PROJECT DOCUMENTATION & HISTORICAL ARCHIVE REPORT

Item	Details
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1. Project Overview

Youth For Children is a rights-awareness and advocacy initiative of International Youth Change Maker (IYCM), carried out through the Equal Rights for Children Project. Its core principle is that every child, without exception, has the right to fair treatment and dependable protection.

The project works in five key areas: non-discrimination, protection from harm, education for every child, the responsibility of society and government, and freedom of thought.

Project description: The Youth for Children Campaign was organized at Gaibandha Police Lines School on 25 September 2024 to raise awareness among students about children's rights, child protection, and the importance of building a child-friendly society in Bangladesh.

The session was facilitated by Md. Mehedi Hasan, a Change Maker from Gaibandha District, with the participation of 49 students. The campaign aimed to promote understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and encourage young people to become more conscious of their responsibilities toward children.

The initiative emphasized that children deserve proper education, love, care, protection, dignity, and equal opportunities. It also highlighted the role of young people in speaking out against injustice and contributing to positive social change.

2. Background and Problem Statement

Children are an important part of society and the foundation of a country's future development. Ensuring their rights, safety, education, and well-being is essential for building a peaceful, inclusive, and progressive nation.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) establishes fundamental rights for every child, including the rights to education, protection, development, participation, and survival. However, awareness of these rights and the responsibilities of adults and young people in protecting them needs to be continuously strengthened.

The Youth for Children Campaign was undertaken as a youth-led awareness initiative to help students understand children's rights and encourage them to contribute to creating a child-friendly environment.

Identified needs:

The campaign addressed the following needs:

- Increasing awareness of children's rights and the principles of the UNCRC.
- Promoting respect for children's dignity, safety, and well-being.
- Encouraging young people to stand against injustice, discrimination, and harmful practices affecting children.
- Emphasizing the importance of education, care, love, and positive guidance during childhood.
- Strengthening youth participation in child protection and community development.
- Encouraging collective action among Change Makers to build a child-friendly Bangladesh.

3. Project Objectives

General Objective

To create a participatory educational environment that supports the development of education, awareness, self-confidence and positive values among disadvantaged children from a school community.

Specific Objectives

The main objectives of the campaign were:

1. To raise awareness among students about children's rights and the UNCRC.
2. To encourage respect for every child's dignity, equality, and fundamental rights.
3. To highlight the importance of providing children with proper education, love, care, and protection.
4. To motivate young people to speak out against injustice and contribute to positive social change.
5. To encourage students to become responsible citizens who respect and protect children's rights.
6. To support the broader vision of building a child-friendly society through youth-led initiatives.

7. To promote the understanding that investing in children's development is essential for the future success of Bangladesh.

4. Project Implementation

Activities Conducted

- The campaign was conducted as an educational and awareness-raising session at Gaibandha Police Lines School.
- The session focused on the following themes:
- Introduction to children's rights and the UNCRC.
- The importance of protecting children from abuse, neglect, discrimination, and injustice.
- The role of education, love, care, and positive guidance in children's development.
- The responsibility of young people to challenge injustice through peaceful and responsible action.
- The importance of youth leadership in building a child-friendly country.
- Encouraging students to develop awareness, empathy, and a sense of responsibility toward children.
- These themes reflect the campaign's stated objectives. A separate activity-by-activity attendance record or detailed session agenda was not provided.

Implementation process: The campaign was implemented through a school-based awareness session on 25 September 2024.

The process can be documented as follows:

Venue selection: Gaibandha Police Lines School served as the venue for the awareness campaign.

Session facilitation: Md. Mehedi Hasan, Change Maker from Gaibandha District, led the session.

Student participation: A total of 49 students attended the campaign.

Awareness and discussion: The session addressed children's rights, child protection, youth responsibility, and the importance of positive childhood development.

Advocacy message: Participants were encouraged to recognize the importance of protecting children's rights and contributing to a child-friendly society.

Participating organizations and volunteers: International Youth Change Maker (IYCM) (organizer); Gaibandha Police Lines School, Gaibandha District; Md. Mehedi Hasan (project coordinator and session facilitator); 2 local youth volunteers.

5. Beneficiaries and Participation

- **Total participants:** 55
- **Direct beneficiaries:** 49
- **Indirect beneficiaries:** About 150 (family members)
- **Target groups:** Children (ethnic and minority children, children with disabilities, girls, children from low-income families), youth, parents and Local children members

- **Area covered:** Gaibandha Police Lines School, Gaibandha District

6. Project Outcomes and Impact

The Youth for Children session aimed to promote awareness of children's rights and encourage students to recognize their responsibilities toward creating a child-friendly society.

The session's broader impact message was that the principles of the UNCRC should reach children throughout Bangladesh. Through the collective efforts of Change Makers, the initiative seeks to promote respect for children's rights and encourage communities to create environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

The session also emphasized the relationship between positive childhood experiences and the development of responsible, empathetic, and socially conscious individuals.

By highlighting the importance of education, care, love, and guidance, the initiative promoted the idea that investing in children is essential to the long-term development of families, communities, and the country.

Key achievements:

The campaign's key documented achievements were:

- Successfully conducted a Youth for Children awareness session at Gaibandha Police Lines School.
- Engaged 49 students in a campaign focused on children's rights and protection.
- Provided a platform for discussing the importance of the UNCRC and child-friendly communities.
- Promoted the role of young people in standing against injustice and supporting children's well-being.
- Reinforced IYCM's broader commitment to raising awareness of children's rights across Bangladesh.

Observed changes:

- Greater awareness of the importance of children's rights and protection.
- Increased understanding of the value of education, care, love, and positive guidance.
- Greater sensitivity toward injustice and discrimination affecting children.
- Increased motivation to contribute to a safer and more child-friendly society.

Evidence of impact: Attendance list, children feedback , brief conversations with children's family, photographs & video of the session and a news report.

7. Documentary Photo and Video Archive





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- Photo Archive Link: Google Drive Link

8. Beneficiary and Stakeholder Testimonials

Participants' feedback: The campaign aimed to help students understand that every child deserves education, protection, respect, and equal opportunities. It also encouraged young people to recognize their responsibility toward creating a society where children's rights are respected.

Teacher/community representative feedback: The campaign's school-based approach provided an opportunity to promote awareness of children's rights in an educational setting. School-based awareness initiatives can help reinforce the importance of child protection, responsible citizenship, and positive social values.

Volunteers' experience: The campaign provided an opportunity for the Gaibandha District Change Maker to engage with students on children's rights and youth responsibility.

Facilitating this type of session can help youth volunteers develop experience in awareness raising, communication, community engagement, and child-rights advocacy.

9. Financial Summary

Item	Amount
Approved budget	USD 15$
Total expenditure	USD 15$
Remaining funds	USD 0$

10. Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges faced:

- Ensuring that all students understand child-rights concepts in simple, age-appropriate language.
- Encouraging active participation rather than relying entirely on one-way presentations.
- Making awareness sessions accessible and engaging for students with different learning needs.
- Measuring whether participants retain the information after the session.
- Maintaining documentation, including attendance, photographs, feedback, and expense records.

Lessons learned:

- School-based awareness matters: Schools offer a practical setting for engaging students in discussions about children's rights.

- Youth leadership is valuable: Local Change Makers can help bring important social issues to the attention of young people.
- Rights education should be continuous: One awareness session can introduce important concepts, while repeated activities can reinforce understanding.
- Positive childhood experiences matter: Education, love, care, and protection contribute to children's healthy development.

11. Recommendations and Future Plan

- Organize regular child-rights awareness sessions in schools and local communities.
- Introduce age-appropriate learning materials explaining the UNCRC and children's fundamental rights.
- Include interactive activities, quizzes, group discussions, role-play, and scenario-based learning.
- Encourage students to identify safe and responsible ways to seek help when children's rights are violated.
- Engage teachers, parents, and community representatives in future child-protection initiatives.
- Develop a standardized reporting template for all IYCM Youth for Children campaigns.
- Introduce simple participant assessments to measure learning outcomes.

Proposed Future Activities

- Expand school-based campaigns: Engage more schools in Gaibandha and other districts through locally organized awareness sessions.
- Develop learning resources: Prepare simple Bengali materials on children's rights, safety, equality, and the UNCRC.
- Strengthen Change Maker capacity: Provide volunteers with guidance on child-friendly communication, facilitation, and safeguarding.
- Introduce follow-up activities: Encourage participating schools to continue child-rights discussions through suitable classroom or extracurricular activities.

12.Conclusion

The Youth for Children Campaign held at Gaibandha Police Lines School on 25 September 2024 was a youth-led awareness initiative focused on children's rights, child protection, and the role of young people in building a child-friendly Bangladesh. With 49 students participating and Md. Mehedi Hasan facilitating the session, the campaign reflected IYCM's commitment to promoting children's rights and encouraging responsible youth leadership.

The campaign's central message was that building a better country begins with protecting, educating, and nurturing its children. By promoting awareness of the UNCRC and encouraging young people to stand against injustice, the initiative supported the broader vision of a society where every child can grow with dignity, safety, love, and opportunity.

13. Documentation and Verification

We confirm that this report has been prepared based on the available project records, implementation evidence, and verified information. Any photographs, testimonials, beneficiary data, and other supporting materials included in this report should be used with appropriate permission and in accordance with applicable privacy and safeguarding requirements.

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