



## Adolescent Street workers: Uncertainty in the Context of Panic and Fears

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Focused micro-narratives, conducted through repeated phone interviews, are being documented of adolescents and young adults who work as street peddlers in Dhaka city. The study is looking at the ways in which the pandemic and shutdown are affecting their mental and emotional health,

exploring their social behaviors and any changes effected, their current practices, perceptions of stigma, access to food, income, and basic everyday survival. Many have shared their deep anxieties with regard to meeting rental payments and managing their families, who on average number between 5-7 members crowded into small one room slum dwellings. With daily wage earnings at a standstill, the fears of basic survival tend to overshadow the health implications of managing prevention in overcrowded spaces, where access to water and sanitation is dismal at best.