



Case Study

Solar Lighting at Kadabagere Community



About 20 waste picker families have been living in blue tarp tents for the past 25 years in a slum in Kadabagere. There are no basic amenities in the community such as water, electricity, sanitation or flooring. As the land is owned by a trust, the community constantly lives in the fear of eviction.

From the past few years, Hasiru Dala has been working with this community to enable access to social security benefits. One initiative in particular has been by Hasiru Mane Project team has been closely working with the Karnataka Slum Development Board to get the slum notified and to provide basic amenities to the community.





In the process of getting the Kadabagere community declared as a slum, Karnataka Slum Development Board has given directions to the Machohalli Gram Panchayat to provide basic amenities to the community in terms of water, electricity, sanitation and connectivity.

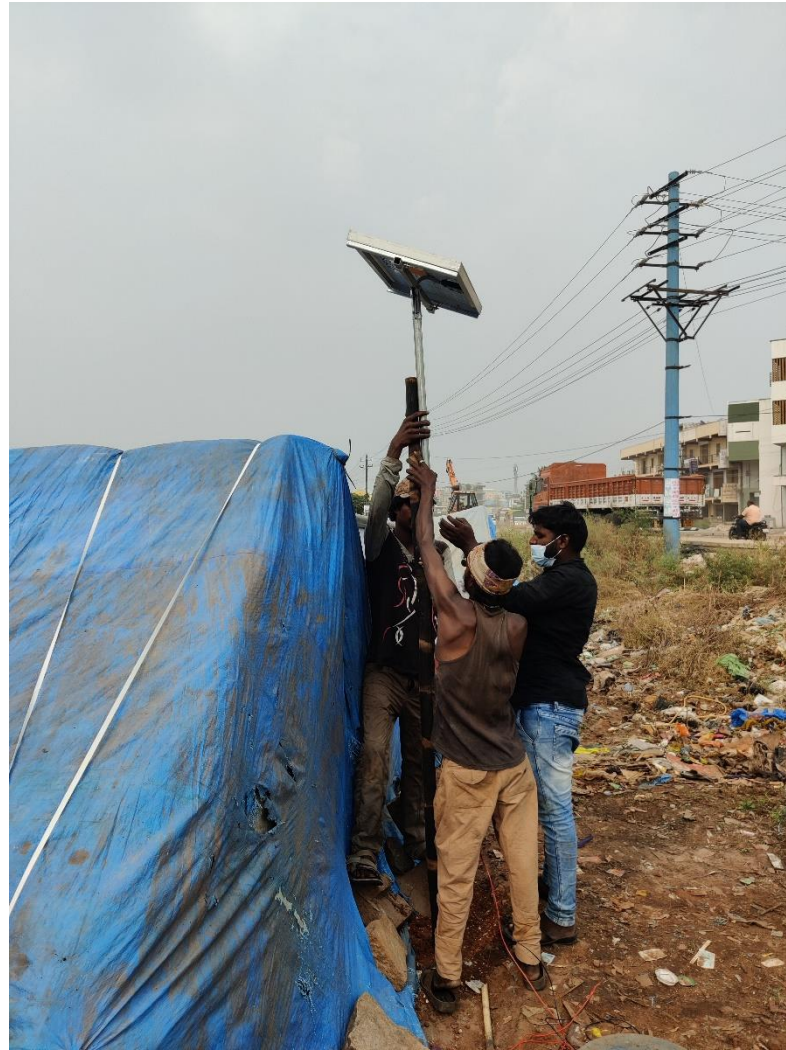
The Hasiru Mane project team has been constantly following up with Karnataka Slum Development Board and Machohalli Gram Panchayat but the process of providing basic amenities has been slow and delayed.

Due to the absence of electricity the community faces many issues. In one such incident a young waste picker lost his thumb in a snake bite.



As a temporary measure, the housing team managed to get three solar panels from SELCO India using the organization funds to install 6 lights and 3 charging points.

Before the installation, the housing team conducted a community level meeting to discuss the feasibility and limitations of the measure. The most important one was being unable to provide lighting facility to every household. The community arrived at the decision that the lights will be installed in 6 houses and 3 charging posting to be shared by the entire community.



Solar panels being installed in the Kadabagere community



The residents of the community with the solar lights in their habitats