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ABOUT THE INNOVATIONS FOR SDGS BOOKLET

Since 2020, ARROW has conducted the ARROW Change Makers Programme, a leadership and innovation programme focused on social innovation, intersectionality and sexuality. It empowers diverse young people to become effective advocates for social change. This initiative brings together ARROW's programmes like Right Here Right Now and other initiatives.

The Changemakers programme lasted seven weeks each year and attracted diverse participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Philippines. It combines social innovation and intersectionality workshops, equipping young people to learn how sexuality intersects with issues directly linked to education, health, employment, law, and citizenship. The programme provides an innovative way to work with policymakers, civil society, young people, and activists for progressive social change. Additionally, it offers mentorships, incubation and seed funding for scalable social change initiatives focused on young people SRHR.

The objectives of the ARROW Changemakers Programme included:

- To develop the leadership, social innovation and change, intersectionality, and sexuality skills of 90 young people from RHRN Asia and the Right to Safe Abortion Partnership, empowering them to become effective changemakers advocating for young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).
- To strengthen young people's capacities on SRHR, including comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and youth responsive SRHR services, considering the various intersecting factors.

- To empower youth to design innovative solutions for social change that address diverse young people's issues.
- To facilitate networking among youth changemakers across the countries for regional and international-level exchanges.

Through the Changemakers programme, young people have had the space to identify problems within their local contexts, design solutions, and ensure self-sustainability of their social change engagements at the individual level. These initiatives have had a broader impact on communities to address the most pressing issues affecting young people.

ARROW has supported a wide range of SRHR-related ideas, including those focused on raising awareness on menstrual hygiene, disability rights, sexual and gender-based violence, CSE, digitalisation, and access to SRH services. To date, 24 innovative ideas have received seed grants to scale up their ideas, and 55 social entrepreneurs have graduated from this initiative, undergoing trainings and an immersion phase. A total of 153 scholars have participated in the programme.

ARROW Changemakers, a group of 55 individuals, are regularly contacted discuss their entrepreneurial progress. They are provided with opportunities to share their innovations at different relevant platforms. At the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2024 and 2025, few of the ARROW Changemakers, along with other innovation scholars that included some from other regional initiatives like ESCAP and YPEER, showcased their work, inspiring young people from the region to develop sustainable transformative solutions for change. This innovation booklet highlights some of these initiatives.

We would like to thank, first of all, the innovators for making this booklet possible, and the Youth Forum organising team, who worked tirelessly to make the event successful.

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INDIA

AGE-APPROPRIATE CSE VISUAL TOOLS FOR ADOLESCENTS

In India, when the Government recognised the need for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for adolescents, it lacked age-appropriate resources. Beyond Eye, an initiative supported by AmplifyChange and Development Consortium, filled this gap by engaging adolescents aged 10-15 in rural schools. Using participatory methods, it co-developed CSE visual tools, increasing SRH knowledge and acceptance. Despite COVID-19 disruptions, Beyond Eye creatively used social media to continue its impactful work, demonstrating the potential of such approaches in destigmatizing SRH topics.

Innovator

BEYOND EYE

Age-Appropriate CSE Visual
Tools for Adolescents

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Distributed age-appropriate CSE visual tools, co-developed by adolescents (aged 10–15 years) to

1400
individuals and **50**
organizations

THE INNOVATOR

Vaishali Soni is a visual designer specialising in visual campaigns for brands and non-profits. She has been working in the field of visual communication for the past 5 years and has worked on projects including SRHR comics for adolescents, comics on digital navigation, and visual campaigns for feminist social movements, among others. She also hosts art workshops and capacity-building workshops on creative communication for advocacy. She has collaborated with organisations such as UNICEF, POV, Gaysi, Katha, and The Times of India.



UNIQUENESS

The innovation, in addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health Education (SRHE) for adolescents in India, stands out for its comprehensive approach. Unlike existing tools that often lack age-appropriateness and accessibility, Beyond Eye has created culturally sensitive and engaging visual tools featuring some of the famous cartoon characters, tailored specifically for adolescents aged 10–15 years. This project not only fills a crucial gap in SRHE but also tackles the challenges of involving adolescents in the development process, engaging teachers, and managing potential community backlash through carefully crafted narratives.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Beyond Eye is currently looking for funding to further its initiative and reach more children in India.

IMPACTS

Beyond Eye distributed age-appropriate CSE visual tools co-developed by 10-15-year-olds to 1400 individuals and 50 organizations. Workshops led to open conversations, with 98.6% understanding clean genitals' importance and 85.4% recognising regular menstrual product change significance. Post-workshop, 94.4% of adolescents showed increased confidence discussing bodily changes and sexual anatomy, up from 21.9%.

SDGs Targeted



PAKISTAN

ARTIVISM ACADEMY

In 2020, ARROW initiated the ARROWHRN Changemakers Programme, aiming to empower young people to drive social change. This unique programme delivered workshops on social innovation and intersectionality, helping participants explore issues like education, health, and employment, through mentorships and seed funding. Under this program, Joshua initiated the Artivism Academy, a social enterprise dedicated to using art for social impact with one belief - Art is making something out of nothing.

Innovator

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600

beneficiaries reached through 22 open mic sessions and theatre performances in 3 districts of Punjab



245

beneficiaries reached through 1 theatre, 2 filmmaking workshops and 5 community awareness sessions

THE INNOVATOR

Joshua Dilawar, a dynamic youth activist from Lahore, Pakistan, leads the innovative Artivism Academy, pioneering art for advocacy and social change. He's also a Founder/Executive Director of the Institute for Social and Youth Development (ISYD). As head of Artivism Academy, he blends his passion for social justice with artistic expression to address pressing issues like gender equality, youth empowerment, SRHR and Family Planning. With over a decade of experience in humanitarian services and community development, Joshua's leadership drives impactful change, leveraging creative mediums to amplify voices and catalyze positive societal transformation.



UNIQUENESS

Artivism Academy stands out for its innovative fusion of art and activism, blending education, advocacy, and artistic expression to drive social change. Unlike traditional activism, it leverages diverse artistic mediums to engage, educate, and inspire action. It focuses on collaboration, emotional resonance, and inclusivity sets us apart, fostering a dynamic community committed to meaningful impact.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

In the past two years, through multiple theatre and filmmaking workshops, community awareness sessions, and theatre and open mic sessions, Artivism Academy has provided vital education on gender equality, SRHR, birth-spacing family planning, and post-abortion care, impacting 845 individuals until now. Artivism Academy and ISYD have developed Pakistan's first-ever comic book on gender equality and SRHR, as well as two animated videos specifically tailored for the deaf community. Looking ahead, the Academy aims to expand its reach, diversify its initiatives, and initiate new partnerships to continue social change.

IMPACT

In two years, Artivism Academy's initiatives have directly educated and empowered over 845 individuals, driving significant awareness on crucial topics such as SRHR, LSBE, family planning, and gender equality. In collaboration with ISYD, it has developed a comic book and animated videos which have broadened its impact and outreach.

SDGs Targeted



NEPAL

BIO GUARD

ANTI-MOSQUITO INCENSE STICKS

One of my mates developed dengue eight months ago due to a mosquito bite, which scared all of us. Since we had classes and library sessions, it was almost impossible to use mosquito nets during the day. While studying Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in my 5th semester, I learned that mint and bay leaves have excellent mosquito-repelling qualities. I also discovered that cow dung burns with fewer toxic fumes. Taking all of this into consideration, I envisioned creating a natural solution. Bio Guard was born—a 100% natural, mosquito-repelling incense stick made from local ingredients such as mint, bay leaves, and cow dung. Not only is the product a less toxic substitute for chemical repellents, but it also adheres to sustainable practices.

Innovator

PUSKAR PANTA

Nepal

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THE INNOVATOR



Puskar Panta is a passionate innovator from Nepal, currently pursuing his BSc in Agriculture at the Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan.

With a strong passion for sustainability, he is a member of national and international organisations such as IAAS, NYCA, and TSAN. As a campus ambassador for Eco Network Nepal, AFU chapter, Puskar actively promotes sustainable practices. His product, Bio Guard, is an organic, environmentally friendly mosquito repellent designed to address health and environmental issues in Nepal. Through this project, he aims to enhance public health and establish sustainable, locally-based solutions for communities across the country.

UNIQUENESS

Bio Guard is unique in that it uses no chemicals such as potassium nitrate KNO_3 or charcoal, making it both healthy and eco-friendly. It is the only product that combines cow dung, mint, and camphor, offering both fragrance and effective mosquito-repellent qualities. This eco-friendly method benefits the ecosystem and promotes biodiversity through the use of local resources.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Bio Guard has managed to create self-employment for 35 people during the first three months of operations. The project is already having the positive impact of reducing reliance on toxic chemical-based products, while promoting the use of local, natural resources. Subsequently, we plan to expand the production and distribution of Bio Guard across Nepal. We will try to establish contacts with local government agencies and allies in a bid to raise further funds for expansion activities.

SDGs Targeted



NEPAL

BYAN

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH ACCESSIBLE IEC MATERIALS

In Nepal, accessing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) has always been difficult, especially for persons with disabilities. Seeing this gap, the Blind Youth Association Nepal worked to make a difference.

The organisation focused on creating materials in accessible formats, ensuring they catered to diverse disabilities. Easy-to-read guides, tactile resources, and large-print versions were developed, each designed to provide crucial information on CSE and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR).

Throughout the process, the aim was to include diverse disability group, ensuring no one felt left out. It wasn't just about creating resources but designing them in a way that individuals could engage with effectively. With every step, it worked to make information not only accessible but meaningful.

Innovator

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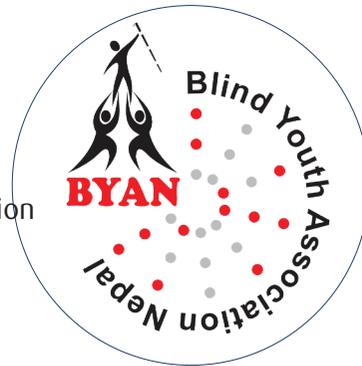


engaged with

3000+
**persons with
disabilities**

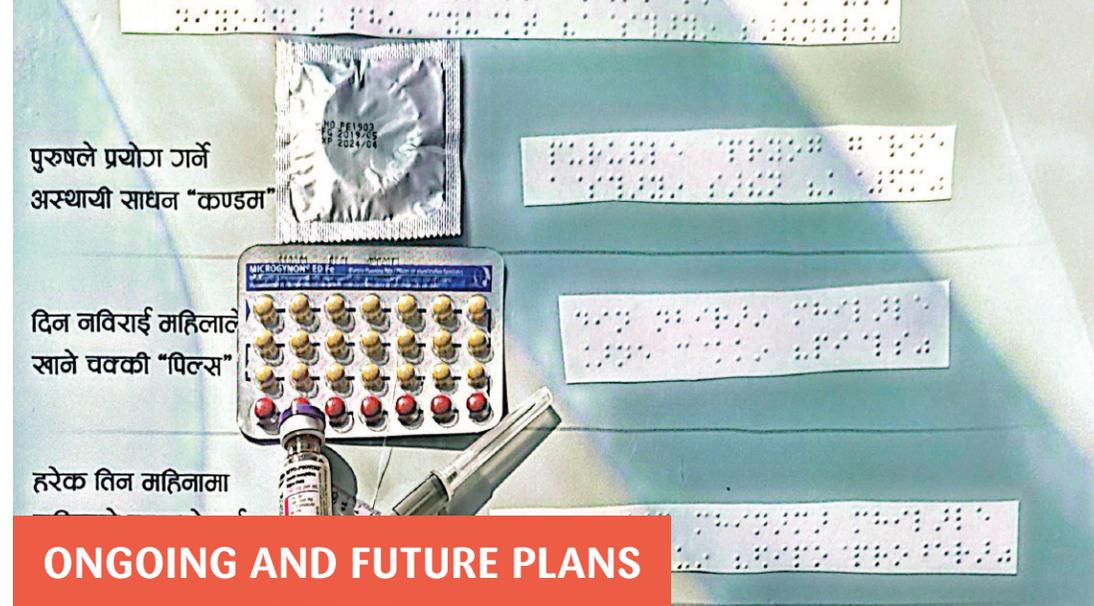
THE INNOVATOR

Founded in 2012, Blind Youth Association Nepal (BYAN) is a non-profit organisation led by individuals with visual impairments, with a focus on improving health, education, and employment opportunities. While governed by people with visual disabilities, BYAN is committed to enhancing accessibility for all 10 recognised disability types under Nepalese law. In the area of health, BYAN is dedicated to advancing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for individuals with disabilities.



UNIQUENESS

The innovation focuses on developing accessible Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) materials tailored to all 10 types of disabilities recognised under Nepalese law. By combining tactile resources, large print, and easy-to-read formats, the initiative ensures inclusivity. Such efforts to support people with disabilities in the field of CSE and SRHR are rare in the region.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The tactile contraceptive board is now complete, and the draft of the easy-to-read booklet is ready. Some of the resources are in the final stages of development, with BYAN's ongoing focus on creating materials that promote awareness and inclusivity.

Currently, BYAN is working closely with the Curriculum Development Centre to incorporate these resources into health course development. Along the way, the organisation has actively engaged with the government and reached out to people with disabilities, their parents, and caregivers, offering orientation sessions to raise awareness and ensure these resources are accessible to those who need them most.

IMPACT

Engaged with over 3,000 persons with disabilities in 2024

SDGs Targeted



CHINA

CLIMATE ADAPTATION POLICIES BASED ON PUBLIC HEAT PERCEPTIONS

The inspiration for Meizi You's innovation arose during a summer heatwave in the Asia-Pacific region. Observing the growing urgency to address public health challenges caused by extreme heat, she realised the lack of actionable, real-time insights into public perceptions of heat events. With her expertise in urban planning and AI, she identified an opportunity to harness global social media data to bridge this gap. Partnering with academic advisors, she developed a framework leveraging large language models to analyse multilingual tweets, uncovering emotional trends and public concerns. Her innovation stands out by integrating public sentiment into urban climate policies, promoting resilience and fostering sustainable cities.

Innovator

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A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE OF ASIA-PACIFIC AND GLOBAL REGIONS



347
cities



50
countries



Features

**Climate
adaptation
strategies**

THE INNOVATOR



Meizi You is a joint PhD student in Urban Ecology at East China Normal University and New York University (NYU) Shanghai, with a background in Urban Planning and GIS.

Her research focuses on leveraging AI to analyse global public heat perception patterns, advancing climate health, enhancing human well-being, and promoting sustainable urban development. She has published seven SCI/SSCI papers in this field and received accolades such as the China Scholarship Council Fellowship and the Best Poster Award at the NYU PhD and Postdoc Research Conference and the Global Youth Competitiveness Forum.

UNIQUENESS

This innovation uniquely combines AI-powered large language models with global social media analysis, offering real-time insights into public heat perception. By capturing emotional trends and regional disparities, it bridges the gap between public sentiment and climate adaptation policies, creating data-driven solutions tailored to diverse socio-cultural and climatic contexts.

How Does The Global Public Perception Of Climate Change Influence Sustainable Development?



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

This innovation is currently in the implementation phase, having successfully established the first global heat perception database covering 349 cities. Leveraging AI-driven analysis, the project uncovers emotional trends, perception frequencies, and regional disparities, providing tailored policy recommendations for the Asia-Pacific and global contexts. The next phase focuses on expanding the innovation's global reach and inclusivity by incorporating multilingual and multi-platform social media data, ensuring diverse cultural and regional representation. Additionally, the project plans to develop a mobile-friendly platform for real-time heat perception tracking and public awareness campaigns.

IMPACT

Spans across 347 cities in 50 countries/regions
Supports climate adaptation strategies

SDGs Targeted



INDONESIA

DIGITAL SETARA

Digital SETARA is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was initiated to ensure continued access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE). This digital platform is based on the print version of the CSE module that has been developed and utilised by YGSI for approximately 15 years. It addresses the time constraints associated with face-to-face CSE learning by offering an accessible online alternative. Particularly pertinent is the fact that CSE is not compulsory in many schools, and in most cases, it is not available at all. Digital SETARA aims to bridge this gap and ensure that CSE remains accessible to all students.

Innovator

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Students have a

70% increase in knowledge on CSE topics after completing the learning modules.

Teachers have found it helpful as they do not use the platform to explain

CSE-related topics to their students.

THE INNOVATOR

Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia (YGSI), formerly known as Rutgers Indonesia, is a non-profit organisation working on two major issues, namely: sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender-based and sexual violence. The foundation begins a new chapter as Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia, with the determination to continue what they have been working towards for the past 25 years. They will continue to be committed to advocating and fighting for the two issues, with a special focus on young people, including minority groups and people with disabilities, ensuring every individual has full and non-discriminatory access to their rights.



UNIQUENESS

Digital SETARA is an e-learning platform for CSE. It is interactive and equipped with quizzes, images, voices, and games. It is the first CSE learning module in Indonesia that answers the time limitation for CSE in the school timetable. Students can access it anytime, from anywhere.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

In the last quarter of 2023, Digital SETARA was introduced to 17 schools in 6 districts, and 140 teachers participated in the training. Digital SETARA is an online version of SETARA, the CSE module produced by Yayasan



Gemilang Sehat Indonesia (formerly Rutgers Indonesia). Currently, schools in Indonesia are registering with the system to access the module. In 2024, both online and print copies of SETARA will complement each other to provide a more comprehensive CSE delivery to Indonesian students.

SDGs Targeted



INDONESIA

DISASTER RISK MAP

**PARTICIPATORY DIGITAL MAP THROUGH
WOMEN'S AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FOR
SUSTAINABLE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION.**

In disaster-prone villages, risk maps are essential for building resilience. Traditionally 2D or paper-based, these maps have limitations, such as inability to accommodate multiple disaster scenarios and difficulty in updating to reflect current conditions.

To address these challenges, we developed a low-cost digital disaster risk map using Google My Maps—an open-source tool. Unlike conventional Geographic Information Systems (GIS), this innovation allows communities to update their maps without requiring technical expertise. Recently, when one of our partner villages was hit by flooding, the map was immediately updated, helping local responders assess the impact and affected areas.

Innovator

INDRA OKTORA

Indonesia

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THE INNOVATOR



Indra Oktora is a survivor of the 2018 earthquake, tsunami, and liquefaction disaster in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Since then, he has been actively engaged in volunteer work and disaster risk reduction (DRR) initiatives. Currently, Indra leads a team responsible for Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) in DRR programs across Indonesia. With a deep passion for data science, he aims to develop data-driven disaster risk reduction systems that empower local communities.

UNIQUENESS

This low-cost digital disaster risk map is built using Google My Maps (open-source) instead of expensive GIS tools. It features broad data integration, allowing multiple disaster scenarios to be mapped dynamically. The innovation is community-driven, with strong women and youth participation, and fosters multi-stakeholder collaboration, including local governments.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The disaster risk maps have been developed and handed over to local villages. Community members, including trained volunteers, have been equipped with the skills to update the maps regularly. Recently, when a partner village experienced flooding, the map was quickly updated, helping authorities assess flood impact and affected areas. These maps also support local governments in estimating disaster-related losses based on affected zones. The innovation has successfully enhanced community-based disaster response and ensured that risk information remains dynamic and relevant.

IMPACT

Four villages have developed digital disaster risk maps, engaging women and youth. These maps improve disaster response speed, reduce risks, and enhance community preparedness. Real-time updates ensure better decision-making and resilience in disaster-prone areas.

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INDONESIA

DIVERSEAS

I spent the last four years working on conservation projects and experiencing nature-based solutions worldwide. Every time I returned home, I had so much to share, but I quickly realised it was hard to convey these experiences to those who hadn't been in these environments. Scuba divers make up less than 1% of the global population, and marine sciences have historically been reserved for those with funding, higher education, and specialised equipment (Worm et al. 2021). I wanted to create a way to introduce these careers and ecosystems, offering a window into their world and providing hands-on opportunities for young people to lead in their communities.

Innovator

**BRIGITTA MARIA
ANDREA GUNAWAN**
Indonesia

 diverseas-ocean-literacy
 learnwithdiverseas
 learnwithdiverseas

Diverseas engaged with learners in over **12 countries**,

produced **4 immersive films**,

onboarded **9 remote**

volunteers, brought the virtual reality experience and Diverseas resources to **500+ people**,

and sponsored **4 headsets** to organizations who run ocean literacy workshops.

THE INNOVATOR



Brigitta Gunawan is a National Geographic Young Explorer and ocean-climate advocate who strives to connect communities through science, education, and storytelling. She is the founder of Diverseas and 30x30 Indonesia, leading intergenerational community initiatives to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030. In 2024, she launched a global education programme called Diverseas, creating an open-access library for immersive environmental education resources. 30x30 Indonesia is a community providing hands-on opportunities for policy advocacy and habitat restoration. Since its founding in 2021, the organisation has collaborated with local diving communities to build artificial reefs and engaged youth volunteers in education programmes.

UNIQUENESS

Diverseas is completely volunteer-run, bringing the ocean and virtual reality to new audiences whilst featuring local grassroots initiatives as case studies for local students. We use readily available technology like handheld devices to connect students with conservation initiatives in their area.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Diverseas is currently creating a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) by testing out our prototype videos, workshop approaches, and education resources. For the first 6 months, we focused on developing best practices to film, produce, and interact with students through immersive media. Our focus is now to streamline this process and provide replicable guidelines for open-access resources. We are keen to develop a strategic guideline on identifying initiatives that should be featured by Diverseas.

IMPACT

Since June 2024: Diverseas engaged with learners in over 12 countries, produced 4 immersive films, onboarded 9 remote volunteers, brought the virtual reality experience and Diverseas resources to 500+ people, and sponsored 4 headsets to organizations who run ocean literacy workshops.

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PAKISTAN

ECO-ARTISAN

EMPOWERING
WOMEN THROUGH
SUSTAINABLE FASHION

One morning, I woke up to heartbreaking news—my home valley in Ghanche, Gilgit-Baltistan, had been hit by a devastating flood. Entire villages were underwater, homes were destroyed, and many people lost everything, especially the women in my community. Without another way to earn money, many families faced an uncertain future.

But in the midst of this tragedy, I found a way to help. I started Eco Artisan, with a mission to help these women rebuild their lives by promoting sustainable fashion, reducing plastic waste, and giving them new ways to earn. I began by holding small workshops where I taught them how to make eco-friendly products like embroidered shawls and handmade bags, using biodegradable and sustainable materials.

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50+ women
empowered

Features

1000+ kg

of plastic waste recycled into
sellable products

THE INNOVATOR

Atia Hussain is the CEO and founder of Eco Artisan, a social enterprise based in Kuro, Ghanche, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan. She empowers women in flood-affected communities by promoting sustainable fashion and recycling plastic waste. Through Eco Artisan, Atia provides women with the resources, skills, and a platform to showcase their craftsmanship to national and international markets, overcoming social constraints and limited market access. Her innovation revives traditional crafts, reduces waste, and promotes environmental sustainability, while uplifting women and creating economic opportunities. Eco Artisan continues to make a significant impact in both the local and global markets.



UNIQUENESS

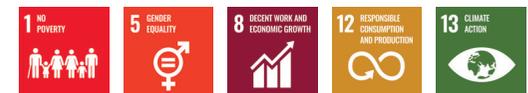
Eco Artisan is unique because it blends traditional crafts with sustainable practices, empowering uneducated women in flood-affected communities. By teaching them to recycle plastic into sellable products, we reduce waste while reviving local craftsmanship. This innovative approach lifts women, restores livelihoods, and integrates them into the economy.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Eco Artisan has successfully trained and empowered numerous women, teaching them to recycle plastic into sellable products like eco-friendly bags and embroidered shawls. Through small workshops, we've revived traditional crafts and introduced sustainable practices. Our products are now reaching national and international markets, providing these women with new income streams. We continue to expand our reach, reduce plastic waste, and uplift uneducated women, helping them become active participants in the economy. We will also expand our reach by targeting more women in sustainable practices and offer mentorship programmes to nurture future leaders.

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PAKISTAN

ECOSHE GREEN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

After working in the development sector for over four years, I noticed a recurring challenge: many impactful projects were entirely dependent on grants, which limited their long-term potential and lacked an exit strategy for donor-funded projects. So, I wanted to build something self-sustaining—an initiative that could start with seed money but eventually generate its own revenue and create lasting impact. That's how the idea of a women-led recycling enterprise was born. With an initial seed investment, these recycling hubs would provide meaningful job opportunities for women, and the surplus revenue would go directly towards funding girls' education. While it's still in the ideation phase, the goal is to transform this vision into reality.

Innovator

MAHAM SHAHZADI

Pakistan



500+
community members



Features

Identified key challenges and mobilised support for recycling hubs

THE INNOVATOR

Maham Shahzadi, Co-Founder of ESG Lab, is a seasoned Communications and Development professional with over four years of experience in sustainable development, climate advocacy, and gender equity. She leads EcoShe – the Green Social Enterprise Initiative for Sustainable Development, an innovative project under ESG Lab. This initiative focuses on empowering women in underserved communities by equipping them with technical and entrepreneurial skills to manage recycling hubs.



UNIQUENESS

EcoShe uniquely transforms agricultural waste into sustainable paper products, addressing two critical issues: reducing environmental waste and providing eco-friendly alternatives. This women-led initiative combines recycling innovation with entrepreneurial training, using profits to fund girls' education in underserved communities.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

EcoShe is in the advanced stages of development, with budgeting and business ideation completed. We have conducted extensive fieldwork and organised multiple focus group discussions (FGDs) to refine our approach and ensure community alignment. Currently, we are pitching the initiative on various platforms for seed funding to procure essential equipment and establish operational hubs. The next step for EcoShe is to establish the first operational recycling hub, focusing on converting agricultural waste into paper. To ensure sustainability, we plan to partner with local governments, private stakeholders, and schools to create a circular economy model.

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INDIA

ELZIAN AGRO

In 2021, while I was a final-year undergraduate student, Sri Lanka experienced a dramatic shift in agricultural policy with a nationwide ban on synthetic fertilisers. Witnessing the struggles of over two million farmers in my rural community ignited a fire within me. I rallied a passionate team to support these farmers, providing them with an integrated decision-support system. We utilised technology to optimise their water and fertiliser usage, empowering them to navigate this tumultuous landscape. Elzian Agro was born from this urgent need – a beacon of hope for smallholder farmers seeking sustainable solutions amidst adversity.

Innovator

LILAN DAYANANDA

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Farmer Outreach

**Engaging
Over 50,000
for Problem
Identification**

160,000+
Geo-Locations
Analysed

40
Pan-Tropical Tree
Species Studied

THE INNOVATOR

Lilan Dayananda is an internationally recognised social-tech entrepreneur and CEO of Elzian Agro, renowned for his innovative work in agriculture and sustainability.

Named one of the top ten Social Entrepreneurs of the Global South by the United Nations and featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia in the social impact category, Lilan collaborates with marginalised communities across more than 20 countries, impacting over 100,000 farmers.



UNIQUENESS

ELZIAN AGRO uniquely focuses on small-scale farmers, offering tailored IoT-enabled precision agriculture solutions that optimise water and resource use. Their innovative integration of real-time monitoring and automation systems enhances irrigation efficiency, boosts crop yields by over 10%, and reduces costs by 15% to 20%, promoting sustainable farming practices.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The technology has been fully developed and successfully piloted, with a readiness level of 7.5. We are now looking to raise a seed-level funding round to reach Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 8 and 9. Upon successfully completing fully operational pilot programs, we will be ready to scale up for mass production.

IMPACT

- Engaged with over 50,000 farmers for initial problem identification.
- Analysed soil quality and liquid elements across more than 160,000 geo-locations to improve machine-learning models.
- Studied 40 pan-tropical tree species to assess ecosystem services, ensuring a sustainable approach.

SDGs Targeted



BANGLADESH

GREEN AND CLEAN COX'S BAZAR CITY

Cox's Bazar is a tourist attraction in Bangladesh. A large seaside beach is a major attraction. However, it lacks a proper waste management system. Before implementing the initiative, Omar Faruk and his team selected a seaside area (Ward 12) to start the Clean and Green Cox's Bazar initiative by providing the locals with two colours of dustbins. The innovation aims to make the city cleaner through a proper waste management system. This allows to contribute to the circular economy model of waste by reducing, reusing, and recycling plastic and other valuable materials. Additionally, the team also extracts fertilisers from organic waste to add extra benefits to local agriculture.

Innovator

OMAR FARUK

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Bangladesh

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2,000 people
reached in 3 years



Working with
120 families &
90 hotels, restaurants &
institutions

THE INNOVATOR

I am Omar Faruk from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, founder of the youth-led organization 'We Can Cox's Bazar'. We Can Cox's Bazar is a non-profit volunteer organization for achieving sustainable development goals. From the beginning of our journey in 2019 with 10 youth, currently we have 1 thousand registered members in 22 districts and 37 universities, college, school and madrasas clubs. Our mission is to build a youth network of national activists for climate action, creating awareness on climate displacement and migration, women's empowerment, gender, and SRHR for the future generation in order to confront these issues equally by linking knowledge with action and presenting their answers on stage.



UNIQUENESS

Through its waste management system, Omar's team is able to sell inorganic waste to local business entities. From the organic waste, they produce fertilisers and sell it to the local farmers/markets (15 Taka per KG) in Cox's Bazar. They also charge 100 Taka for collecting the waste each month.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The team started their initiative with 50 families and 50 hotels with the help of Cox's Bazar Municipality. Currently, they are working with 120 families and 90 hotels, restaurants and other institutions. They want to scale-up to connect with more than three hundred families this year.

IMPACT

In 2022, they started with 100 families and hotels, and now they are working with more than 200 people. They have empowered young people and have reached at least 2,000 people in the last 3 years.

- Development of proper and sustainable Waste Management System across the Cox's Bazar City.
- Massive level job opportunities creation.

SDGs Targeted



THAILAND

GROUNDSHIFT

AI-POWERED INSTANT CARBON ACCOUNTING AND REDUCTION FOR NON-EXPERT USER

It started with a simple frustration. Businesses wanted to cut their carbon emissions, but everything about the process felt like a nightmare—messy data, complicated tools, and advice that didn't really fit. Apithep knew there had to be a better way.

That's when the idea for Groundshift was born: a platform that simplifies carbon accounting and gives businesses smart, tailored recommendations to reduce emissions. No jargon, no unnecessary hassle—just real, actionable insights powered by AI.

With a small but driven team, Groundshift turned from an idea into a tool that's now helping businesses worldwide tackle climate goals without breaking a sweat. What started as a challenge became our mission: making sustainability simple, practical, and something every business can achieve.

Innovator

OMEGA AI
Thailand

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53274 metric tons
of carbon dioxide
collected



€ 121400 saved

THE INNOVATOR



Apithep has over 5 years of experience in the tech industry, having founded three startups previously. He is deeply passionate about using technology to address climate issues. An ex-KBTG Data Engineer and former Software Engineer at a German startup named zoScoops, Apithep is currently the founder and Chief Executive Officer of OmegaAI, his own startup.

UNIQUENESS

Groundshift stands out by combining AI-powered carbon accounting with personalised action plans tailored to each business's operations. Unlike generic tools, it collects data once and adapts it for multiple frameworks, all while keeping everything in-house—no external consultants needed. It's sustainability made simple, practical, and entirely customisable for any organisation. Groundshift is an application that harnesses artificial intelligence to provide users with easy onboarding, assessment, and reduction of carbon footprints for organisations, even without prior environmental knowledge.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Groundshift is poised to revolutionise carbon management with its next phase of innovation. By 2025, we aim to roll out the robust Reduction AI, delivering precise, actionable insights that will enable businesses to achieve measurable carbon footprint reductions. In 2026, our fully automated Reasoning AI will analyse environmental feasibility with unmatched accuracy, reducing over 50,000 tCO₂e globally. Looking ahead to 2027, Groundshift will introduce its own Standard & Credit Ranking system.”

IMPACT

Groundshift has helped collect over 53,274 tCO₂e, saving €121,400, while empowering organisations with AI-driven tools for carbon reduction and sustainability compliance.

SDGs Targeted



CHINA

HAPPY POWER

PLAYGROUND FOR THE FUTURE

One summer, in the heart of an urban village, we noticed that the children had little to play with. Inspired by their creativity, we co-designed and built a playground together—modular, colourful, and full of life. It quickly became the community’s favourite gathering spot, a space where laughter echoed and imaginations soared.

Then, a typhoon struck. The storm left the village in darkness, with power outages lasting for days. Amid the chaos, we observed something remarkable: the playground equipment, powered by the children’s endless energy—jumping, climbing, spinning—was generating electricity. What started as a simple playground became a beacon of hope.

This spark of discovery led to the birth of Happy Power, where play and energy converge.

Innovator

BECCA LIU
China

 www.museum.care/room/made-differently/playground-without-walls/



**500+ children
& families**
benefitted



Features

**Equipment
lasting 15 years**

THE INNOVATOR

Becca is the founder and CEO of Happy Power, with a background in international economics, trade, and participatory arts. She excels at creating impactful, community-driven projects that align business with social good, focusing on building sustainable business models. Through energy-generating playgrounds, Happy Power empowers local communities by creating multifunctional public spaces that address real-world issues, combining clean energy production with community engagement.



UNIQUENESS

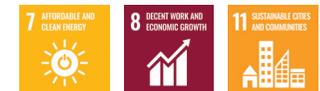
Our innovation transforms playgrounds into energy hubs, converting play into clean, renewable energy. Unlike traditional energy solutions, it integrates sustainability with fun, empowering communities through co-designed spaces that generate power, foster collaboration, and address real-world challenges—creating a scalable model for clean energy and community engagement.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Our first Happy Power playground is fully operational, serving over 5,000 individuals and providing emergency power to more than 300 families during a typhoon. Three additional playgrounds are under development: two focused on energy generation for community use and one designed to support traditional salt production through play-based activities. Together, these new playgrounds are expected to serve over 200,000 people annually. Next, we plan to integrate Happy Power with biotechnology to purify soil, air, and water, expanding the environmental impact of our innovation.

SDGs Targeted



INDONESIA

LERAK

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND BLUE CARBONOMY POWERED BY ANCIENT ASIAN WISDOM

At 16, Arfiana Maulina discovered the rare Lerak fruit while walking home from school, passing by wastewater flowing through the streets. What seemed like a simple soapnut turned out to hold the key to Indonesia's environmental crisis. She soon realised that Lerak's potential extended far beyond natural cleansing; it could restore soil, protect marine life, contribute to the blue economy and blue carbon, and even offer a safer, natural detergent for mothers to protect their babies. This forgotten fruit became her mission. Years later, WateryNation blossomed into a foundation, and now, Alira Alura is born—not just as a brand, but as a movement, bringing Lerak back to the people, empowering farmers, and redefining sustainability in Indonesia.

Innovator

**ARFIANA MAULINA
FATIMAH**
Indonesia

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Recognized as a Max Thabiso Edkins Climate Ambassador (2025),

WEF Global Shaper (2024).
Finalist A Better World Prize Festival by Campaign #ForChange

Awardee of Ruang Merdeka Inspirasi by XL Future Leaders & REAKSI
“Top 15 Generation Hope Goals, and many more.”

THE INNOVATOR



Alira Alura revolutionises eco-friendly consumer goods by using Lerak (soapnut) as a natural, multi-functional ingredient for biodegradable detergents, fertilizers, and personal care products. By integrating a circular economy, refillable packaging, and direct farmer partnerships, we create a sustainable, impact-driven business model that regenerates ecosystems and empowers marginalised communities.

UNIQUENESS

Alira Alura by WateryNation has launched Lerak-based eco-products and built a community of early adopters. Our products, from detergents to bio-pesticides, are being tested for scalability, and we're collaborating with NGOs and research institutions. Next, we aim to scale production through farmer cooperatives, expand distribution via eco-conscious retailers, and establish refill stations to reduce plastic waste



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SDGs Targeted



MALAYSIA

MENTAL HEALTH STETHOSCOPE

It all started during my postgraduate studies at the University of Malaya, a time when I struggled with anxiety disorder. I felt trapped—unable to talk to anyone, avoiding friends, and even denying the severity of my condition. Accessing mental health care felt overwhelming and inaccessible, and I realised how many others might feel the same. This personal experience became the turning point for my innovation. I was inspired to create a solution that would make mental health detection and care more accessible, especially for those who, like me, find it difficult to reach out. My goal is to ensure no one feels alone in their struggle and to provide a tool that offers early detection, support, and hope for better mental health.

Innovator

WONG WHUI DHONG

Malaysia

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THE INNOVATOR

I am a postgraduate student specializing in solar cell research and a proud recipient of Malaysia's King Scholar award. With a strong passion for innovative solutions to global challenges, I was inspired by personal experiences with anxiety to develop the "mental health stethoscope," a low-cost, easy-to-use tool designed to make mental health detection simple and accessible for all.



UNIQUENESS

My innovation, a "mental health stethoscope," is a simple, low-cost tool like a temperature probe, designed for easy, non-invasive mental health symptoms detection. Paired with an integrated app, it offers real-time analysis and personalised insights, making mental health care more accessible, affordable, and user-friendly, especially for underserved populations.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Our innovation is currently in the conceptual stage, where we are refining the core idea and exploring its potential impact. The next step for my innovation is to develop a functional prototype of the "mental health stethoscope" and validate its effectiveness through user testing in collaboration with mental health professionals.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

MY BODY, MY RIGHTS

My Body, My Rights has always focused on working on Adolescent and Youth-centered Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice (AYSRHR). They started with a menstrual literacy-based programme. As they progressed through their journey, ground reality was enough to push them to think of a more holistic approach that looked at the components of AYSRHR through a comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) lens. They planned to deliver knowledge sessions to adolescents and youth while also building the capacities of all stakeholders, including adults who engage with adolescents and youth. Thus, they took matters into their own hands. Along with creating curriculum, they also started developing comics and other resources in Bengali.

Innovator

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1,450

adolescents, youth, and
stakeholders reached

THE INNOVATOR

Sanjina Gupta is a sexual and reproductive health rights consultant, trained menstrual health facilitator, and sexuality educator. She has been working in the thematic area of health and education for close to 8 years. She has been associated with various not-for-profit and research-based organisations and has worked extensively in rural Bengal, Kolkata, Bihar, Mumbai, and Maharashtra. Sanjina specialises in gender and sexuality. She is a Changeloomer with Pravah, a Changemaker with ARROW, and Global Shaper with the World Economic Forum from Kolkata. As a feminist, she aspires to create safe spaces and enable adolescents and young people to access their rights regarding their sexual and reproductive health.



UNIQUENESS

My Body, My Rights is a scientific, feminist, inclusive, pleasure-affirmative, rights-based, and curriculum-based CSE program that makes CSE accessible to all adolescents and young people. The innovation shares accurate and appropriate knowledge for adolescents and youth (11–25 years old) on their bodies and sexual and reproductive health, leading to improved exercise of their sexual and reproductive rights by service providers.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The programme is still ongoing as Rangin Khidki reaches out to more and more adolescents, young people, parents, and teachers with the programme. By February 2024, they had reached out to over 1,450 individuals.

THE NEXT STEPS

- Scaling programmes across multiple contexts.
- Translate current resources into multiple languages, contexts, and realities to reach everyone.
- Exploring ways to digitise the content, exploring ways to bring in tech-based innovations to ensure its outreach.
- Want to work to convince the government and foresee a future where content and expertise span all government interventions, schools, programmes, and other educational institutions.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

MY LIFE, MERE FAISLE (MY LIFE, MY DECISIONS)

India ranked 135 in the UNDP HDI report (2014). Ending Child, Early, and Forced Marriage became crucial to the quality of life of youth; our largest demographic. Imagine an India where young people feel empowered and have access to safe, empowering spaces to thrive and enhance their ability to lead their lives with quality. Thus “My Life, Mere Faisle” (My Life My Decisions) was conceptualized as a journey to empower young people, especially girls, to exercise their agency, make informed life decisions and lead action to influence change around gender norms and narratives within their communities.

Innovator

PRAVAH
India

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- 5500 young leaders have been capacitated Directly reaching 40000+ youth.
- Created a supportive ecosystem of over 350 partners and allies
- Increased ability to negotiate and make decisions about their career (91%), mobility (81%), choice of their own partners (54%) and the age of marriage (71%)
- Increased awareness on GBV, CEFM and SRHR
- 68% of participants designed and led localized action projects to address the issues like menstrual hygiene management, dowry, body image, masculinities, gender expression etc.
- Participants influenced the narrative shift among 7 lakh people through online and on-ground engagement using creative mediums of campaign and storytelling.

THE INNOVATOR

Pravah has been committed to nurturing the leadership capacities of young people for self and social change since 1993. The organisation works extensively with youth to prevent social conflicts and inequalities by developing social responsibility and personal leadership through psychosocial interventions, aiming to transform communities for a long-term, sustainable mindset shift.

Over the past 30 years, Pravah has built adolescent and youth leadership across India, strengthened the capacities of youth workers to engage with young people more meaningfully, facilitated the journeys of youth-led organisations to deliver impactful programmes, and provided platforms for youth to take positive social action in their communities.

UNIQUENESS

MLMF focuses on a preventive approach to addressing gender inequality – including ECFM, SRHR, and GBV – through a youth-centric lens. By viewing youth as equal stakeholders, MLMF co-creates empowering spaces for dialogue and equips them to become value-based leaders who influence mindset shifts within their communities. These leaders drive social action projects, fostering meaningful impact.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

MLMF is currently focuses on deepening our existing community engagement and extending support to the alumni of the programme especially women leaders to emerge as role models in their communities. We aim to continue providing opportunities that nurtures their leadership, facilitates peer learning and support, and equip them with the necessary skills to drive social impact and enable their leadership journeys as young changemakers. Through ongoing mentorship and collaboration, we are building a sustainable network of young leaders who can inspire and support more young people.

We aim to deepen the impact of MLMF by scaling the intervention, keeping youth at the centre. We plan to strengthen partnerships and funding to ensure sustainability of the innovation.

SDGs Targeted



INDONESIA

PERISAI BOARD GAME

AN INTERACTIVE
MEDIA FOR COMPREHENSIVE
SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR
CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

Starting from my concern about the numerous issues faced by children and adolescents in Indonesia due to the lack of proper sexuality and reproductive health education, I wanted to create an innovation related to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE). Therefore, I initiated a board game as a learning medium for CSE, targeting school children, especially those aged 10–12. After the initial design process with the team, the board game prototype was tested on a Quran study group at a mosque in Malang City. It is hoped that as this innovation continues to be developed and integrated into the CSE curriculum in schools.

Innovator

**BELVA AULIA PUTRI
AYU REHARDINI**

Indonesia

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THE INNOVATOR

Belva Aulia Putri Ayu Rehardini, a 21-year-old medical student from Indonesia, is passionate about advocating for child rights, adolescent health, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Concerned about the lack of proper sexuality education, she initiated the Perisai Board Game: “Adventures in Staying Healthy, Safe, and Happy”, an engaging tool for teaching comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) to children aged 10–12 in school. Through this innovation, Belva aims to empower children to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. She hopes her efforts will contribute to shaping Indonesia’s Golden Generation 2045—healthy, knowledgeable, and responsible future leaders.



UNIQUENESS

The PERISAI board game is an interactive and engaging educational tool for CSE designed for children, ensuring that the learning process remains enjoyable and not boring.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Currently, this innovation is being developed based on the shortcomings identified during trial runs and the feedback received. It is also in the process of being registered for intellectual property rights (HAKI) in Indonesia and will be piloted in several elementary schools in Malang City. Once this innovation can be tested on a larger scale in schools, it will be implemented as part of a mini social project.

IMPACT

This innovation has been tested on approximately 30 children aged 6–13 at TPQ Masjid Rois Dahlan in Malang City. Through this trial, the children began to understand concepts such as gender, building healthy relationships with others, and learning about personal hygiene and a healthy lifestyle.

SDGs Targeted



BANGLADESH

PROBEEN

We are four siblings, but none of us lives with our parents. We're all in different cities for work or study, and while we're pursuing our paths, we know our parents miss us. We worry about their loneliness, and the guilt of this made me realise we need to do something for them.

Note: The innovation is still in its planning phase.

Innovator

DR. SABRINA MONSUR

Bangladesh



PaksTseAS

THE INNOVATOR

Sabrina is a doctor, instructor, medical writer, and social worker with nearly five years of experience. She has led numerous student organisations and actively participated in events focusing on health, education, human rights, the environment, and sustainable development goals. For her contributions, she received the Inspiring Women Volunteer Award 2021 by UNV Bangladesh and Plan International, and the National Volunteers Award 2023 by VSO. Her childhood dream was to serve the nation and dedicate her life to humanity, a dream she is currently fulfilling.



UNIQUENESS

According to the 2022 Population and Housing Census, over 15.3 million Bangladeshis are aged 60 or above, making up 9.28 percent of the total population. While most people focus on supporting the younger or working generations, my innovation specifically addresses the needs of elderly citizens, who are often the most neglected.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

This project, currently in its conceptual stage, aims to incorporate pre-existing features, such as alarm reminders, Google location sharing, and a talking assistant, which Sabrina considers to be feasible. In addition, research has been conducted into information desks, lifestyle suggestions, and health problem solutions, drawing on their background in evidence-based medical writing.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

PROJECT FIRST STEP

Khateeja is a 16-year-old girl who lives in the Chidiyapur forest range with her husband and her 1.5-year-old daughter. Her family is insisting on having another child, for which she has been trying. This is causing her health issues related to reproductive health. There are many like Khateeja who inspired Tanya to educate people living in and around the forest areas about SRHR. Also, once, Tanya was kicked out of a hamlet by a man for talking to his wife about menstruation and giving her a packet of sanitary pads. That very day Tanya decided to amplify the campaigning with technology.

Innovator

TANYA KHERA

Project First Step
India

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500 females

impacted with MHM/SRHR -
Workshops & Trainings



2000 students

reached across schools, Madrasa,
learning spaces

THE INNOVATOR

Born and raised in rural Uttarakhand's Udham Singh Nagar District, Tanya carries the ethos of hard work and community strength instilled by her agrarian upbringing. Her journey spans from volunteering in Delhi's slums to working with women in Rajasthan's rural heartlands, focusing on education, health, and empowerment. With a Political Science (Honours) degree from the University of Delhi and a Masters in Social Work, Tanya champions the cause of sustainable change, believing in education as society's cornerstone. Tanya's goal is to empower women and adolescent girls, fostering independence and catalysing social transformation.



books related to menstruation, allowing them to learn, explore, reflect, and understand. Additionally, the team shares resources with various other organizations in India that work in remote areas. The future plans include reaching out to more communities through seminars, collectives, and engagement with the state government. The team has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State government to provide training for Anganwadi workers in health and education.

UNIQUENESS

The innovation is unique because it caters to people living in remote geographies with no access to information about their basic needs. The innovation is tech-oriented and straightforward for everyone to access. It has no gender barriers while it also maintains the privacy of the individual.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The team has successfully conducted sessions in government schools. Through the project, our target group of children have received doodling

IMPACT

- 10 Books - Women stories, MHM, Vocabulary CTMs/TLMs
- 70-75% women now use sanitary pads/menstrual cups
- MHM/SRHR Training conducted in the government schools
- 250+ Youth with 75% females engaged FLY QUEST Collective
- Behaviour change "Elderly women acknowledge need and importance of deliveries in the hospitals"

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

QUEERCLUSIVE

Sharin migrated to Bhopal, a Tier 2 city in India, around the same time they joined the ARROW Changemakers Programme, where they were asked to identify the community they wanted to work with. As they adjusted to a new city, they began to have conversations with other queer and trans colleagues, where they talked about a variety of structural and interpersonal stressors and also shared instances that illustrated the transformative power of supportive workplace cultures. Moreover, they found out how data shows that discrimination against queer and trans individuals persists globally, hindering their professional growth. With their lived experience and the Changemakers Programme as a catalyst, they resolved to cultivate a workplace that is safe, affirming, and safeguards the needs of queer and trans employees.

Innovator

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The need assessment showed
69% positive attitudes
towards LGBTQIA+
individuals among the 18
surveyed employees.

THE INNOVATOR

Sharin D'Souza (they/them) is a psychologist, early-career researcher, and queer non-binary person working as an Assistant Research Coordinator at iHEAR Sangath. They work on health access and equity among queer, trans, and disability communities.



UNIQUENESS

Queerclusive stands out by taking a participatory, intersectional and structural approach to bridging psychosocial support for queer and trans employees with proactive workplace cultural change. It uniquely combines access to counselling services, workplace sensitisation, and policy advocacy, emphasising a holistic approach to promoting inclusivity and addressing the specific stressors faced by LGBTQIA+ individuals in their workplace.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Queerclusive, hosted at iHEAR Sangath Bhopal, has laid a foundation with sensitisation sessions, anti-discrimination policies, and the development and sharing of resources. Next, it aims to enhance impact through refresher training, comprehensive induction materials, and expanding collaborations with NGOs and corporations.



Utilising the momentum of growing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, Queerclusive seeks to scale its framework, embedding affirming practices in workplaces beyond Sangath. Future steps include evaluation, improvement, and dissemination for sustainable change and advancing the well-being of LGBTQIA+ employees across diverse workplace settings.

IMPACTS

- Conducted nine sensitisation sessions on gender, sex, and sexuality, with an average of 115 and 57 employees attending in English and Hindi sessions, respectively, with support from the iHEAR team.
- Co-developed two sensitisation resources on 'Coming Out' and 'Pronouns' in English and Hindi and shared a list of queer-affirmative therapists with employees.
- Dr. Harikeerthan Raghuram led the development of the Sangath anti-discrimination policies, including provisions like gender-affirming leaves and gender-neutral bathrooms.

SDGs Targeted



INDONESIA

RAGA

AN INNOVATIVE LEARNING MEDIA ON BOUNDARIES AND CONSENT FOR YOUTH WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Youth with disabilities are highly susceptible to sexual violence. On one hand, they often became victims of sexual abuse as a result of their situation and helplessness (Aziz, 2014). On the other hand, they may have limited knowledge on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) (Tsuda, Hartini, Hapsari, & Takada, 2017; Lestyoningsih, 2018). Intellectually disabled youth require tailored learning approaches and illustrative media, which are lacking. Thus, RAGA was born.

RAGA was piloted in a special school with 8 students aged 12–17 participating. There was an **80% increase** in their understanding of boundaries.

Innovator

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THE INNOVATOR

Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia (YGSI), formerly known as Rutgers Indonesia, is a non-profit organisation working on two major issues, namely, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender-based and sexual violence. The foundation begins a new chapter as Yayasan Gemilang Sehat Indonesia, with the determination to continue what they have been working towards for the past 25 years. They will continue to be committed to advocating and fighting for the two issues, with a special focus on young people, including minority groups and people with disabilities, ensuring every individual has full and non-discriminatory access to their rights.



UNIQUENESS

RAGA presents a pioneering approach to SRH education for youth with intellectual disabilities. Unlike traditional methods, it uses interactive media to teach boundaries and consent, empowering individuals to navigate relationships and personal safety effectively. This innovative initiative fills a critical gap in existing educational resources.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Currently, RAGA is undergoing development and extensive testing to ensure its effectiveness. The next phase involves replicating the media



and transforming it into a digital format. This adaptation will enhance accessibility and scalability, allowing for widespread dissemination and utilisation. With this transition, we aim to reach a larger audience of youth with intellectual disabilities.

IMPACT

RAGA was piloted in a special school with 8 students aged 12–17 participating. They liked the idea and seemed enthusiastic to participate in the learning sessions. At the end, there was an 80% increase in their understanding of boundaries.

SDGs Targeted



RE:H2

ENERGY, CARBON AND SUSTAINABILITY

Reclimate began by pioneering artisanal biochar, enabling small farmers to convert agricultural waste into carbon credits. This initiative resulted in Malaysia's first-ever artisanal biochar carbon credits, proving that smallholders could access carbon markets.

By leveraging agricultural waste, Reclimate is developing a low-cost, carbon-negative hydrogen solution. Its innovative gasification process extracts green hydrogen while producing biochar, which sequesters carbon, significantly reducing the cost per tonne of CO² removal. The biochar, when applied to soil, also contributes to strengthening food security.

Innovator

RECLIMATE

Malaysia

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1000+ Tonnes
Carbon Dioxide
Removed



50000+ USD
carbon revenue
generated for farmers

THE INNOVATOR

Reclimate is a climate tech company dedicated to empowering farming communities to drive climate action. By transforming waste into valuable agricultural inputs and scaling carbon removals, Reclimate leverages its proprietary digital platform to democratize access to carbon markets.



UNIQUENESS

Reclimate transforms agricultural waste into low-cost, carbon-negative hydrogen, reducing both energy costs and carbon removal expenses. The process removes carbon dioxide while producing clean fuel, making it more efficient than conventional hydrogen production.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Reclimate's artisanal biochar projects have been successfully launched in Malaysia and are now scaling across Laos, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka, empowering farmers to turn agricultural waste into carbon credits and sustainable soil solutions.

Building on this success, the company is now in the R&D and prototyping phase of our biomass-to-hydrogen innovation. Their focus is on developing a cost-effective, carbon-negative gasification system that extracts green hydrogen while producing biochar for carbon removal.

FUTURE PLANS

Reclimate is scaling its artisanal biochar projects across Southeast Asia, enabling farmers to generate carbon credits and improve soil health. Simultaneously, the company is developing biomass-to-hydrogen technology, with plans to convert select artisanal sites into hydrogen production hubs. The next steps include piloting hydrogen production, optimizing efficiency, and integrating carbon credits to reduce costs.

IMPACT

Carbon Dioxide Removed: >1000 Tonnes

GHG Emissions Reduced: >4000 Tonnes

Cost Savings contributed to smallholder farmers: > \$250,000

Carbon Revenue generated for farmers: >\$50000

Number of Carbon credits generated: >500

> 1000 acres of agricultural soil restored with soil amendment

> 1000 tonnes of wastes diverted away from open burning

SDGs Targeted



BANGLADESH

RECYCLE EARTH

In the city Rajshahi, a group of passionate individuals came together. Among them were Sandip, a determined environmentalist, and Tanjila, a creative artist. Their meeting at a local tea stall and a question of “What if we turned this trash into something beautiful?” created Recycle Earth. Phase 1 involved a survey. The extent of the problem became clear—the Padma River suffered under the weight of plastic debris. Phase 2, saw them collecting plastic waste. Tanjila transformed discarded bottles into vases. In Phase 3, school children joined the cause. With paintbrushes, they designed vibrant dustbins. Even politicians took notice.

Innovator

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600

enthusiastic climate advocates mobilised



Removed **200 kg**

of plastic waste from streets, riversides, and critical areas in Rajshahi



500

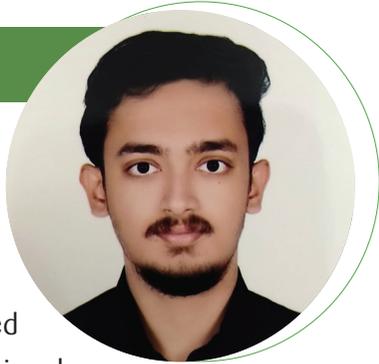
community residents engaged, spreading knowledge about responsible waste management.



Collaboration with local artisans to upcycle upcycled **300** plastic bottles into vases

THE INNOVATOR

At 22, Sandip is not just a computer science whiz from BRAC University; he's an advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals. His passion for global progress birthed Project Recycle Earth. As the National Coordinator of Y-PEER Bangladesh, he's at the forefront of educating youth on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR). Sandip's commitment doesn't end there—he's also the driving force behind the 'Me for Myself' campaign, championing mental health and well-being.



UNIQUENESS

Project Recycle Earth stands out by creatively merging community-driven waste management with artistic upcycling, transforming Rajshahi's plastic menace into a blossoming movement of environmental and sustainable artistry, all while promoting local partnerships and empowering youth to be changemakers in ecological conservation.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The current status of Project Recycle Earth is one of momentum and action. After being featured at the APFSD Youth Forum 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, Sandip and his team returned with renewed energy. The team



has expanded the project to Dhaka, Bangladesh. They conducted a lake cleaning drive in Gulshan, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Here is what is coming for this project up ahead:

- Empowering students to become environmental champions.
- Equipping residents with waste management skills and knowledge.
- Training community leaders to conduct awareness campaigns and advocate for responsible waste management practices.
- Supporting local artisans to transform waste into beautiful, sustainable products.

SDGs Targeted



THAILAND

REGIONAL PEER EDUCATION ACADEMY

In 2021, the Regional Peer Education Academy was initiated with the support from Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center and its supporting partners that presents an essential opportunity to bridge the knowledge gap among young individuals in the Asia Pacific region regarding the ICPD agenda, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and Mental Health. Currently, the academy's impact rippled across the region with five academies spanning over 20 countries, with more than 480 participants. This academy extends beyond information dissemination; it seeks to inform, and empower young leaders to drive positive change.

Innovator

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5 Academies



20 Countries



480 Participants

THE INNOVATOR

In 2021, the Regional Peer Education Academy was launched with support from Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center and its partners, aiming to bridge knowledge gaps among young individuals in the Asia Pacific region. As years passed, the academy's impact spread across the region, empowering countless youths. With five academies completed, spanning over 20 countries and involving over 480 participants, its influence was undeniable. Beyond mere information dissemination, the academy strives to cultivate informed, empowered leaders capable of effecting positive change in their communities. Through weekly interactive workshops and collaborations with experienced organisations, it remains dedicated to fostering sustainable impact and nurturing future leaders.



UNIQUENESS

The uniqueness of this program is the peer-to-peer approach where both the organisers, and the facilitators are young individuals. The graduated members from each academy become eligible to facilitate further events as well.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Y-PEER AP is planning to continue the academy year but with better monitoring and evaluation strategies to assess the performance and overall conduction of the academies. After its completion, Y-PEER AP aims to engage the participants more effectively and efficiently in the future.

IMPACT

Since 2021, Y-PEER AP has completed five academies, spanning over 20 countries and involving over 480 participants.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

REVOLUTIONIZING RURAL HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION & MENTAL WELL-BEING IN ASIA

Growing up in India, I witnessed firsthand the glaring disparities in healthcare, education, and mental health services in rural and underserved communities. Despite the resilience of these communities, the lack of access to quality medical care, educational guidance, and mental health awareness continued to leave millions behind.

Determined to create a scalable, lasting impact, I initiated grassroots interventions, conducting free medical camps, educating youth, and assessing critical gaps in rural hospitals. This work expanded beyond India, reaching Nepal, Sri Lanka, and now Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

With SyntHeim, we are now building AI-driven, sustainable, and scalable solutions that empower youth, improve access to healthcare, and transform education.

Innovator

**DR. ANIRUDH
JANAGAM**

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transformed
lives of over

500,000
individuals

1,500
youthleaders
trained

THE INNOVATOR

Dr. Anirudh Janagam is a healthcare innovator, educator, and climate advocate committed to transforming rural healthcare, education, and mental health accessibility. As the Founder and CEO of SyntHeim, he has led high-impact interventions across more than 300 villages in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, with planned expansions into Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Sub-Saharan Africa.



UNIQUENESS

This initiative uniquely combines grassroots interventions with future-ready AI-driven solutions. Unlike traditional models, it is: Scalable & Sustainable, Youth-Led & Community-Driven, and Multi-Sectoral.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

We are expanding into Bangladesh, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines, and Sub-Saharan Africa (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania). Our AI-driven health literacy and telemedicine initiatives are in development, alongside the SyntHeim Companion AI for rural healthcare and education. By 2030, we aim to reach 20 million people, train 10,000 youth health ambassadors, and reduce healthcare and mental health disparities by 50%.

IMPACT

This initiative has transformed the lives of over 500,000 individuals, training 1,500 youth leaders and improving health literacy by 60 percent. This scalable model integrates community-driven healthcare, education, and technology to create lasting impact.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

SAFE LOVE

In the past 5 years, internet users in India have doubled, with nearly two-thirds aged 20-39. Young, single Indians are second-largest market for dating apps globally. However, knowledge of STIs, RTIs, and contraceptives among young Indians, especially women, is low.

Safe Love was created to address this by using dating apps as a platform for large-scale advocacy and information-sharing. Through Safe Love, we wanted to offer accurate and complete non-judgmental, non-discriminatory, and pleasure-affirming Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) awareness. To make this happen, C3 partnered with TrulyMadly, an Indian dating app with over 9 million subscribers and 500,000 active monthly users, reaching both urban and semi-urban audiences. And this was truly, madly, safely, a perfect match!

Innovator

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IN 18 MONTHS

28,954 times
stickers were used in chat for
making sex talks fun and safe

103,112 hits
on Safe Love Sidebar, redirecting
to the microsite

Compatibility quizzes accessed
44,038 times to encourage
open conversations among users

226,416 times
Sponsored Profiles were
clicked for detailed information
on safer sex practices

6,00,528 times
Microsite was viewed for
an array of in-depth articles

THE INNOVATOR

Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3) is an organization committed to ensuring no woman or girl in India is denied her basic rights. C3 equips, mobilizes, educates, and empowers women and girls to achieve gender equality, offering unwavering support at every step of the way. They partner with various stakeholders, including local health institutions, schools, communities, and systems at both the state and national level. Since 1989, C3 has been designing and implementing interventions that work with existing systems to achieve widespread impact.



UNIQUENESS

Safe Love is a pioneer in bringing SRHR awareness to dating app spaces in India, standing as a strong example of a multi-sectoral partnership. Additionally, it was also successful in reaching young people in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The content, created by young people, for young people, resonated with their language and experiences.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The positive response to Safe Love has led TrulyMadly to take ownership of the initiative, integrating Safe Love content on its platform with a new brand language. This has ensured its sustainability by reaching new



cohorts of young people. C3 acts as a technical partner on content and messaging, while TrulyMadly proactively promotes Safe Love to their app users.

In terms of the future, C3's vision is ambitious yet simple: all major dating apps and online platforms frequented by young people should provide information on SRHR and safe sex. To achieve this, C3 is in the process of leveraging new platforms to reach young people in new spaces.

SDGs Targeted



MONGOLIA

STRONG GIRLS – STRONG NATION

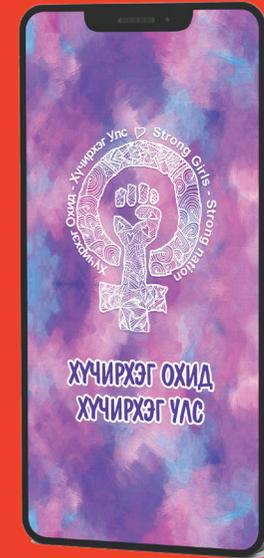
Strong Girls – Strong Nation is an app born from a collaborative effort involving over 30 young girls and women under 30. Through 20 consultative meetings, they shaped every aspect of the app - from ideas to design and content. Their diverse perspectives and creativity drove the development process, ensuring the final product truly represents and empowers them – a mobile application dedicated to preventing sexual violence.

Innovator

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20,000
downloads



7000
young minds trained

THE INNOVATOR

Beautiful Hearts Against Sexual Violence (BH) NGO is a women-led organisation committed to ending gender-based violence in Mongolia. Through advocacy, psychosocial service, awareness-raising, and capacity-building, BH empowers survivors and communities. One of its impactful initiatives is a mobile app preventing sexual violence, offering resources and education to protect children and promote healthy relationships. BH provides trauma-informed psychosocial support, advocates for gender-equitable policies, and builds the capacity of professionals working with survivors. With a focus on prevention, BH strives to create a safer and more equitable society for all.



UNIQUENESS

The innovation, the first of its kind in Mongolia, is a mobile application dedicated to preventing sexual violence. Tailored quizzes cater to children aged 3 to 18, addressing sensitive topics like incest, sexual assault, harassment, and violence in homes, public spaces, schools, and workplaces, making them unique and indispensable.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Currently, the app has reached a significant milestone of almost 20,000 downloads. It continues to make a tangible impact on the safety and well-being of girls and women. Moving forward, BH aims to enhance the app's features and expand its reach through strategic collaborations with organisations and advocacy groups. The goal is to further scale the initiative regionally, empowering more individuals and communities to prevent sexual violence and promote gender equality.

“ *With nearly 20,000 downloads, it strengthens communities' ability to protect children and promote healthy relationships.* ”

SDGs Targeted



BANGLADESH

THE EARTH

The Earth initiated the Climate Camp, drawing inspiration from the UN Decade of Generation initiative. The Camp enables individuals worldwide to submit climate action plans and provides comprehensive support materials upon registration, facilitating successful plan implementation. Furthermore, the organisation also has a Climate Entrepreneurs programme to harness innovative solutions, seek collaboration, and provide avenues for funding and support. By establishing the National Youth Platform—Youth for CARE as well, The Earth aims to empower the youth of Saint Martin Island, focusing on issues of climate resilience, plastic recycling, and promoting a circular economy to safeguard its unique ecosystem and biodiversity.

Innovator

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Climate Camps drew

13451 participants

nationwide, enhancing grassroots environmental awareness, fostering global youth communication, and promoting green innovation.

THE INNOVATOR

Shakila Sattar is a social entrepreneur and co-founder of The Earth Society, a youth-led non-profit organisation, and the secretariat of Climate Parliament Bangladesh. With a strong focus on capacity building for youth, under her leadership, The Earth Society has expanded its impact by working on Climate Change and Climate entrepreneurship development in Bangladesh, collaborating with a network of 35 community partners nationwide. This has resulted in the creation of a powerful ecosystem of change agents.



and sharing best practices for adaptation. Engaging over 30,000 youths, hosting 136 Climate Camps, and training 450 individuals, our focus is on local and global collaboration. Furthermore, we've facilitated 10 youth-led organisations in green businesses, conducted awareness campaigns in 23 universities, and initiated Plastic-free Saint Martin projects to preserve biodiversity. Our upcoming innovation involves educating school children through climate literacy programmes and environmental activities, aiming to install sustainable livelihood strategies from a young age.

UNIQUENESS

For the National Youth Platform—Youth for CARE—the Earth has established a community-based platform for youth, focusing on capacity building, awareness building, policy advocacy, mentorship for climate entrepreneurs, and biodiversity protection in Saint Martin Island. This is done through IoT-based plastic audits, prioritising tangible outcomes over quantity.

ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The Earth is fostering a community-level network of climate citizens in Bangladesh, uniting community-led initiatives and climate entrepreneurs,

IMPACT

The Youth for CARE platform facilitated training for 300 youths, achieving a significant 43% female participation rate and generating 68 community action plans. Initiatives like Plastic-Free Saint Martin not only spurred green business opportunities and waste management ecosystems but also heightened mass awareness, including the establishment of green tourist registration.

SDGs Targeted



THAILAND

THERMOCANE SHIELD

Thermocane Shield is a heat insulation material made from sugarcane waste. It aims to address the issue of agricultural burning, especially in Thailand, a country driven by agriculture. This burning significantly contributes to PM2.5 pollution. Recognising the additional challenge of the urban heat island effect that city dwellers face, this innovation integrates these two concerns under the principle of ‘turning waste into value.’ It also ensures that such waste is transformed into a product that meets the needs of the people.

Innovators

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Environmental Benefits

- Reduces waste by transforming sugarcane waste into a valuable insulation product.
- Lowers air pollution by decreasing the need for burning such waste, which releases harmful PM2.5 particles.
- Represents a renewable resource.

Target Benefits

- Provides heat mitigation, leading to cooler buildings and potentially reducing heat-related illnesses.
- Offers cost-effective insulation compared to traditional materials.



THE INNOVATORS

With the world becoming warmer, YouthDee is committed to its efforts to cool it down for the well-being of others. There is nothing more crucial than addressing climate change directly. Through innovation, YouthDee will accelerate its pledge to make a difference and permanently instill sustainability in all forms of life. Opting for eco-friendly solutions will not just be a choice in the future; it will become imperative. As young innovators, the YouthDee team is dedicated to bringing forth innovative ideas that will continually enhance its product, thus contributing to a more sustainable future.

UNIQUENESS

Thermocane Shield has low thermal conductivity, affordability, and rubber-enhanced durability. It stands out as a superior solution to today's heat-related challenges, working better than current insulators like fibreglass and PE foam.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

The insulation is currently in the early stages of development. YouthDee has conducted tests on the first prototype to assess its thermal capabilities. To guarantee its widespread adoption, the team is actively gathering feedback from contractors, housing estates, and prospective customers to improve the design. In addition, it is in partnership with Bangkok's Environmental Department to ensure sustainable production practices. Moving forward, research into its competitors will guide the strategic positioning and the development of its business models. YouthDee's marketing efforts will target builders and homeowners who are seeking sustainable and cost-effective insulation solutions.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

UDAAN

Recognising adolescence as a foundational, habit-forming age, in 2006, Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3) launched Udaan as a comprehensive in-school adolescent health program in Jharkhand, India. Udaan was born out of the insight that school systems and teachers can play a key role in bolstering adolescent health and well-being, confidence, critical thinking, and negotiation skills.

Hence, Udaan leveraged teacher-delivered, age-appropriate curricula for young people on adolescence and growing up, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and life skills. It was implemented at-scale across Jharkhand, through the Jharkhand Council for Education, Research and Training, under the State's Department of School Education.

Innovator

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30,109 teachers trained



14,978 school Principals
oriented



Over 1.3 million
young people equipped to lead
healthier, confident lives

THE INNOVATOR

Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3) is an organization committed to ensuring no woman or girl in India is denied her basic rights. C3 equips, mobilizes, educates, and empowers women and girls to achieve gender equality, offering unwavering support at every step of the way. They partner with various stakeholders, including local health institutions, schools, communities, and systems at both the state and national level. Since 1989, C3 has been designing and implementing interventions that work with existing systems to achieve widespread impact.



UNIQUENESS

Udaan has introduced new approaches and best practices to accelerate action and develop creative strategies for the overall health and development of adolescents. Udaan pioneered conversations around sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and life skills in classrooms, ensuring that these conversations become integrated into the State education curriculum. Student-led clubs were also a key innovation as they furthered peer-to-peer conversations and support around the SRHR issues.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Despite stigmas and barriers around mainstream conversations on SRHR, Udaan's curriculum has been integrated into the State education system and secured buy-in from various state-level stakeholders. Udaan's incorporation into the education system, specifically in the teachers' training system, and subsequent integration into middle school textbooks, has embedded SRHR within the educational framework of the state.

Recognised as "Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare System " by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, in 2016, Udaan served as a blueprint for the national 'School Health and Wellness Program' launched in 2018 by the Government of India.

IMPACT

Udaan's implementation of age-appropriate and state-specific curricula, inter-departmental convergence, and sustainability has positioned it as one of the largest in-school life skills education programs in the country. Udaan adopted by 15000 government schools across 24 districts of Jharkhand, India

SDGs Targeted



PAKISTAN

WANG LAB OF INNOVATION (WALI)

Just after COVID-19, a group of young people from Ahmed Abad, a rural village in Balochistan, saw how boys and men could travel to the city or climb mountains to access the internet, but girls had no such opportunities. As schools shut down, students struggled to continue their education, but for girls, it became an even greater challenge due to cultural restrictions. Many were forced to drop out, losing access to learning entirely. Seeing this crisis, the youth envisioned a solution—a rural innovation lab where girls could safely access education and technology. This vision led to the creation of the WANG Lab of Innovation (WALI).

Innovator

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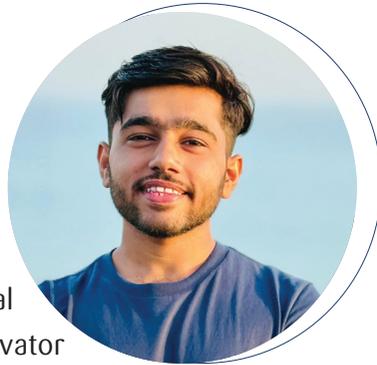
**240+ youth
& women**

trained in digital and
entrepreneurial skills

**50+
Balochi
designs**
commercialised

THE INNOVATOR

Abrar Ahmed is the Creative Director of Wang Lab of Innovation (WALI) and Co-founder of WANG Initiative for Rural Empowerment (WIRE). A social innovator from Balochistan, Pakistan, he works to bridge the digital divide in underserved communities. Through WALI, he provides free training in AI literacy, digital skills, and entrepreneurship, ensuring rural youth and women have access to technology. WIRE extends this mission by integrating traditional craftsmanship with modern e-commerce, creating sustainable livelihoods. His initiatives blend tradition and technology to empower communities and drive inclusive development.



UNIQUENESS

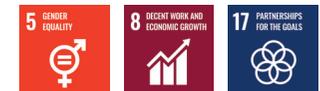
Our innovation blends cultural preservation with cutting-edge technology. Through solar-powered stitching units, women create traditional crafts, while their daughters learn AI-driven e-commerce at WALI to market globally. Unlike conventional initiatives, our Mother-Daughter Model transforms families holistically, combining economic empowerment, digital inclusion, and sustainability in underserved rural communities.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

WALI and WIRE are currently active in Ahmed Abad, Lasbela, and nearby villages, providing free training in digital literacy, AI education, and entrepreneurial skills to underserved communities. Over 240 youth and women have been trained, and solar-powered stitching units are generating sustainable incomes. Urdu AI, a key initiative of WALI, has reached 32 million people globally, spreading AI literacy. Local partnerships and the increasing demand for handcrafted products are helping scale operations. The innovation is now focused on expanding its reach to nearby districts while continuing to empower rural communities and preserve cultural heritage.

SDGs Targeted



INDIA

YOUNG INFLUX

Young Influx was born out of a realisation that young people possess immense potential to enact positive change in society, yet their efforts often go unnoticed or unacknowledged. The platform aims to bridge this gap by spotlighting young people who are making a difference and inspiring others to take action through their stories. Witnessing young people's capacity for social change, Young Influx further innovates through campaigns like '21 Days of Climate Consciousness' and 'Write For Change,' empowering youth to drive meaningful action with actionable tasks and fostering a global community where every voice is heard and valued.

Innovator

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60,000 website
page views



Features
65+ youth stories
and 50+ SDG blogs

THE INNOVATOR

Prakhar Agrawal, the founder of Young Influx, is committed to youth development, advancing climate action, and catalysing social change.

Drawing from his experience with impactful organisations like Pravah, and ComMutiny - The Youth Collective, and various fellowship programmes, he has enhanced his expertise in website creation, partnerships, content curation, community engagement, instructional design, and facilitation. Prakhar's hands-on approach includes identifying and interviewing inspiring young changemakers, leading innovative campaigns, and collaborating with stakeholders.



UNIQUENESS

Young Influx improved on youth engagement by utilising digital connectivity and facilitating global participation in various campaigns. It offers a dynamic platform for young changemakers to showcase their impactful work and share their unique perspectives on diverse social and environmental challenges. With its user-friendly website accessible across all devices, Young Influx fosters a global community dedicated to driving positive change for a better future.



ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS

Young Influx actively celebrates youth, amplifies their voices, and drives impactful change through innovative campaigns and collaborative initiatives. With over 60,000 page views on the website, a collection of 65+ stories of young people, and 50+ blogs dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals, it continues to inspire global action and ignite meaningful conversations about pressing social causes. Moving forward, Young Influx aims to expand its reach, strengthen partnerships, and launch new initiatives to address emerging social and environmental challenges, empower youth leaders worldwide, and catalyse positive change on a global scale.

IMPACT

Through initiatives like '21 Days of Climate Consciousness' and 'Write For Change,' it empowers youth to advocate for climate action and invites them to share their thoughts on social causes and SDGs, nurturing community collaboration and enhancing impact.

SDGs Targeted



YOUTH ACTIVIST LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In 2012, recognising the absence of platforms for young people to discuss their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and participate in decision-making processes, planning, designing, and implementing SRHR-related projects, YUWA launched an initiative called the Youth Activist Leadership Council (YALC). Comprising individuals aged 16-25 from diverse backgrounds, YALC is rooted in peer-to-peer engagement, grassroots mobilisation, and policy advocacy. It aims to empower youth to lead discussions on topics like comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and SRHR, advocating for their meaningful and inclusive participation.

- Different batches of YALCs collaborated to develop a CSE booklet, which has now received accreditation from the National Health Education Information and Communication Centre (NHEICC).
- Other policy briefs, advocacy briefs, and curriculum on CSE (Choices and Voices) furnished by YALC are instrumental in YUWA's journey.
- Owing to the continued advocacy efforts and realisations made at the local government level, a safe abortion service provider was recruited in a health institution where there was no skilled provider before.

Innovator

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200 young people
empowered as YALC

27K offline and
over 2 million online reach

THE INNOVATOR

Established in 2009, YUWA is a registered not-for-profit organisation, purely youth-run and youth-led, dedicated to promoting the meaningful and inclusive participation of young people through empowerment and advocacy. YUWA envisions a society where young people, as change agents, are valued as partners in decision-making at all levels. YUWA has been actively championing the cause of addressing the SRHR of young people through youth-led intersectional feminist movement building, focusing on tailored and inclusive CSE. We work to improve the situation and awareness on subjects like abortion, consent, family planning, STI prevention, gender identity, sexual orientation, menstrual hygiene, etc.



UNIQUENESS

Imagine a place where a 16-year-old person is given space to design the programme and provided with the resources to implement it. That's what YALC is for you. From agitating to learning, to interrogating the status quo, from reaching adolescents and young people to parents, teachers, guardians, and healthcare providers, from seeking accountability to support policymakers, YALC is more than just an initiative; it's a movement of young activists committed to breaking down barriers and creating a world where sexual and reproductive health is a priority for every young person.



Approximately 200 youth, aged 16–25, have engaged in YUWA's YALC to champion SRHR, ignite and sustain grassroots mobilisation, and lead policy advocacy for CSE. Initially rooted in Kathmandu, YALC has expanded its operations to six districts in Nepal. A standard curriculum on CSE is being facilitated by YALCs at different schools. They use Facebook and Instagram for digital advocacy, complementing their engagements on physical advocacy platforms. They also advocate with the local governments for the prioritisation of SRHR programmes and budget allocation. YUWA plans to extend the YALC to more districts of Nepal, focusing on rural areas and ensuring participation from diverse groups of young people.

SDGs Targeted



