

30 November, 2015

Involve councillors for better waste management

Brac Institute of Governance and Development recommends in Dhaka city study report

Staff Correspondent

Ward councillors' involvement in monitoring activities, including door-to-door waste collection, fixing payment for such services, and road cleaning, can improve solid waste management at the primary stage of collection, according to a report.

The recommendation to shift the task from the city corporation office to the ward level was made in the report, "State of Cities 2015: Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City- towards Decentralised Governance", published by the Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Brac University.

SM Gubair Bin Arafat, research associate of BIGD, presented the findings at Spectra Convention Centre in the capital yesterday.

The study, conducted from March to November 2015 in 12 out of 93 wards in Dhaka city, surveyed 600 households, carried out seven focus group discussions (FGDs), and made 42 key informant interviews (KIIs).

It found that per capita waste generated by households in Dhaka city amounts to 0.38kg, the total waste generated is 6,110.47 tonnes per day, and 75.98 percent of the total waste generated is collected by the two city corporations.

The report observed that though 80 percent of households enjoy door-to-door waste collection service, the charges vary, from Tk 50 to Tk 250 per month, per household.

Prof ABM Badruzzaman of Buet said the report should have focused more on commercial waste generation, a major portion of the total waste.