



Case Study

Extension of Mary's DWCC at
Ward 165: Ganesh Mandira



Story

Between January 25th and 9th February, 2021, 5 Dry Waste Collection Centres across Bangalore were destroyed in fire accidents. The damage have been severe in some of the cases. Some have lost their entire stock of recyclables, and require complete rebuilding of the infrastructure. Based on the times and locations of these fires, and the ways the centres have been handled, foul play is suspected.

While investigation is ongoing, and the government is trying to find how and why these fires have originated, 36 waste pickers who were dependent on these centres have lost their entire livelihood and had to start over to be able to make their ends meet. There is no way to tell how long it will take for the government to help rebuild these centres and for work to resume.

Hasiru Dala was raising funds to fix the centres, their equipment and infrastructure, so that waste collection, segregation and proper disposal can begin right away. We have estimated about 20 Lakhs to fix all 5 centres including fixing their roofs, floors, electrical fixtures, furniture and ensuring salaries for some time until they are able to get back on their feet.

One such case where Mary's Dry Waste Collection Centre at ward 165: Ganesh mandira.



About

Mary was a waste picker. She has been waste picking since the age of 10 with her mother. She got married to Gopi at the age of 16 years. She gave birth to 3 children, 1 daughter and 2 sons. Who are studying in school.

In the year 2017, she started to operate a dry waste collection center of ward 165 - Ganesh Mandir, which was surrounded by households which was situated behind the Banashankari Swimming School. The neighbors were supportive and had a good relationship with her and her husband. She was also collecting door to door from the households managing around 1 to 1.5 MT per day.

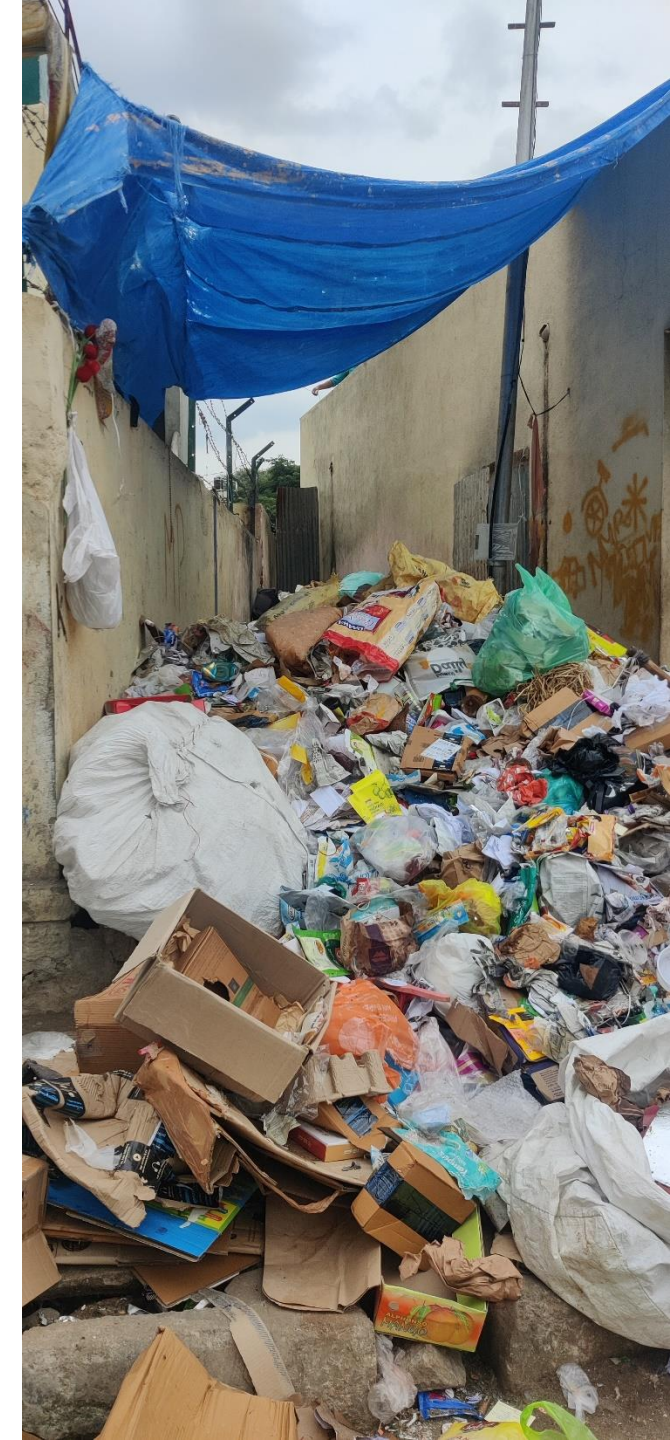
In the year 2018, the BBMP decided to demolish the DWCC and construct the badminton court. The local leaders forced her to vacate the DWCC. So, they had to leave that center.



In September of 2020, we had requested BBMP to give us the space for operating the DWCC. So, they had given us a temporary space in the ward which was reserved for the pourakarmikas to rest and use as a changing room.

In January of 2021, there was a fire accident. There was no damage inside the DWCC. But the waste which was packed and stored outside the DWCC was completely gone. So, we raised the fund to construct the temporary shed.

The Hasiru mane Project team had initiated and completed the construction in the month of March 2022. She and the workers are happy for creating the extra space for the sorting and storage.





The pictures of completed extension work