IMPACT FOR ONE, IMPACT FOR ALL

Young people in the Asia Pacific region play an important role as agents of change in their homes and communities. World Vision's goal is that adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, transition well into adulthood as active citizens empowered with competencies, values, confidence and social connectedness.

Why IMPACT+

Adolescence is both a time of great opportunities and vulnerabilities. Asia is home to 750 million adolescents. Despite this large demographic, adolescents in Asia are still largely invisible and their voices, not heard.

Millions of adolescents and young people in this region are currently far from being able to access quality learning, education and skills that will enable them to have a bright future.

WHAT WE DO

World Vision uses a Positive Youth Development approach to increase life skills, developmental assets and to amplify voices of adolescent girls and boys in their communities.

The SOLUTION

IMPACT+ Clubs are groups of 12 – 15 adolescents who meet weekly to have fun, learn and serve their communities together. They are led by community volunteers who use experiential learning methodologies to help adolescents cultivate competencies in the areas of active citizenship, leadership, social entrepreneurship and employability.

World Vision’s IMPACT+ Club Facilitators recruit, train, coach and support the volunteers and the clubs to grow.

The adolescents in turn, work together to identify community problems, brainstorm possible solutions, identify community resources and plan and implement Community Service-Learning Projects.

Each club undertakes two to three Community Service-Learning Projects each year, and each project is increasingly complex, delves deeper into community issues and elicits greater leadership, project management and business development skills.
UNIQUENESS OF THIS MODEL

SPECIALISED CURRICULUM

SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS MADE POSSIBLE

FIVE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE IMPACT+ MODEL

1. BUILDING ADOLESCENTS’ LIFE SKILLS AND ASSETS
   Dynamic life skills are developed by experiential learning which allow for the transformation of character, attitudes and values, as well as growth in knowledge and life skills.

2. CREATING YOUTH DIRECTED CONTENT
   Adolescent club members are involved in all decision-making, including the planning, monitoring, evaluation and day-to-day activities of the club.

3. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULTS AND PEERS
   Learning to build peaceful relationships is foundational to developing adolescents’ assets and to their voice being recognised and valued by the community.

4. CAPACITY BUILDING OF LOCAL PARTNERS
   Building the capacity of local partners is crucial to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the program.

5. SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS
   These projects reinforce the life skills learning process and encourage the development of young people who contribute positively to their communities.

IMPACT

Across the Asia-Pacific region, our 12-18 year impact population across World Vision’s Area Programs are approximately 2 million boys and 1.9 million girls.
RHEA MAE
‘THE WORLD CHANGER’

When a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Bohol in late 2013, Rhea Mae’s daily life was among the many that got disrupted. She along with other children in her neighbourhood were not able to go to school for a few months because of the damage the earthquake created in her school. A month later, Typhoon Haiyan hit, causing further havoc giving communities barely any time to recover from their losses.

Rhea Mae had an opportunity to participate in a national consultation, held in Rizal, on the theme “Children and Youth Aspiration for a Brighter World” which brought together Filipino youth leaders aged 10 to 24. The consultation aimed to tackle the role of youth in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change by giving them a chance to discuss impending issues and possible solutions.

Now a youth leader in her community, Rhea has shared her learnings from the two-day consultation with her school, youth groups and other members of the community. She intends to work with non-government organizations in conducting information drives in communities as one of her many commitments in helping her community. She believes that people need to be informed and properly educated on the current climate situations, laws and practices.

Rhea is currently taking the lead in a project, where they upcycle plastic waste. For her, this simple project is already a big contribution and helps in withstanding the effects of the climate crisis. Rhea believes that change starts from oneself first and she hopes to be a good example to her generation and the ones to come.

“TO ALL MY FELLOW YOUTH, WE ARE THE VOICES OF OUR NATION. WE ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK UP. AND IT IS OUR RIGHT TO BE HEARD BY THE GOVERNMENT AND AGENCIES. SO DO NOT BE AFRAID TO VOICE OUT YOUR DEMANDS. WE ARE THE FUTURE. WE ARE THE NOW.”

Rhea Mae

HIGH IMPACT PARTNERS

We are able to make a greater impact in communities thanks to our local and global partnerships within the private and public sectors.

How you can SUPPORT IMPACT+

Your partnership would enable us to make a lasting impact on the lives of youth across Asia. We could also help you build and grow an incredible talent pool.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US
If you would like to know more about this project or partner with us, get in touch with Rahul Mathew Senior Advisor – External Partnerships at rahul.mathew@wvi.org

World Vision’s focus is on helping the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience a fullness of life. We help children of all backgrounds, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by our Christian faith.