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Bhutan Youth Development Fund

Youth Participation and Child Protection

Did You Know?

56% of Bhutan's population is below 25 years old, making children, adolescents and youth the largest age group 18.4 percent of children aged 5 to 14 years are engaged in child labour

Background

The Youth Participation & Child Protection program enhances youth participation by providing youth with opportunities and platforms to build leadership and life skills through capacity building, trainings and volunteerism. Under this program, we also provide our stakeholders with the necessary knowledge and capacity to uphold child rights and protection. The program caters to the needs of the children and youth under difficult circumstances by providing referral services, creating awareness, and advocating on important issues concerning children, youth, and the community.



Activities

1. Young Volunteers in Action (Y-VIA) Network
2. Training and Capacity Building
3. Advocacy and Forum Theatre
4. Golden Youth Award Camp
5. While (in) g Vacation Winter Program

Impact

- Over 5,000 youth and adolescents across Bhutan engaged as Young Volunteers in Action (Y-VIA), leading community development and environment projects across 11 districts
- Empowered over 2,000 adolescents and youth through various training programs, such as Passport to Success (life skills), Ethical Leadership, Learning to Live Together, Resilience Building, and Child Protection
- Hosted 8 national Golden Youth Award Camps to recognize and empower over 700 gifted youth
- Conducted over 25 forum theatre performances across Bhutan to advocate on issues concerning children, youth, and the community
- Convened Bhutan's National Action and Coordinating Group (NACG) against Violence against Women and Children
- Launched the first reintegration scholarship fund for youth in conflict with the law who wish to continue studies after leaving the Youth Development and Rehabilitation Center

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