

Erratum to: Understanding the Relationship Between Walkability and Quality-of-Life of Women Garment Workers in Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Abstract Over a million urban poor work in Bangladesh's garment industry. The vast majority are women, who are captive walkers to their jobs, mainly due to financial constraints. The routes they use to walk to their job locations are often not conducive for walking and thus have an impact on their quality-of-life. The walking environment on these routes is often poor in terms of safety, security, convenience, comfort and visual intrusion. These are all aspects that relate to a person's (individual) well-being. In this paper the relationship between walkability and quality-of-life is studied looking at

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both objective conditions of the routes themselves as well as subjective perceptions regarding the walking environment. Using a mixed-method approach, where both qualitative and quantitative data are analysed, the walkability of five routes, as used by a sample of women to get to their work locations, has been measured alongside with walking interviews to obtain their subjective perceptions on the conditions of these routes, both to their workplace in the morning and returning home at night. Differences in the levels of objective walkability for the routes and subjective walkability as expressed by the women have been analysed accordingly. The study reveals that issues related to variations in the level of walkability have grounding impacts (positive and negative) on the different domains of quality-of-life. This makes it possible to establish a relationship between walkability and quality-of-life of women garment workers, which appears to be highly influenced by the Bangladesh context. As women garment workers are vulnerable and captive users of walking, levels of walkability are clearly affecting their quality-of-life domains. As such, improvements in walkability will be able to contribute to the betterment of their overall quality-of-life.