

Learning Report

Youth for Policy Executive Committee Charts Ambitious Path for 2025

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The Youth for Policy (YfP) Executive Committee, in collaboration with the YfP Secretariat team, recently hosted a vibrant learning-sharing meeting to map out an ambitious vision for 2025. This strategic session provided an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments, identify key challenges, and lay the foundation for impactful initiatives to empower youth, strengthen community engagement, and foster meaningful collaboration with local authorities across Bangladesh.

The event featured insightful sessions led by IID CEO Syeed Ahamed, Youth for Policy Focal Sultana Mehjabin, Coordinator Probin Tripura, and other facilitators. Their guidance encouraged participants to brainstorm creative solutions and innovative

strategies to bolster the YfP network and address pressing societal issues effectively.

Through open dialogue and knowledge-sharing, the YfP Executive Committee identified actionable steps to improve organizational efficiency, enhance volunteer engagement, and implement transformative programs. The meeting underscored the importance of collaboration, leadership, and adaptability in overcoming challenges and driving change.

With a renewed focus and clear objectives, the committee concluded the session with an inspiring vision for 2025—an inclusive youth network prepared to lead innovative programs, tackle critical challenges, and impact communities across Bangladesh.



1. Key Learning Outcomes

1.1 Strategic Event Organization

- **Authority Engagement:** Establishing early communication with key authorities such as Campus Proctors and District Commissioners was highlighted as essential for smooth event execution.
- **Local Collaboration:** Designing district/upazila-level programs in partnership with local authorities to increase impact and visibility.
- **Quarterly Planning:** Implementing a quarterly planning system to streamline event scheduling and execution.

1.2 Volunteer Engagement and Recognition

- Institute recognition systems such as "Best District" and "Best Volunteer" awards to motivate and acknowledge contributors.

- Enhancing information dissemination to ensure volunteers receive accurate details about events and programs.

1.3 Representation Expansion

- Appointing Campus Ambassadors and Institutional Representatives (IRs) to strengthen engagement with educational institutions.
- Expanding representation to every upazila for more localized and inclusive activities.

1.4 Improved Communication and Oversight

- Assigning officials to oversee divisional activities, ensuring smooth coordination and guidance.
- Establishing district-specific Facebook groups to foster better communication and networking among volunteers.



2. Logistics and Support

To support YfP's initiatives, the following resources were identified as critical:



ID cards for volunteers.



Visiting cards for official representation.



T-shirts to promote identity and unity.



Recommendation letters to support volunteer recognition.

3. Inclusive Work Plan for EC Members

The meeting underscored the importance of cultivating core skills among executive committee members:



Leadership through effective task distribution.



Communication for stakeholder engagement and issue resolution.



Time management and teamwork for efficient problem-solving.



Adaptability and empathy to address diverse challenges.

4. Proposed Action Plan for 2025



Organize training programs to enhance volunteer skills in leadership, policy-making, and advocacy.



Formalize and implement the proposed action plan with timelines.



Develop monitoring frameworks to assess the impact of initiatives



Issue-based Initiatives in the Local and Regional Level



Conducting GBV and SRHR awareness campaigns in educational and workplace



Addressing the digital divide and ensuring digital inclusion for marginalized communities.



Advocating for safe water access in Satkhira and tackling river pollution in Nilphamari.



Supporting education and healthcare for marginalized groups



Developing a roadmap for sustainable urbanization



Advocating for timely waste removal in Bogura and tackling waterlogging in Barishal.



Raising awareness about excessive transportation costs in Moulvibazar.



Improving civil documentation for underprivileged communities in Rajshahi.

5. Recommendations from Executive Committees:



Regular follow-ups to ensure timely execution of the action plan.



Allocate necessary resources for training and logistics.



Encourage inter-district collaboration for knowledge-sharing and collective impact.

The meeting provided valuable insights into the strengths and opportunities for YfP to create a greater impact in 2025. By fostering collaboration, improving communication, and addressing critical issues, YfP is poised to empower youth and contribute to national development effectively.



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