keeping up her basic skills, practising her English and learning computer skills.

### About ChildHope

ChildHope believes that children should enjoy a safe and secure childhood, but for those growing up in the toughest circumstances, these rights are denied. Born into extreme poverty and violence, they have no protection. We work with local partners to ensure these children's voices are heard, their rights are upheld, and they are able to access essential services.

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