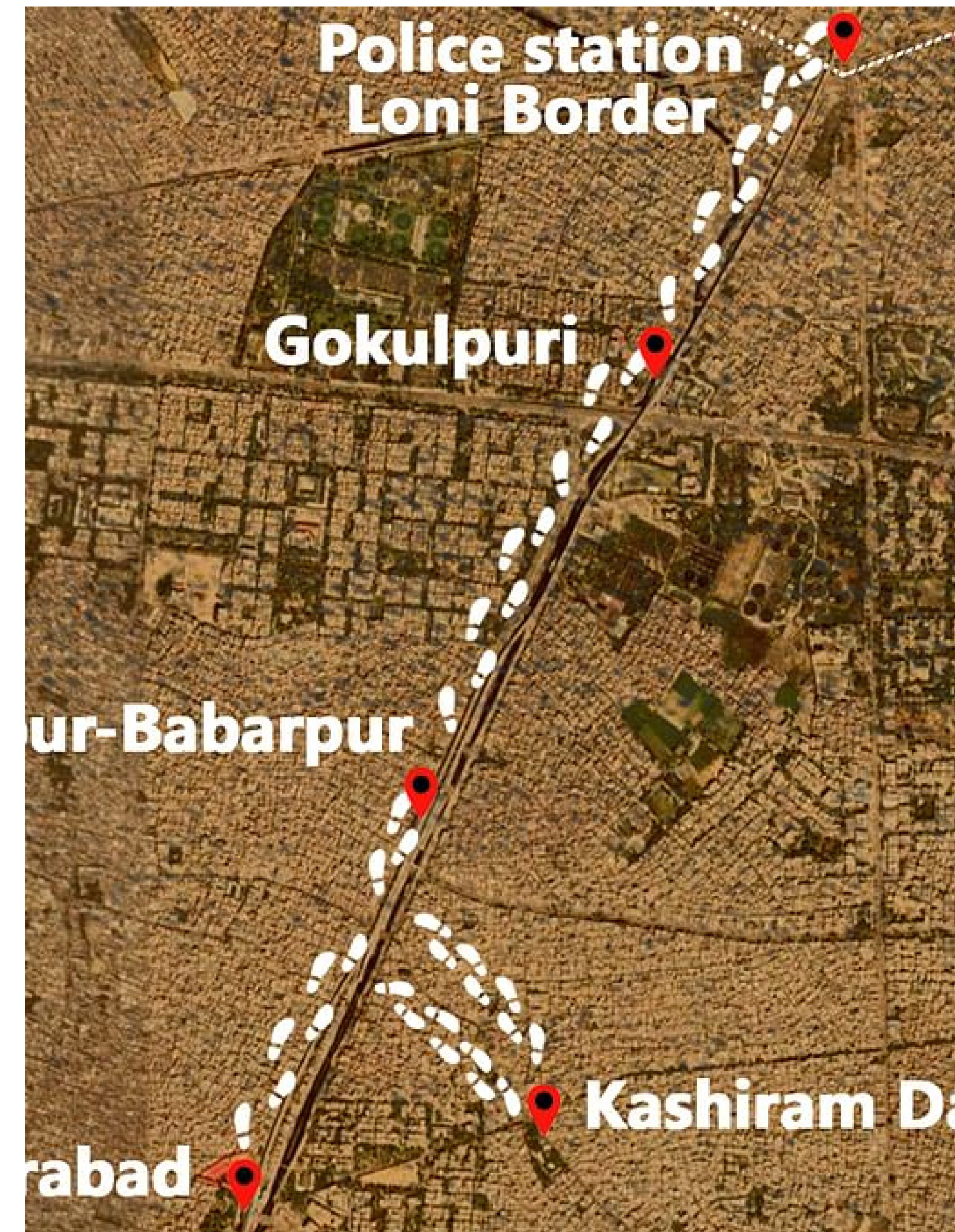


A photograph of a slum area with people and debris. The scene is filled with wooden frames, possibly for bicycles or carts, and other scattered items. In the background, several people are standing and talking. The overall atmosphere is one of poverty and hardship.

REFLECTIVE LEARNING WITH ENCOMPASSION

GOKULPURI REPORT

A Collective Effort



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Overview
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- A collective effort

- Amongst many others, six families who lived in H Block, Ganga Vihar, Gokulpuri, lost their jhuggis in the violence that broke out in Northeast Delhi.
- There were multiple media reports about the same.
- While they were were not physically injured as they left earlier upon the advice of their neighbours, their homes were burnt on February 25th.
- Since March 6, Manasi Saxena (Founder, enCOMPASSion, and a Helping Hands Volunteer) has been in contact with these families, and coordinated with many others to support with relief, rescue, and rehabilitation.
- Over the next week, enCOMPASSion informally decided to hold the threads for these families and their rehabilitation.
- This rehabilitation work, as with all other rehabilitation work particularly in NE Delhi, was collaborative - and many individuals and organisations supported this work.
- This is a report of our journey with them from March 6 to July 1,

MARCH 6

- Shadab Sahib and Shoaib Bhai came to DC Office Nand Nagri for blankets. 30 blankets provided, and 7 tarpaulin sheets, transported by Delhi Government volunteer Yash (in the midst of a hailstorm).
- Before this, Compensation Forms were filled out and initial relief materials were given to them - mainly, ration supplies.



MARCH 12

- Volunteers through enCOMPASSion listening team went to offer collective empathy and attempts to help set up jhuggis (previously they had been unable to do this due to local pressure and reaction from neighbours from constructed houses).



- Local pressures escalated abruptly.
- We requested the reporter present to just stay. Police were called.
- We de-escalated community conflicts.
- We understood that without *reconciliation* there could be no rebuilding.
- We now needed alternative solutions.



MARCH 14-15

- Legally jurisdictional problems for the land the jhuggis are built on (H Block Ganga Vihar) between UP and Delhi Police. Land owned by UP Jal Nigam.
- Just after the previous incident, the Gokulpuri Thana requested that FIRs filed with them be returned.
- Legal Team from the CCP, Karan and Tanvi, were called to urgently support.

MARCH 17-18

- Compensation for 5 families was expedited by the Delhi government. The 6th family's compensation remained pending due to the unavailability of an account.
- Families were shown both the Eidgah camp and the CCP camp. Families chose to move into the relief camp set up by the CCP at a masjid for temporary shelter.
- We were aware that a Covid Lockdown was very likely at this point.

MARCH 25-28

- Due to COVID-19 Lockdown and other social pressures, families needed to be shifted out.
- Project Rebuilding Livelihoods, Helping Hands, CCP, enCOMPASSion, Jamia CC, and Fidus Law Chambers joined hands to locate 6 suitable homes.
- Families shifted into temporary houses, ration, chulhas, utensils, gas cylinders, bedding provided.



JULY 1-10 REHABILITIATION

- Families moved into accommodations in Loni, both because it was cheaper and because they are more likely to be able to sustain their livelihoods here. They are
- Thanks to funds from Project Rebuilding Livelihood and a private donor, enCOMPASSion was rent for one more month, and livelihood support for all six families, in addition to rations for July.



A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

- enCOMPASSion for counselling, community mediation, protection, rations, livelihood support
- Helping Hands for Relief Materials and Transportation
- Deputy CM Office for Relief Materials, Transportataion, Compensation
- Project Rebuilding Livelihood for Housing and Relief Materials
- Fidus Law Chambers for Relief Materials
- Azeem (Independent Relief Worker) for Housing, Active Support During the Lockdown
- Citizen's Collective for Peace Rahil for Temporary Housing, Relief Materials and Legal Aid
- Friends of Secularism for Relief Materials
- Private Donors

