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During summer vacations, the youth stand at a pivotal moment where their energy, curiosity, and time can be channeled into something profoundly impactful. At The NGO World, we believe in the power of young minds to drive social change and uplift communities. It is with this conviction that we advocate for the organization of comprehensive training programs for students and young people, focusing on social impact and community service.

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The NGO World stands committed to this vision, and we invite all stakeholders—educators, community leaders, and policymakers—to join us in this noble endeavor. Let us empower our young people, for they are the torchbearers of a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow.

With hope and determination,

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UNAIDS funding shortfall disrupts NGO work

UNAIDS' funding shortfall is troubling many groups including NGOs as their budgets for meaningful participation in meetings and engaging with civil society on important policy discussions have been reduced.



Jenny Lei Ravelo

The fiscal challenges facing the [Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS](#), or UNAIDS, are threatening the meaningful engagement of NGOs in shaping the work of the program.

UNAIDS is known to have an [inclusive governance structure](#). Its program coordinating board includes member states, [U.N.](#) agencies that serve as its co-

sponsors, and members of civil society who serve as representatives of NGOs and people living with and affected by HIV.

It relies entirely on voluntary contributions, which are shared between the secretariat and co-sponsoring organizations. The secretariat also provides funding to strengthen the participation of NGOs in policy dialogue with the board.

However, UNAIDS has been facing a funding shortfall as a result of decreased donor contributions. In 2022, the program received [\\$224.3 million](#), 9% less than in 2021, and 16.8% less than in 2020.

This resulted in budget cuts across the program, and UNAIDS' support for the NGO delegation has remained the same for the past five years, at about \$340,000 – leading to an annual funding shortfall of approximately \$55,000, according to the delegation.

This is affecting their ability to produce reports, translate documents, and travel to meetings, Xavier Biggs, monitoring and evaluation manager at Jamaica AIDS Support for Life and NGO delegate to the UNAIDS board, told Devex.

Some members of the NGO delegation likened it to “[censoring](#)” community voices.

Biggs said the shortfall “has now gone to critical levels where our total budget cannot be met.”

In a written response to Devex, UNAIDS said it “shares the concerns of the NGO delegation at the continued reduction of funding to the budget of the Joint Programme. It reflects decreased funding for the entire multilateral system.”

The global AIDS response is facing funding challenges. In 2022, HIV funding in low- and middle-income countries was 2.6% lower than in 2021, according to UNAIDS.

“Fully funding the AIDS response remains a smart investment and UNAIDS is urging countries to meet the estimated USD 29.3 billion needed by 2025. This includes funding community-led and civil society organizations that play such a vital role in reducing the impact of HIV,” it added.

Dwindling participation

The NGO delegation is worried about the effects of the shortfall. It is already having an impact on the delegation's ability to produce a key report, and communicate important policy discussions to civil society globally, said Biggs.

The NGO report, which the delegation produces every year for the board, involves wide consultation with members of civil society from different parts of the world. It allows them to present to the board pressing issues they encounter on the ground in addressing HIV. In 2023, for example, [the report](#) highlighted the challenges faced by people living with HIV in humanitarian emergencies and included recommendations for the board.

The report is translated into Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish to ensure it reaches a wide range of civil society organizations.

But now they don't have the resources to produce the report, as well as translate it. This hinders their participation and leaves communities out of important policy discussions.

The translation is also needed for decisions taken during board meetings.

Biggs said they were only able to report back on the outcomes of the December board meeting in March this year due in part to budgetary constraints for translation services.

“After every meeting, we also have report back sessions where we take the feedback from the meetings to the communities, and this is one of the most critical places that the translations are used, because we're able to communicate the decisions that are taken in the meeting, the positions that we advanced as a delegation and ... the reactions from the communities,” he added.

“A lot of countries are moving away to integrated approaches to health management at the country level, and that might be impacting how much [they are] able to put into UNAIDS as a body.”

— Xavier Biggs, NGO delegate to the UNAIDS board

The budget constraints also have an impact on the support provided to civil society representatives in meetings, from travel budget to honorarium to compensate for their time and participation, Biggs said.

Based on anecdotal feedback the NGO delegation is getting, Biggs said “there is a sense that civil society inclusion and participation is dwindling, and it might not be leading to the kind of prioritization that is needed to keep [their] voices at the table.”

Tough times

The delegation reached out to UNAIDS to work out a solution for the financial shortages. But the response they're getting, Biggs said, is that no one is spared from the cuts, and their hands are tied without more resources.

To fill the funding gaps, the NGO delegation has approached private donors. Some member states have also expressed their intention to foot the bill for some of the delegation's activities.

But Biggs said these are one-off solutions that don't address the crux of the problem – reduced funding for UNAIDS.

Since the budget is every two years, it means they may be able to find a donor to support their report this year, but they would have to deal with the same problem next year.

He doesn't see things improving in the near term, “unless something dramatically different happens right away.”

“There is seemingly a much broader systematic challenge around the attractive nature of UNAIDS as the coordinating body for the global HIV response. I think a lot of countries are moving away to integrated approaches to health management at the country level, and that might be impacting how much [they are] able to put into UNAIDS as a body,” Biggs said.

But countries also need to realize that HIV remains a pressing issue globally that needs to be addressed.

“If we drop the ball on our efforts, then we are creating a pathway for infections to start rising again,” he said.

Source: <https://www.devex.com/news/unaids-funding-shortfall-disrupts-ngo-work-107799>

NGO aims to empower 2 million children by 2030

A non-governmental organisation, WeCare4uAfrica, has recently embarked on a project aimed at advancing four Sustainable Development Goals: Quality Education (SDG 4), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Zero Hunger (SDG 2), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

Starting in Imo State and expanding to Lagos State, the project aims to create lasting change in children's lives through education, health, nutrition, and support. WeCare4uAfrica is transforming the Nigerian child one step at a time.

"For me, this project is deeply personal. Growing up in a low-income home in Nigeria, I understand the struggles households face when they lack basic amenities. This drives my commitment to providing resources for growth and transformation," said Ms Chara Clever, Founder and CEO of WeCare4uAfrica.

The project began in Imo State by providing crucial school supplies and education on topics such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), period poverty, and hygiene, as these are major challenges that hinder girls' ability to stay mentally and psychologically engaged in their education. By confronting these barriers, WeCare4uAfrica aims to create a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students, directly contributing to SDG 4 of Quality Education.

In Lagos, the focus shifted to teaching essential life skills that are most often excluded from the

Nigerian curriculum but are vital for today's world, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, financial literacy, and mental toughness. These skills are crucial for children before they are thrown into the 'battlefield' without the necessary tools to find their feet and thrive.

Additionally, WeCare4uAfrica visited underprivileged areas in Lagos, providing relief packages to alleviate hunger, promoting good health by distributing mosquito nets, and raising awareness about malaria prevention. These efforts focused primarily on alleviating hunger and encouraging good health.

"One thing I have learned during this journey is the importance of providing each community with what they need. In Imo State, we focused on educating them about the need for quality education and provided resources like books, bags, and stationery. Additionally, we addressed health and hygiene issues, noting that 90% of the teenage girls we met in Imo State use cloth during their menstruation."

"In Lagos, we went a different route while still educating them on the importance of education. We decided to provide relief packages to these communities, as most of these individuals are plagued with malnutrition and ill health by living in these rural, underdeveloped communities," said Ms Chara Clever.

She added "The aim of this outreach was

to reach 2,000 children across four projects. In Imo alone, we exceeded that number and have now surpassed our goals with just two projects. However, this is not a call to relent. The vision of WeCare4uAfrica is to empower at least 2 million children by 2030 through dedicated efforts and strategic projects".

"WeCare4uAfrica is committed to making a lasting and positive impact on these children's lives by confronting barriers that hinder their education and helping them realise their dreams are valid. We also support teachers who play a vital role in shaping young minds. We believe in the power of collaboration and are committed to working closely with our partners to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we can make a difference and create a brighter future for our children," added Ms. Chara Clever.



International NGO donates food, much needed items

THE International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has donated food and other items to the people of Multitaka affected by the landslide last month.

The IOM in partnership with USAID/Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (BHA) has distributed food rations to 600 households and reached 2900 displaced people.

The IOM were the first to intervene to support the Enga Provincial Government to respond to the landslide affected communities in Porgera-Paiela district to a temporary evacuation site.

They distributed the items to the landslide victims last week as donations continue to flow in to assist the people.

In total IOM distributed 40.34 tonnes of rice, 2400 litres of cooking

oil, 5.49 tonnes of sugar and 0.458 tonnes of salt.

In addition to food, again with financial support from USADI/BHA, IOM successfully distributed 250 items and 250 shelter kits and basic shelter tool providing essential support to the affected facilities.

Also supporting the Enga government in facilitating the transportation of additional items donated by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Australian government to the Multitaka evacuation site.

The IOM has been at the forefront since the first day landslide occurred, supporting the tracking of displacement using its displacement tracking matrix and providing camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) support and delivering the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) response.



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Source: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/06/ngo-aims-to-empower-2-million-children-by-2030/amp/>

Source: <https://www.postcourier.com.pg/international-ngo-donates-food-much-needed-items/>



NGOs: Agents of development or regime change?

IEC Fund-Raising Mostly Allocated for Schools and Humanitarian Aid

Within one year of its establishment, the Karenni State Interim Executive Council (IEC) collected 8300 million MMK in funds, most of which was allocated to the humanitarian sector, according to IEC's secretary No. 2 U Banyar. In US dollars that is approximately US\$3.7 million at the official rate.

Most of our funding came from international aid, primarily from grants provided by NGOs and INGOs. We allocated the majority of these funds to humanitarian projects", he said.

On the first anniversary of IEC's establishment on June 6, Chairman Khu Oo Reh stated in his anniversary speech that out of the

8,300 million MMK received in funds during this period, 6,187 million MMK has been allocated to various sectors.

"In allocating funds for the humanitarian sector, we have focused on effectively supporting communities with the greatest needs. We cooperated with local aid organizations and committees assisting war-displaced people. Over the past year, we implemented emergency response measures and food distributions for around 150,000 war-displaced individuals", he stated.

Contributions to the fund have mainly come from the National Unity Government (NUG), international aid organizations, Karenni communities resettled

in third countries, and individual donors.

"What is certain is that we will continue to use the funds for the education sector, possibly allocating the highest amount to it. However, the humanitarian sector remains in great need, so it may continue to be our second priority for fund allocation, if not the first", U Banyar said.

IEC is structured with 8 departments, each tasked with specific roles across various sectors. Currently, the administrative framework of IEC is operational in 8 townships within Karenni State.

In recent years, the role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Zimbabwe has been a topic of intense debate.

While many NGOs claim to be working towards development and humanitarian causes, there is a growing concern among some sectors of society that these organisations may actually be serving as agents of regime change, undermining the stability and sovereignty of the nation.

NGOs often present themselves as altruistic entities dedicated to improving the lives of ordinary citizens through various development projects and aid programmes.

They highlight their efforts in areas such as healthcare, education, poverty alleviation and portraying themselves as partners in progress for the country. However, beneath this facade of benevolence lies a more complex reality.

One of the key arguments supporting the notion that most NGOs are agents of regime change

in Zimbabwe is their perceived alignment with foreign interests and political agendas.

Many NGOs receive funding from external sources, including foreign governments and international organisations, which raises questions about their independence and true motives. Critics argue that these foreign funders often have their own political objectives for Zimbabwe, using NGOs as vehicles to advance their agendas under the guise of development assistance.

Another point of contention is the perceived role of NGOs in undermining the authority of the Zimbabwean Government. By operating independently and sometimes in opposition to Government policies, NGOs are accused of weakening the State's ability to govern effectively and make sovereign decisions in the best interest of its citizens.

This dynamic can create tensions between NGOs and Government officials, leading to accusations of interference in internal affairs.

In light of these factors, it becomes increasingly clear that many NGOs operating in Zimbabwe are indeed acting as agents of regime change rather than purely as drivers of development.

The close ties to foreign interests, potential subversion of Government authority, and alignment with political agendas all contribute to a narrative that questions the true intentions behind NGO activities in the country.

While not all NGOs may fall into this category, it is essential for stakeholders in Zimbabwe to critically assess the role and impact of these organisations to ensure that they are truly contributing to sustainable development rather than inadvertently fuelling external influences on the nation's governance.



Illicit Foreign Finance and Election Integrity

The year 2024 has been dubbed [the year of elections](#), with dozens of countries holding national elections from Ecuador to Pakistan, from Indonesia to Slovakia, and more to come. With some estimates that over half of the world will be eligible to vote in an election this year, the global democracy community has identified election integrity as a key issue in the fight against democratic backsliding. While attention is focused on the growing role of [artificial intelligence](#) and the ever-increasing [threat of disinformation and hate speech](#), election integrity is experiencing unprecedented attacks from another malign source: illicit foreign funding of political and electoral processes. This issue is among the key topics at the upcoming [International Anti-Corruption Conference \(IACC\)](#) in Vilnius, Lithuania, where hundreds of anti-corruption advocates from around the world will convene to forge a path against the global threat of corruption. With IACC as an opportunity to address the challenge of illicit foreign funding of elections and politics head-on, IFES is advocating for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to bolster resilience and build defenses.

Foreign Interference and Money in Politics

For more than two decades, [IFES has worked with oversight bodies, civil society, media, and law enforcement](#) to address vulnerabilities in money in politics, improving transparency and strengthening accountability. The rise of strategic corruption, through which [“a government weaponizes corrupt practices as a tenet of its foreign policy,”](#) sheds new light on dark money in politics and stresses the need for increased efforts by the global development, policymaking, and oversight community. Around the globe, illicit financial flows are being used to undermine democratic elections and influence political forces for the benefit of foreign states. Whether through money laundering, undisclosed donations, third-party campaigning, or even direct vote-buying, malign foreign actors are funneling funds to allied political parties, businesses, and non-government organizations (NGOs) to manipulate elections and the voters who participate in them.

The use of illicit foreign funding to destabilize elections and democratic processes complicates already overburdened oversight of

and accountability mechanisms for money in politics in many global democracies. As legislators, institutions, and law enforcement work to close gaps in legal frameworks or the implementation of current regulations for political finance, malign foreign actors exploit those vulnerabilities to distort democracy at work, furthering their political and economic aims.

Channels of Illicit Foreign Funding

The entry point for foreign actors to covertly fund politics and election campaigns is often legal. In fact, [over 70 countries do not prohibit foreign donations to electoral contestants](#), allowing foreign support for affiliated political groups to proliferate without disclosure. Legal bans give countries a way to prevent foreign interests from manipulating the electoral process, ensuring equitable campaigns for all contestants. However, a legal ban can only be a first step, and countries with bans are still at risk – [a 2020 analysis](#) revealed that 17 percent of foreign money in politics is channeled directly, in contradiction to bans, and the other 83 percent moves through methods outside the law. These

activities present critical risks to an equal and fair playing field that offer fringe, radical, and even extremist groups alternative funding streams to maximize their performance in national level elections and to influence political processes, sowing distrust in democratic institutions and processes along the way.

In Moldova, a flurry of illicit financial flows from Russia has entered the political process; authorities recently [seized nearly \\$1 million](#) in cash from private citizens returning from Moscow with funds purported for illegal political financing. According to law enforcement, those citizens carried cash below the declaration threshold of €10,000. The cash was allegedly intended to fund fugitive oligarch Ilan Shor’s new political movement, Victory. This is not the first time Shor and his political bloc have violated political finance laws and regulations. [Last year, the Central Election Commission of Moldova disqualified the Shor party](#) from receiving state funds after it violated numerous campaign finance measures, in which campaign funds were directly linked to Russian sources. Shor party politicians were subsequently banned from participating in the 2023 local elections, a decision that the country’s Constitutional Court recently overturned.

Cash is not the only form of illicit finance in elections. Financial support can be transferred through new forms of currency in the digital space. Indeed, the use of cryptocurrencies is increasing around the globe and the general risk of anonymity in traditional money laundering and corruption poses a great risk as national authorities investigate, identify, and prosecute cryptocurrency donations to political actors. In some countries, the use of cryptocurrency is banned altogether; in others, it has been [embraced as an opportunity](#) for national digital transformation and economic

growth. Regardless, the embedded secrecy of many cryptocurrencies limits transparency and integrity in political finance, and much like cash, opens a space for foreign governments to channel their funding of election interference.

Many global examples of illicit foreign financing in elections use domestic political parties as proxies for influence. Increasingly, [businesses and NGOs receive foreign funding](#) earmarked for destabilization campaigns. Businesses, both domestic and foreign-owned subsidiaries, are often permitted to make direct campaign contributions, and oversight bodies can face challenging webs of ownership and interests that mask foreign malign connections. Lack of ultimate beneficial ownership data, and secrecy provided by offshore jurisdictions, complicate the investigation of illicit foreign financing in elections and politics. Meanwhile, foreign-affiliated cultural, advocacy, and educational NGOs have sprung up in many countries, claiming to provide learning opportunities or human rights protections. While some of these NGOs establish themselves as transparent and meaningful representatives of foreign states, others have more nefarious purposes. These NGOs can conduct third-party campaigns, advocating directly for preferred political parties or candidates that represent the interests of the foreign government or undermine confidence in the democratic process.

Devising Solutions

With all these challenges to election integrity – and more elections on the horizon this year – what efforts can be bolstered to root out dirty foreign money in politics? A comprehensive approach that engages the entire chain of enforcement is needed. This includes working with legislators

to close gaps in their countries’ legal and institutional frameworks; political parties to foster integrity and responsibility; oversight bodies to enhance their capacities and processes; law enforcement to strengthen investigations and appropriate accountability mechanisms; the judiciary to secure final, irrevocable decisions on violations; and civil society and media to ensure their watchdog roles. Along the way, the entire chain of enforcement should be engaged in regular and meaningful communication to build coordination, trust, and effective responses to illicit foreign finance risks and challenges. Such a holistic approach and joint efforts can overcome notable gaps, including under-resourced oversight and law enforcement bodies, siloed civil society and media advocacy and fact-finding, and conflicting understanding and competences among responsible institutions.

IFES research on the investigation and enforcement of political finance integrity breaches found good practices in engaging the chain of enforcement. For example, legal provisions in Kosovo require the delivery of financial audits to multiple competent authorities, easing access to information hurdles. In France, joint training of auditors and integrated guidelines across institutions has contributed to coordinated oversight efforts. Meanwhile, institutions in Brazil defined a cooperation agreement to overcome overlapping mandates and responsibilities. Additionally, investigations in many countries, such as the Gambia and Malaysia, are prompted by complaints submitted by civil society or investigative pieces published by independent media. These examples offer lessons for advancing collaborative responses to threats posed by illicit foreign financing of elections and politics.

Working with domestic political actors, institutions, civil society, and the media is just one piece of the puzzle, though. With foreign malign actors abusing the global financial system and a vast transnational network of enablers and allies, responses to illicit foreign finance requires a commensurate transnational effort. Linking law enforcement and oversight bodies to share information, data, and intelligence is essential to hasten investigations and identify methods and actors that facilitate the use of covert money in elections and politics. As autocratic leaders learn from each other, it is important that defenders of democracy share knowledge of common tools and approaches to counter foreign interference. While many international fora exist, the challenges of illicit foreign financing in elections and politics have not yet led to dedicated channels for sharing sensitive information. IFES believes this cross-border exchange starts with trust. Already, IFES's Regional Europe Office (REO) convenes state institutions and civil society peers on an array of election integrity issues. In April, after more

than five years of regular exchanges, IFES REO launched a network of oversight bodies in Central and Eastern Europe to formalize partnerships and regional learning, marking the first step toward further information sharing.

However, further international support and coordination is needed, especially to tackle persistent and emerging threats in illicit foreign money in politics. These include networks of [professional enablers](#), unregulated [advertising on social media](#), and unimpeded [lobbying and third-party influence](#). Engaging international champions from across the public and private sectors to build integrity, awareness, and democratic values offers the benefit of expanding channels for transparency and accountability that counteract corrupt forces at the regional and global level.

What's Next?

Among the [main themes of the IACC](#) this year are democracy and human rights, as well as global enterprises of corruption. IFES and hundreds of practitioners, advocates, government

representatives, policymakers, business leaders, and others will discuss these challenges in Vilnius to confront corrupt networks and actors. For IFES, emphasizing the importance of transparent, accountable, and inclusive political finance is a key element in fighting illicit foreign finance. In addition, combining efforts with larger integrity initiatives is needed to close the gaps that foreign malign actors exploit to destabilize democracy and hinder global democratic progress. These discussions can serve as the basis for a new resolution on political finance at the 2025 Conference of State Parties on the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, building a common vision for the protection of elections and democracy from foreign threats.

In the months to come, IFES will continue this endeavor, leveraging its decades of practice in conjunction with its renewed thought leadership to root out foreign malign interference in democratic elections and processes.

Source: <https://www.ifes.org/news/illicit-foreign-finance-and-election-integrity>

Brands urged to back under fire Cambodian NGO



PHNOM PENH - Workers' rights campaigners in Cambodia who accused a factory watchdog of failing to protect garment workers are now reportedly under attack themselves from pro-government unions.

The Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights (CENTRAL) [released the report earlier this month](#) which questioned the effectiveness of the International Labour Organisation's Better Factories Cambodia (ILO-BFC) programme.

Source: <https://www.ecotextile.com/2024/06/26/32214/social-compliance-csr-news/brands-urged-to-back-under-fire-cambodian-ngo.html>



EU puts Georgia's membership bid on hold over 'foreign agent' law

The bloc's leaders called on authorities to reverse course on the controversial legislation, which opponents fear will silence critics

EU leaders decided to halt Georgia's progress towards joining the European Union on Thursday over a new law for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving foreign funding.

Under the rules, independent media and other civil society organisations must register as "foreign agents" and submit information to the state if they receive more than 20 per cent of their funding from abroad.

The legislation for NGOs "represents backsliding" on the conditions set out for Georgia to join the bloc, a statement from EU leaders said.

The statement calls on Georgia's authorities to reverse "the current

course of action which jeopardises Georgia's EU path, de facto leading to a halt of the accession process".

Georgia has been an official EU accession candidate since December 2023.

Mass protests in Georgia and the intervention of the EU and the United States, which both oppose the law, failed to move the government.

Opponents believe the law, which went into effect in early June, will serve to silence organisations critical of the government in a way similar to developments in Russia.

Source: <https://www.scmp.com/news/world/europe/article/3268362/eu-puts-georgias-membership-bid-hold-over-foreign-agent-law>

The ruling Georgian Dream party justified the law as making for greater transparency and boosting Georgian sovereignty.

The EU has so far debated a range of responses to developments in Georgia, including a freeze on high-level meetings and channelling EU funding directly to NGOs in the country.

There were also concerns about support for the Georgian public, which remains solidly pro-EU.

"The main focus is to send a strong message to the Georgian government and support to the Georgian people," an EU diplomat said on Thursday.

70% of social sector organizations are insufficiently prepared against cybersecurity threats

The Doing Good Index 2024 reveals Asia's social sector is unprepared for technological challenges

HONG KONG SAR - [Media OutReach Newswire](#) - 17 June 2024 - The [Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society](#) (CAPS), a uniquely Asia, independent, action-oriented research and advisory organization, released the 2024 edition of its flagship study, the Doing Good Index. The study finds that despite the rapid digitalization of the Asian social sector, social delivery organizations (SDOs) are struggling to keep up with technological changes due to inadequate access to digital infrastructure, lack of capacity, and insufficient donor support. As technology continues to advance, a new type of digital divide is being created that hampers the ability of the social sector to deliver products and services to the most vulnerable communities.

The Index finds that digital technology has become commonplace in the social sector in Asia. 95% of the organizations surveyed use digital technology to carry out their work, with 88%

intending to increase their use of digital technology in the next two years. However, SDOs in Asia lack the necessary resources to fully leverage the benefits of digital technology and protect themselves against the associated risks. 59% of surveyed SDOs said their staff lack the skills to use digital tools effectively, and 70% do not have, or are unaware of, an organizational cybersecurity strategy. When asked about their organization's top technology needs, hardware, operational software and staff training emerged as the top three.

According to the Index, access to operational funding is essential for organizations to respond adequately to the rapidly changing digital landscape. Almost half of SDOs report that their donors do not fund digital technology and IT costs, indicating a glaring funding gap.

"Asia's social sector is unprepared

for technological change amidst the rapid digitalization in the region. We believe philanthropy can play a crucial role in meeting digital technology needs. Donors should recognize that challenges in securing operational funding hinder the organizations they support from investing in digital technology that could improve their productivity and impact. Operational funding and in-kind donations can help social delivery organizations invest in capacity building to fully leverage digital technologies to meet their mission of helping our communities." said Dr. Ruth Shapiro, the Co-Founder and Chief Executive of CAPS.

In addition to technological challenges, the Doing Good Index also shares how economies across the region are or are not creating enabling environments for the giving and receiving of private social investment such as philanthropy and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Against the backdrop of the tumultuous Covid-19 years, there has been little change across the four sub-indexes² of the Doing Good Index in the last two years. Aside from Sri Lanka, which improved in performance, all other economies have remained in the same clusters as 2022.

Funding to the social sector has remained mostly unchanged. Domestic funding (from individuals, foundations and companies) remains the main funding source for SDOs across Asia, comprising 64% by proportion of the average SDO's budget. Government funding (20%) and foreign funding (15%) as a proportion of an SDO's budget have also remained steady.

Funding shortfalls, staffing challenges, and staff upskilling/

reskilling are the top challenges facing the social sector. Almost three-quarters (73%) of SDOs struggle to recruit staff, and 69% report difficulty retaining them.

Governments continue to send mixed messages on social sector regulations. While some governments embrace the social sector as a partner, others are showing a hot-and-cold approach, at times encouraging its growth and at others implementing overly burdensome regulations and restrictions.

The role of SDOs remains important, and they generally feel supported. There is also strong optimism within the sector, even after the turmoil of the last few years. This demonstrates the resilience of SDOs in the face of unprecedented challenges.

Mr. Ronnie Chan, the Co-Founder and Chair of CAPS, said, "With ongoing crises ranging from regional conflicts to climate change, Asia faces an uphill battle to create a more equitable future. The good news is that with increasing private wealth, Asia has a unique opportunity to leap ahead and implement policies and programs to solve community problems. We at CAPS are pleased to release the fourth iteration of the Doing Good Index, offering actionable and evidence-based insights for business leaders, philanthropists, and policymakers to consider how they can facilitate and increase private capital flows toward the social sector. The Doing Good Index also offers a blueprint for a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for the region

Source: <https://www.media-outreach.com/news/hong-kong/2024/06/17/305615/70-of-social-sector-organizations-are-insufficiently-prepared-against-cybersecurity-threats/>



Responding to Florida Flooding, Strengthening Community Health in Puerto Rico, Resilient U.S. Power

Direct Relief has delivered 418 shipments of requested medical aid to 44 U.S. states and territories and 20 countries worldwide over the past seven days.

The shipments contained 22.4 million defined daily doses of medication and supplies, including trauma care supplies, vitamins, pain management medications, and more.

PUERTO RICO COMMUNITY HEALTH

In collaboration with Puerto Rico NGO, La Fondita de Jesús, Direct Relief has participated in multiple community health fairs this past month. An event supported by local nonprofit organization, Techos Pa' Mi Gente, received almost 400 attendees.

Participants received personal care kits and solar-powered lights in preparation for the current hurricane season. La Fondita de Jesús provided primary healthcare services, groceries, and counseling on substance abuse. Dr. PJ Vázquez visited bedridden patients in their houses.

MONITORING FLORIDA STORMS

Storms in south Florida have caused severe flooding, road closures, power outages, and flash flood warnings. Record rainfall has exceeded 18 inches in less than 24 hours in some areas. The governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency in five counties.

Direct Relief has offered emergency assistance to health centers and clinics in Broward, Collier, Lee, Miami-Dade, and Sarasota Counties

and has been in touch with national and state primary care associations. The organization will continue to monitor the situation and respond as requested.

POWER FOR HEALTH

This week, Direct Relief staff visited multiple healthcare centers and clinics in Northern California that received donated solar panels and battery storage systems as part of Direct Relief's Power for Health Initiative. As of this week, one of the recipients, Alliance Medical Center, has been operating using Direct Relief's donated systems for a full month. The clinic, which serves 13,000 patients per year, previously lost power after the 2017 Tubbs Fire. These donated systems will ensure that critical health care can continue to be provided regardless of future wildfires and subsequent power outages.

Source: <https://www.directrelief.org/2024/06/strengthening-community-health-in-puerto-rico-resilient-u-s-power/>

NGO Celebrates Founder At 50, Unveils Domestic Violence Clinic



Amos Okioma

June 10, (THEWILL)- A Non-Governmental organisation, Do Foundation, celebrated its founder, Dr Dise Ogbise Goody Harry, on her 50th birthday anniversary with the unveiling of an online Domestic Violence Clinic in Bayelsa State.

The Online Domestic Violence Clinic, according to the Do Foundation, is expected to cater to victims of domestic violence to call in and seek assistance in tackling issues of abuse and receive immediate assistance in the areas of guidance and counseling, prosecution and treatment.

The founder of the Do Foundation, Dr Dise Ogbise Goody Harry, while speaking at the 50th Birthday celebration and unveiling of the Online Domestic Violence Clinic, held at the Secretariat of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), said the clinic was unveiled in partnership with Mrs Mary Accrah Bekeowe, Nurse Elly Goody, Dr NUVIE Opeyemi and CPS Grace to embrace internationally recognised best practices in curbing cases of

domestic violence.

Dr Dise pointed out that the unveiling of the online domestic violence clinic will enable Bayelsans to call in and report all cases of domestic violence for swift action to be taken within the ambit of the law.

The founder, who is also a Legal practitioner and Gender advocate, noted that the unveiling of the

here will respond faster to cases of domestic violence due to their track records in intervention on domestic violence cases over time and expertise in dealing with issues."

"Also, all complaints will be taken online, and physical interventions will be done in hospitals provided by our partners."

She also announced the launching of an online weekly talk show where they will be live every Tuesday at 6 pm on the YouTube channel, X (formerly Twitter) and other social media platforms, to highlight educative stories that will be shared and positive lessons learned to reduce cases of domestic violence globally.

"The online domestic violence clinic is to deepen the fight to combat domestic violence in Nigeria, beginning with Bayelsa State. In recognition of the efforts of the prosperity administration in the last years, as a group, we are open for a

robust partnership from individuals, groups, and international organisations. It is our desire that domestic violence, especially gender-based, is swept back into the ocean of history in the lowest ebb in no time."

"The online clinic is power-packed, in collaboration with her intervention partners, and will be result-oriented as the partners

Source: <https://thewillnews.com/ngo-celebrates-founder-at-50-unveils-domestic-violence-clinic/>





CSO Report on US Implementation of SDGs Identifies Gaps and Opportunities

While the SDGs were adopted in 2015, progress by the UN's 193 Member States has been slow. Each July, approximately 40 States bring their SDG implementation plans and progress reports – officially called voluntary national reviews (VNRs) – to the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to share their efforts and learn from others. Civil society organizations (CSOs) have been encouraged, in paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to support follow-up and review processes by

“report[ing] on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda.” Such reports can document their perspective on their government’s efforts to implement the SDGs.

Among a handful of countries that have not yet presented a VNR to the HLPF is the US. Given that the SDGs are not a topic of discussion among policymakers in the US, it is hard to know where the US stands with regard to SDG implementation. To address this lack of information on progress and plans for what the US should do in order to align with the SDGs, the Commission on Voluntary

Service & Action (CVSA) compiled a Paragraph 89 report, titled ‘2023 U.S. People’s Report on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.’ This report reviews, SDG target by SDG target, the challenges and opportunities the US faces for implementing the SDGs.

CVSA compiled this report with three objectives. First, it sought to organize information about the SDGs to provide a helpful tool for those who are interested in learning and teaching others about the SDGs. Second, it aimed to show the US government that individuals and

communities are demanding more commitment to reach the SDGs. Third, the report aimed to provide an input to the HLPF.

The report highlights the importance of all of the SDGs and their interconnected nature, which is reflected in SDG 17 (partnership for the Goals). With regard to this Goal, the CVSA report emphasizes the need to “strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.” To achieve the SDGs from a global perspective, the Paragraph 89 report highlights the importance of international cooperation and calls on the US to lead by example and implement the SDGs more effectively at home. This overview of the first eight SDGs of the 17 covered in the report offers insights to the challenges and opportunities the report finds in the US in implementing the SDGs.

On SDG 1 (no poverty), the report notes that the US has much to improve upon, with 11.6% of its population living under the national poverty line. The report indicates that the actual percentage might be higher, given that the poverty line is not regularly changed to represent increased costs of living. The report also calls attention to the fact that poverty in the US is experienced in greater proportions by Native Americans and Black Americans. US residents with these backgrounds represent over double the percentage of people living in poverty compared to White Americans. To achieve SDG 1, CVSA suggests living wages and full time jobs that are suitable to provide for families and communities.

On SDG 2 (zero hunger), which also includes food security and sustainable agriculture, CVSA highlights that the corporate for-profit system of food production creates challenges for achieving these targets. In order to meet this goal, CVSA suggests creating an alternative

system that encourages local and sustainable food production, while also keeping food affordable.

On SDG 3 (good health and well-being), the Paragraph 89 report highlights the lack of universal health care (UHC) in the US. Compared to other high-income countries (HICs), the report indicates the US has the highest percentage of avoidable deaths, maternal and infant mortality, and suicide rates. The report also finds that for-profit insurance and pharmaceutical companies make good health expensive for citizens, and suggests that the solution is to provide universal health care.

On SDG 4 (quality education), CVSA suggests expanding the Goal to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.” CVSA highlights that the US educational system struggles with an unequal distribution of resources across schools located in different socioeconomic situations, unfair treatment for teachers, and an increase in dropout rates. CVSA calls for ensuring governments are giving appropriate funding to schools, so teachers and educators can properly teach and live with their salaries.

On SDG 5 (gender equality), the Paragraph 89 report highlights that the US struggles with paying women the same as their male counterparts and supporting and advancing women into roles of power. Additionally, violence against women remains an issue: one out of six American women has either experienced rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. The Paragraph 89 report proposes addressing this issue by addressing the pay gap between men and women and encouraging women to lead in their personal and professional lives.

On SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation), the issues faced in the US can be broken into three categories: contamination- and

pollution-induced water insecurity; weather- and climate-induced water insecurity; and access to affordable water and water-related infrastructure. The report indicates solutions to these problems include ending fracking and other water-polluting industries, preventing unlimited corporate usage of water, and accounting for climate change when developing water infrastructure.

On SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy), the report notes that, in low-income households, a higher percentage of income is spent on utilities, which may lead to utility services being shut off. Renewable energy sources, such as solar, are inaccessible to many because of cost or poor credit history. The report suggests government action focused on a quicker transition towards renewable energy and ensuring that low-income households are given reasonable opportunities for renewable energy access.

On SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), the report indicates that economic policies in the US are leaving many people behind. The COVID-19 pandemic led to many people losing their jobs, and many jobs do not supply a livable wage. The report suggests mandating living wages that can support families. Additionally, support for small businesses as well as institutions that can help provide economic stimulation in a community would help reach this goal.

All of the SDGs are incredibly important and essential to creating a sustainable world that will support life of all kinds in the future. Action to address the SDGs, starting with the issues and solutions compiled by CVSA for these first eight Goals, are just the beginning in achieving the world we want.

Source: <https://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/generation-2030/cso-report-on-us-implementation-of-sdgs-identifies-gaps-and-opportunities/>

Rising Generation: Youth's Role in Sustainable Development



Zafar Iqbal

Youth in developing countries hold immense potential as catalysts for sustainable development.

They possess innovative ideas, energy, and adaptability crucial for addressing socio-economic and environmental challenges. By involving youth in sustainable development processes, such as education, entrepreneurship, and community service, their potential can be harnessed effectively. Empowering young people through skills training, access to technology, and opportunities for civic engagement ensures their active participation in decision-making and implementation of sustainable practices. Governments, NGOs, and the private sector must collaborate to create platforms and programs that enable youth to contribute meaningfully, fostering a generation capable of driving sustainable progress.

Youngsters play a crucial role in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their involvement is vital for several reasons:

Innovative Thinking:

Young people bring fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to global challenges. Their creativity can drive progress in areas like technology, social entrepreneurship, and environmental sustainability

Advocacy and Awareness:

Youngsters are powerful advocates for change. They can raise awareness about the SDGs through social media, campaigns, and community engagement, influencing policies and practices at local, national, and international levels.

Volunteerism and Community Service:

Many young people are actively involved in volunteer work, contributing time and effort to projects that address SDGs, such as education, poverty alleviation, and environmental conservation.

Education and Skill Development:

By pursuing education and developing skills relevant to the SDGs, youngsters can contribute to economic growth, innovation, and sustainable development in their communities.

Leadership and Participation:

Young people often lead and participate in youth organizations, movements, and networks that focus on sustainable development. Their leadership helps shape a more sustainable future.

Guterres launches latest report on youth participation in UN processes



Global Citizenship:

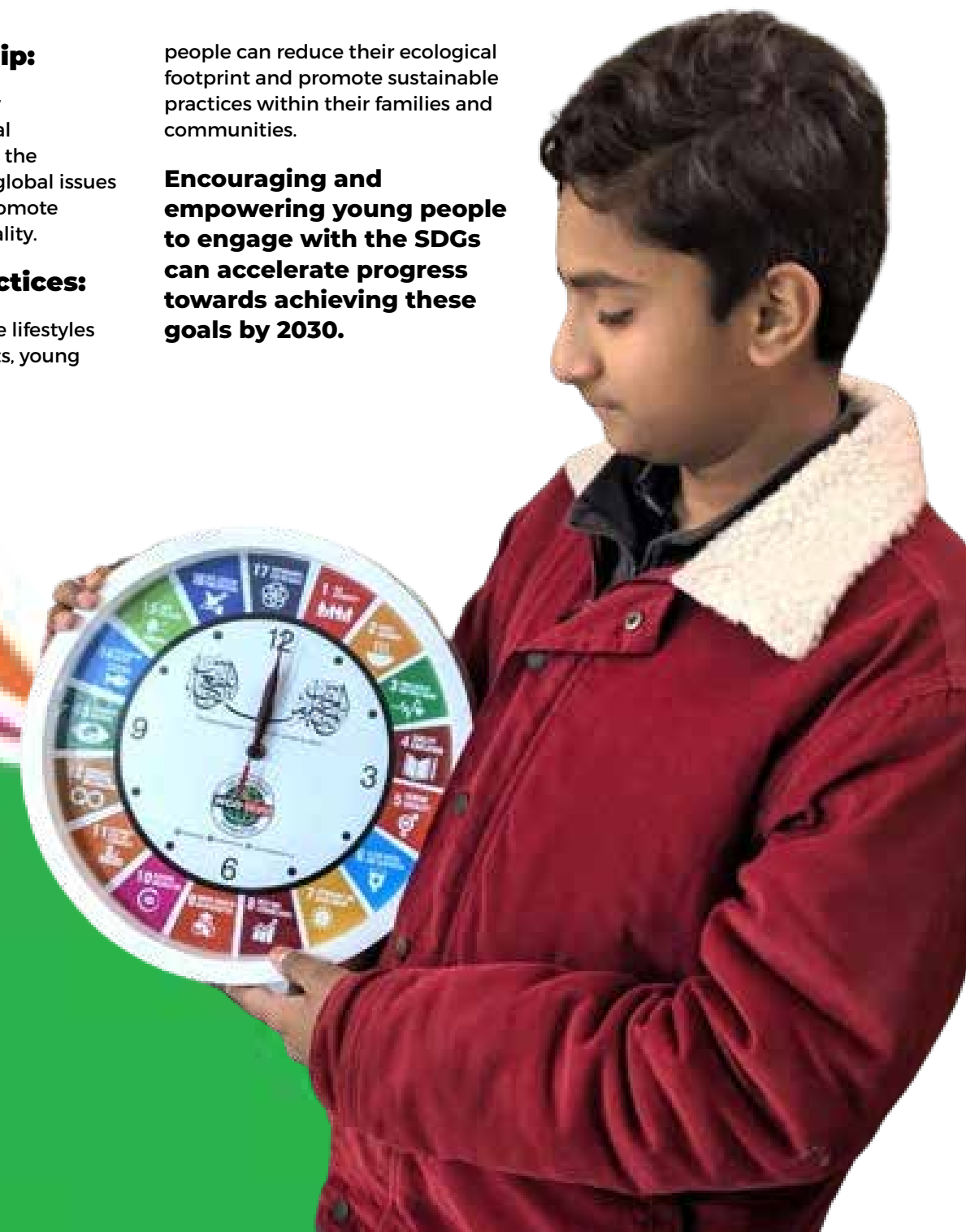
Youngsters increasingly see themselves as global citizens, understanding the interconnectedness of global issues and taking action to promote peace, justice, and equality.

Sustainable Practices:

By adopting sustainable lifestyles and consumption habits, young

people can reduce their ecological footprint and promote sustainable practices within their families and communities.

Encouraging and empowering young people to engage with the SDGs can accelerate progress towards achieving these goals by 2030.



Bangladeshi youth Shougat wins Best Startup Award at 10th OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum

Bangladeshi youth Shougat Nazbin Khan has won the pitch competition and received the best Startup Award at the 10th OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum jointly organized by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Russian Government.

OrgaSus, with a circular economy-based model, champions sustainability through the innovative utilization of natural fibers and agricultural waste, transforming them into artisanal treasures and crafting eco-friendly alternatives while empowering marginalized women artisans.

In the past, Shougat was honored with the prestigious German Government's Green Talent Award and GREEN Prize for her innovative contributions to sustainable energy and environmental initiatives.

She has received other international accolades, including being appointed as United Nations Young Leader for SDGs, Asia 21 Young Leader, G20 Young Global Changer, Commonwealth Youth Awardee, and Forbes 30 under 30 honoree.

Currently, Shougat serves as the Youth Representative of UNESCO's SDG4 Youth and Student Network, the youth and student constituency of the SDG4-Education 2030 High-Level Steering Committee (HLSC) within the Global Education Cooperation Mechanism (GCM).

She is also a distinguished fellow of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

Previously, she served as a Climate Ambassador at the World Bank's Global Youth Climate Network (GYCN) and as a Young Ambassador for 'The Earth Project,' supported by UNESCO and the International Geoscience Programme.

As part of the award, Shougat has been invited to take part in the Startup Grand Final of the next International Entrepreneurship Summit.

At the 10th OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, she competed with the participants of the OIC member States and during the next event she will compete with the finalists from all around the world.

She established H. A. Digital School & College, serving students from underprivileged communities in Bangladesh with a focus on socio-economic empowerment of women.

A total of 150 startups from the OIC member countries took part in the competition.

Shougat developed a low-cost solar PV irrigation system for farmers for which she won the prestigious Green Talent award in 2015.

She was also invited as a guest

speaker to the third Kazan Global Youth Summit to be co-organized by the OIC and Government of Russia.

The Summit is designed for four days on August 21-24 and consists of ministerial plenary sessions, panel discussions, interactive workshops and a cultural programme, according to the organizers.

This is a unique educational and expert platform for exchanging opinions and best practices on youth policy and involvement of children and youth locally, regionally, and globally.

In 2024, the Summit's agenda will be dedicated to the following topics: digitalization; modern tools in youth policy; traditional values in the globalization era.

Additionally, the event will feature sessions on best practices for artificial intelligence and virtual reality, digital trends and solutions in the youth environment, and the mental health of young people.

Within the framework of the Summit, it is also planned to hold the high-level meeting of Youth and Sports Ministers with the participation of official representatives of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

The outcome of the Summit will be the Joint Resolution of the Action Plan, which will become the basis for the implementation of joint children's and youth initiatives and long-term cooperation programs in countries of Islamic World, BRICS and Asia-Pacific region.

Source: <https://unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/bangladeshi-youth-shougat-wins-best-startup-award-at-10th-youth-entrepreneurship-forum/136787>





Entrepreneurship: A powerful tool in creating freedom for the youth

If you're not an entrepreneur yet, you may just be missing out.

According to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM), nearly two in every three youth between the ages of 18 and 34 in sub-Saharan Africa are embracing entrepreneurship as their ticket to financial freedom, wealth, independence, and a lasting legacy that will inspire generations to come.

South Africa is no different, with a marked increase in entrepreneurship and side hustles in recent years.

But entrepreneurship is not just a second-choice career option for those unable to gain formal employment – instead, it's become the gateway to allowing youth

to shake off the constraints and boredom of traditional nine to five jobs, and instead pursue their ambitions of becoming the next generation of local millionaires and success stories.

In fact, a recent study by Momentum and Unilever found that as many 20% of households with a side hustle were already earning over R87,000 a month. Far from just being a means to supplement monthly income, this demonstrates that the entrepreneurial spirit is truly alive and well in South Africa.

For Generation Z, born between the 1990s and early 2000s, entrepreneurship is a particularly

attractive career choice. Totalling around four in every ten people in the country, this is a generation known for challenging the status quo, and questioning tradition or 'the way things have always been done'.

If you're a member of this generation, you may demonstrate a natural affinity for entrepreneurship as a risk-taker, disruptor, and innovator, who will enjoy the freedom and flexibility to not only set your own schedule and work from wherever you'd like, but to also experiment and watch your ideas come to life.

By becoming an entrepreneur, you can take control of your destiny, make your own decisions, pursue your true passion, and enjoy the pride and satisfaction that comes with building a thriving business from the ground up. Likewise, by creating a successful company, you can realise your dream of establishing a beloved brand that positively impacts the people and communities around you through providing a much-needed product or service, or creating jobs and incomes for hundreds or even thousands of breadwinners.

These are all critical driving factors and motivators, but there are still two that are perhaps even more important. First, remember that an entrepreneur's earning potential is effectively unlimited. For example, according to the 2023 State of Entrepreneurship in South Africa Survey, nearly 40% of the respondents reported that they had started as many as five businesses. Meanwhile, nearly a third were achieving an annual turnover of between R10 million and R50 million from their main business.

Second, and just as critically, being an entrepreneur doesn't carry any entry requirements. Anyone can be successful, regardless of your educational qualifications, or your

background and circumstances. In fact, even beyond having a groundbreaking business idea, the most important determinant of an entrepreneur's success is your determination and resilience.

Just consider the example of Theo Baloyi from Hammanskraal, who, at the age of just 34 years, has already built one of the country's most successful shoe empires, Bathu Shoes. Founded in Alexandra, a township in Johannesburg, in 2015, the company now boasts over 300 employees across its 32 nationwide stores. Then there's other South African trailblazers such as Portia Mngomezulu of Portia M Skin Solutions, Ryan Bachar of NetFlorist, and Irfan Pardesi and Hina Kassam of ACM Gold, who've turned their ideas into gold.

Each of these individuals took a gamble on themselves, and used the power of entrepreneurship to unlock their shackles and the limitations of answering to others, enjoying newfound power and freedom as business leaders and hustlers.

And notably, according to visionary businessman and entrepreneurial expert Zunaid Moti, Youth Month represents the perfect time to encourage youth to embrace entrepreneurship as a tool for self-empowerment – all that's needed is an idea, combined with the know-how and the willingness to take the leap.

As a young child growing up in a family where money was tight, Moti always knew he'd be a millionaire – even recording it in a junior school essay. Today, he is not only a millionaire, but one of the country's

most renowned billionaires, having founded the successful Moti Group of Companies.

Paying the benefit of his hard-gained wisdom and business experience forward, Moti founded free online business intervention and mentorship programme MotiMoves in 2023. Every month, Moti now hosts a webinar designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills, practical tips, and resources they need to succeed, while also inviting well-known business leaders and celebrity guests to join and share their tips and advice.

But MotiMoves doesn't stop there. Moti has put his money where his mouth is by creating a R30 million investment pot to help launch promising start-ups, and sponsor up-and-coming talent in the creative and sports industries.

He has already invested millions of rands towards kickstarting new businesses and launching successful careers. Best of all, registered MotiMoves members stand a chance of partnering with Moti himself in their next venture, with the opportunity to receive a R50,000 investment towards game-changing and high-potential business ideas.

This represents an even greater opportunity to turn your passion into profit, while receiving the benefit of mentorship and support from Moti and his team. All you need to do is visit his website at www.zunaid-moti.co.za/competition, register for MotiMoves, and submit your business proposal. But remember, a successful proposal requires more than simply an idea; it needs a well-thought-out plan that demonstrates your understanding of the market, your business model, and your path to profitability.

Youth's time is now, and you can make it happen. All you need to do is take a chance on yourself.

Source: <https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/entrepreneurs/entrepreneurship-a-powerful-tool-in-creating-freedom-for-the-youth-8b4ad551-fc0f-48c9-9d2a-6a8b665b586b>

UNDP Boosts Regional Youth Employment Through Entrepreneurship Support

Karen Vardanyan is a young entrepreneur and head of a small production of metal-plastic windows and doors in Yelpin community of Vayots Dzor region. "This is a family-run business, and my father and brother are actively engaged in it," says Karen, "despite all our efforts, we faced challenges in running the production. Our machine tools were outdated, and we often wasted a lot of time meeting the customers' needs. We had to transfer our semi-finished products to the nearby communities for welding to finalize the orders".

Siramarg Hayrapetyan lives in Vayk community of the same region. She also operates a production of metal-plastic windows and doors. "Because of delapidated machine tools, we have faced serious issues related to the productivity as well as the quality of the products, which impeded the development of our production," explains Siramarg, "and often we couldn't make high-quality spare parts for our final products."

In the spring 2024, the UNDP "Unleashing Employment and Income Generating Opportunities for Youth in the Regions of Armenia" project, in the frame of an initiative to support youth-led micro and small enterprises, provided 13 small businesses residing in Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions with grants mainly for the procurement of assets. Karen and Siramarg were among the selected project beneficiaries.

Thanks to the UNDP transformative support, the young entrepreneurs have upgraded their production workshops with new and high-quality machine tools as well as

hired employees to operate new machinery. Karen specifies, "The purchased machinery significantly increased our productivity and production volumes. Before we had to transfer plastic windows to other places for welding, now we do it here, which substantially decreases the transport cost and saves time for new orders".

Likewise, Siramarg mentions, "Now we are producing products in bigger volumes and a better quality than before. We literally dreamed of this new equipment. Besides, we have received essential knowledge on business plans, business forecasting, and marketing, which drastically enhanced my apprehension of entrepreneurship".

The assets upgrade not only enhanced productivity, but also improved the quality of their products, enabling them to meet customer demands more efficiently and effectively. The reduction in

transportation costs and time savings further optimized their operations, allowing them to focus on fulfilling new orders and expanding their business reach.

Moreover, the additional support provided by the UNDP's "Unleashing Employment and Income Generating Opportunities for Youth in the Regions of Armenia" project, such as training in business planning, forecasting, and marketing, equipped these young entrepreneurs with valuable knowledge and skills essential for sustainable business growth. Armed with a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship, Karen and Siramarg are better positioned to navigate challenges and seize opportunities in their respective industries.

As Armenia's rural landscapes undergo a remarkable transformation, these success stories stand as a testament to the catalytic power of the UNDP targeted interventions in driving inclusive economic growth and empowering the next generation of young entrepreneurs.

Read More: <https://www.undp.org/armenia/stories/undp-boosts-regional-youth-employment-through-entrepreneurship-support>



Portsmouth Public Schools launch small business and youth entrepreneurship pilot program with \$1.5M grant from the State



Kiahna Patterson

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (WAVY) – Portsmouth Public Schools are investing in minority and women-owned businesses, or nonprofit organizations, and the next generation of entrepreneurs.

The Portsmouth Public Schools Minority & Women Business Enterprise Advisory Committee launched the Small Business Assistance Pilot Program and Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Program on Saturday morning at the Bide-A-Wee Golf Course Pavilion.

The launch will help small businesses in Hampton Roads with a \$1.5 million grant to train entrepreneurs during a three-year pilot program. The program organizers have been trying to get this kind of funding since 2020. It was originally introduced during a budget amendment in the Virginia General Assembly, but taken out during a special session in 2020, a release states.

However, a budget amendment was introduced in 2021 for \$1.5 million and made it through the General Assembly for the 2022-2024

Biennium Budget before being approved by Gov. Glenn Youngkin, a release states.

Delegate Jeion Ward (D-87), Portsmouth Vice Mayor Lisa Lucas-Burke, Councilman Mark Hugel, and PPS Board Vice Chair LaKeesha 'Klu' Atkinson attended the launch.

"We target women and minority business owners because they have been so disadvantaged," said Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Davis, Portsmouth Public Schools Minority & Women Business Enterprise Advisory Committee Administrator [referring the procurement disparity study](#). "By federal definition, they are considered disadvantaged business enterprises. We are doing better."

More than 200 nonprofit and small business owners filled the room to register for the five-weeks of classes at Tidewater Community College-Portsmouth Campus including:

- New business start-ups and nonprofits – starting Sept. 10, 2024 – Oct. 5, 2024
- Business master class for existing small businesses – starting Jan. 7, 2025 – Feb. 6, 2025

"From my perspective, minority owned, and women owned businesses are the life blood of the communities," said Lucas-Burke, during opening remarks.

"I know that women and children are the heart of every community. We are the leaders. We are what keep communities strong, and even my male counterparts will agree with that," said Atkinson, who serves as the Portsmouth Public Schools Minority & Women Business Enterprise Advisory Committee Chair.

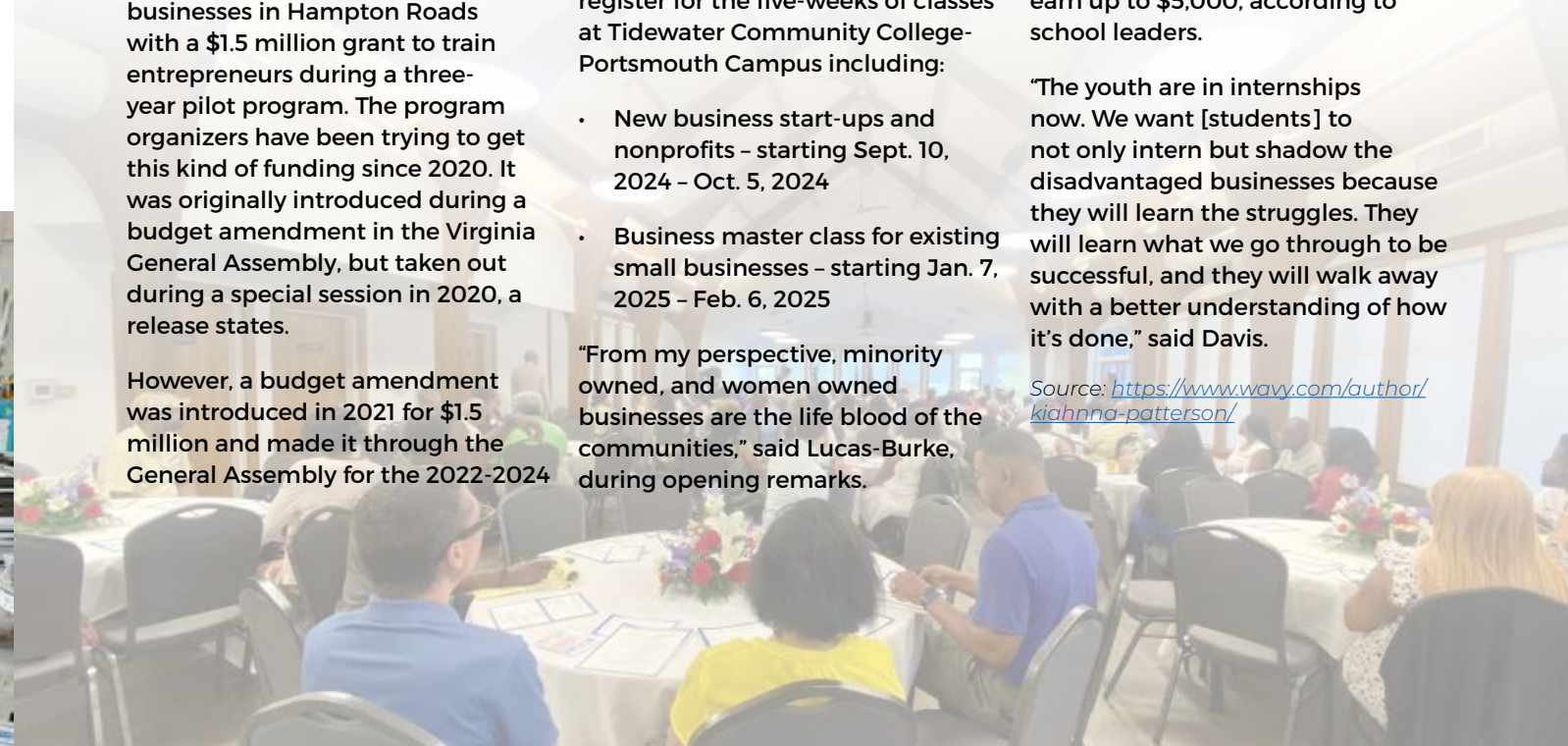
The youth entrepreneurship pilot program will link students with an internship opportunity through the program.

"We're going use these business owners to host our children as interns and give them on-the-job assistance," said Atkinson.

This summer, 45 high schoolers have an internship with small businesses, which allows them to earn up to \$5,000, according to school leaders.

"The youth are in internships now. We want [students] to not only intern but shadow the disadvantaged businesses because they will learn the struggles. They will learn what we go through to be successful, and they will walk away with a better understanding of how it's done," said Davis.

Source: <https://www.wavy.com/author/kiahna-patterson/>



Five organizations promoting youth entrepreneurship

From hair products mogul Madame C.J. Walker to Pinky Cole, CEO of Slutty Vegan Foods, the Black community has a long tradition of inspiring and nurturing entrepreneurs.

The creativity and determination to build a successful business from the ground up — and seeing a venture shine — can be immensely satisfying, and the call to create one is enduring. According to the most recent official numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau, there are nearly 3.6 million Black-owned businesses, employing millions of people nationwide.

Now, with platforms like TikTok, Shopify and other methods, Black youth are turning their interest and passions into profits. For students with an entrepreneurial spirit, there are organizations across the country specifically designed to help them plan a venture, fund it and more. Check out five of them here:

1. Black Girl Ventures Foundation

In its mission to provide Black women and girls with access to “community, capital and capacity,”

Black Girl Ventures has funded hundreds of thousands of small businesses across the nation, helping transform dreams into realities.

Founded in 2016 by entrepreneur and computer scientist Shelly Bell, the nonprofit foundation has multiple programs targeting tech-enabled businesses generating under \$1M. Their funding model uniquely combines the premise of hit television shows Shark Tank and Kickstarter by activating “community participation in donating to support women-owned businesses directly”.

BGV currently has three signature programs: BGV Pitch, BGV NextGen, BGV Emerging Leaders. It is currently the largest ecosystem builder for Black and brown women founders on the East Coast.

2. The Hidden Genius Project

The Hidden Genius Project trains and mentors Black boys in technology creation, entrepreneurship and leadership, skills that can help transform their lives and communities.

Founded in Oakland in 2012, the Project is the brainchild of five Black men who were unnerved by the juxtaposition between high Black male unemployment and the abundance of career opportunities in nearby Silicon Valley.

To bridge that gap, the founders established a program to connect young Black males with the skills, mentors, and experiences

that they need to become high-performing tech-sector workers and entrepreneurs.

3. The NAACP Powershift Entrepreneur Grant

Along with fighting social injustice, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also aims to build Black entrepreneurial pipeline.

In conjunction with Medium Rare and The Shark Group, the NAACP is in its fourth year of the annual NAACP Powershift Entrepreneur Grant. The grant empowers Black entrepreneurs and businesses through funding and resources and, in previous years, has contributed immensely to the growth of Black businesses across the nation.

4. Center for Black Entrepreneurship

The Center for Black Entrepreneurship stems from the long-standing history of creative programming at Spelman College and Morehouse College, both in Atlanta.

In partnership with Spelman and Morehouse, the Black Economic Alliance Foundation founded the first-ever academic center of its kind to directly produce, train, and support young Black entrepreneurial talent.

According to the site, the CBE seeks to “eliminate the access barrier between Black entrepreneurs, professional investors, and business builders by leveraging education,

mentorship, access to capital and opportunity.”

Building on an existing culture of strong entrepreneurship programs at both historically-black colleges, the CBE is intended to help expand the ecosystem and continue to grow the pipeline of Black innovation.

5. The Young Entrepreneurs of Color Pitch Competition

A creation of The Abercrombie Group, the Young Entrepreneurs of Color Pitch Competition launched in 2021 to connect African American and Latinx high schoolers and would-be entrepreneurs to training, resources and mentorship for highschool students in grades 10-12.

The program features an interactive one-week paid internship in July for students and young professionals. They'll work together in teams and learn about entrepreneurship, team building, pitching business ideas and providing solutions for real-life scenarios when running a company.

Source: <https://afro.com/black-youth-entrepreneurship/>





Presidency Gives Grants To 200 Youth Entrepreneurs

The Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Technical, Vocational, and Entrepreneurship Education has awarded N100 million in grants to 200 youths for technical, vocational and entrepreneurial efforts nationwide.

While 120 freshers won N500,000 each from the best business plans written, 80 who are already in business but need a financial boost received the same amount individually from the Unlock Training Programme.

Unlock Training Programme is the outcome of a six-week campaign initiated by the office of the senior special assistant to the president during which Nigerian youths were asked to record and submit a one-minute video on their current technical, vocational and entrepreneurship (TVET) skills, what their plans are for the future on such skills and how they want government to assist them achieve the plans.

Speaking at the graduation and grant presentation ceremony in Abuja yesterday,

the senior special assistant, vocational and entrepreneurship education, Abiola Arogundade, said the purpose of the programme was to boost participants' potential for economic development.

Arogundade at the end of that campaign, her office trained about 10,000 participants in a 10-day intensive training session on how to write and execute business plans including components such as executive summary, business

overview and marketing strategies, pricing, money management and risks, among others.

"After the course, participants were asked to write and submit business plans. Today, we are giving out N500,000 in grants each to 120 winners with the best business plans. We are also giving out honorary awards to 80 persons seen to be doing very well in their technical, vocational and entrepreneurship skills but need support to upscale their businesses.

"We also promised to give certificates of completion to all participants who completed the training and to assist participants, especially new start-ups, to register their companies. Today, we are here to fulfil those promises. Staff of the Corporate Affairs Commission and those of Providus Bank are here to issue incorporation certificates and credit the winners with their N500,000 grants so that none of you will leave here today without your prizes.

"As you must have seen on your way in, there are four Solar Kiosks to be given away to winners to support the business development of their TVET skills. They include one designed for hair dressing, one designed for catering and food vending and the other two for general purposes. Aside the mentioned professional uses, the kiosks are also equipped with sockets for phone charging and spaces for POS and other businesses.

"They are among the job creation projects we have designed as part of our contribution to the Renewed

Hope Agenda of the President, Bola Tinubu administration. I am here to assure you that the president is thinking about you, not just because of this programme but because of the numerous initiatives he is creating across the country to promote TVET," she said.

Minister of State for Education, Yusuf Sununu, said technical education is one of the thematic areas that the Federal Ministry of Education is working on to build skills in students and empower them for self-reliance after graduation, as white-collar jobs are diminishing.

"There is hope and the hope is very renewed. Technical education is one of thematic areas that the Federal Ministry of Education is working on. Added to that is out of school children. Over 30 million out of school children is unacceptable at this moment and we are making serious efforts to see how we can reduce the menace or completely eliminate it and in doing that we need collaboration.

"There is better outcome in synergy, if we do it together we have a data that is uniform that can be used to access the outcome of interventions done by the administration of Bola Ahmed Tinubu. We are doing our best to enhance skills and upscale skills," he said.

Special Adviser to the President on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga, urged beneficiaries to make judicious use of the funds to create more wealth for themselves and opportunities for others and not take them as government largesse to be spent on frivolities.

Source: <https://leadership.ng/presidency-gives-grants-to-200-youth-entrepreneurs/>

NGO Debates Smoking Cessation



Healthy Initiatives, a nongovernmental organization, convened an international forum and luncheon in Warsaw, Poland, this week to discuss past successes in smoking cessation and how they may inform future challenges. Participants included policy experts from Georgia and Ukraine.

"We must learn to meet individuals who smoke where they are on their cessation journeys and to understand why they are unable to quit with the tools at their disposal," said Cliff Douglas, president and CEO of Global Action to End Smoking. "If we continue to push the same approach from two decades ago, we will fail to serve

those who continue to smoke and whose lives are being disrupted by war," he said, referring to the war in Ukraine.

"Tobacco control regulations and restrictions in low-[income] and middle-income countries should follow a risk-proportionate approach so that those smokers who are not able to quit smoking combustible cigarettes will have access to objective and scientifically proven information," said Andre Urushadze, a health policy expert and former minister of health of Georgia. "It is important to ensure the possibility of proper communication as opposed to the informational chaos and many misleading facts."

"We should always strive for saving more lives and helping people to succeed in making healthier choices, especially now when the region is torn by the war and humanitarian crisis, the largest since WWII, and people's priorities have changed," said Nataliya Toropova, founder of Healthy Initiatives. "It is our task to keep up the health issues high up on the agenda and tackle smoking as a No. 1 risk factor for noncommunicable diseases. With the help of effective smoking cessation programs and education campaigns, we hope to help people who smoke quit, ultimately making the region smoke-free."

Source: <https://tobaccoreporter.com/2024/06/19/ngo-debates-smoking-cessation/>



Meghashrey NGO Promotes Yoga on International Yoga Day, Focuses on Cervical Cancer Prevention

New Delhi [India], June 21: Meghashrey NGO, founded by Seema Singh, marked International Yoga Day with a dedicated event emphasizing the role of yoga in preventing cervical cancer. The event, graced by MLA Ashish Shelar, actor Aparshakti Khurrana, Consul General of Israel Kobbi Shoshani and other prominent figures, highlighted the transformative impact of yoga on health and well-being.

Seema Singh, founder of Meghashrey NGO, reiterated the importance of yoga as a preventive measure against cervical cancer. "Yoga is not just exercise; it is a way of life that enhances our physical, mental, and emotional health. Regular practice can significantly contribute to preventing

diseases like cervical cancer," she emphasized.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from children as well, as Seema Singh personally encouraged them to incorporate yoga into their daily routines. "It's crucial to start yoga at a young age to cultivate healthy habits that can last a lifetime," Singh remarked, as she guided the children through simple yoga poses and breathing exercises.

In addition to MLA Ashish Shelar and actor Aparshakti Khurana, the event also welcomed other notable personalities like Kobbi Shoshani who actively engaged in the yoga session. Together, they demonstrated various asanas and meditation techniques aimed at enhancing overall wellness and immune system strength.

The highlight of the event was the collective yoga session, where participants of all ages joined together to perform yoga postures in a spirit of unity and well-being. The serene ambiance fostered a sense of community and commitment to embracing yoga as a means to prevent illness and promote holistic health.

Meghashrey NGO's celebration of International Yoga Day not only raised awareness about cervical cancer prevention but also inspired individuals to integrate yoga into their daily lives for long-term health benefits. As the event concluded on a high note, participants left with renewed motivation to prioritize wellness through the practice of yoga.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/meghashrey-ngo-promotes-yoga-on-international-yoga-day-focuses-on-cervical-cancer-prevention-124062100763_1.html

NGO brings voluntary medical male circumcision programme

The health screening includes HIV testing and screening for STIs, TB, blood pressure and diabetes.

The health NGO Right to Care is implementing SA's largest voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) programme as part of SA's HIV prevention strategy.

It encourages men to get circumcised this winter to protect themselves and their partners from HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Circumcision helps reduce the sexual transmission of HIV by as much as 60%. HIV remains a challenge in SA despite gains made by addressing the epidemic.

Dr Khumbulani Moyo, the head of the VMMC programme at

Right to Care, explains why they encourage men to get circumcised.

"Winter is SA's peak circumcision season, and our experienced teams at health facilities in various provinces are ready to offer men free and safe circumcisions. June is also Men's Health Month, so it is an opportune time to circumcise," said Moyo.

He said a medical circumcision is often a man's first encounter with the public health system, and Right to Care's teams have experience in offering confidential services in a safe environment.

"The procedure is simple, and the healing process is fast. Men can resume normal activities within one to three days after the procedure, and it takes only six weeks for the wound to heal fully," said Moyo.

The Centers for Disease Control, through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (Pepfar) South Africa, fund Right to Care.

On behalf of the Department of Health, it provides circumcisions in 350 health facilities across 27 districts in eight provinces.

"Circumcision is an important part of a man's overall physical health. Before circumcision, we support men with comprehensive health screenings and refer them to other professionals if necessary.

The health screening includes HIV testing and screening for STIs, TB, blood pressure and diabetes.

"We also facilitate individual and group counselling. As part of our commitment to comprehensive HIV prevention, we refer men at a high risk of HIV infection to be initiated onto PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)," explained Moyo.

He said the Human Sciences Research Council survey found that nearly 50% of SA men aged 15 and 24 are medically circumcised.

"We also appeal to older men to circumcise. You can circumcise at any age and reduce your risk of becoming infected with HIV. Circumcision also assists in preventing the transmission of the human papillomavirus virus (HPV), the leading cause of cervical cancer in women," said Moyo.

He explained that medical circumcision is done under local anaesthetic and takes only 30 minutes. Besides the anaesthetic injection before the procedure, there is very little pain.

"Your healthcare worker will tell you everything you need to know,

including how to care for your wound.

Many men worry about the effect a circumcision may have on their sex life. However, when performed in a medical facility and under sterile conditions, circumcision has no adverse effects on sexual function or pleasure.

It is only during the six-week healing process that you should not have sex or masturbate," Moyo explains.

Right to Care's circumcision districts include:

- Gauteng – Johannesburg, Tshwane, Ekurhuleni and Sedibeng.
- Free State – Lejweputswa and Thabo Mofutsanyane.
- Eastern Cape – Alfred Nzo, Amathole, Buffalo City, Chris Hani and Oliver Tambo.
- KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, Ugu, Umgungundlovu, Uthukela and Zululand.
- Mpumalanga – Ehlanzeni, Nkangala and Gert Sibande.
- Limpopo – Capricorn and Mopani.
- North West – Bojanala Platinum, Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Ngaka Modiri Molema.
- Western Cape – Cape Town.

To find out more about free medical circumcision or to make an appointment, call or send a 'please call me' to the Right to Care circumcision call centre on 082 808 6152. You can also find Right to Care on Facebook.

Source: <https://www.citizen.co.za/germiston-city-news/news-headlines/local-news/2024/06/24/right-to-care-offers-free-medical-circumcisions/>

NGO calls for change of mindset on dengue

PETALING JAYA: Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM) today urged members of the public to take charge of dengue prevention in the community, starting with a change in individual mindsets.

"You should see a doctor as soon as you experience symptoms of dengue. Gone is the fallacy that you can only get a diagnosis after a few days.

"Dengue can largely be diagnosed even on the first day of falling ill," said Dr Koh Kar Chai, DPAM's public education lead, ahead of World Dengue Day tomorrow.

In a statement today, Koh said dengue was an ever-present global scourge which placed a heavy burden on public health systems.

"Productivity of people affected by dengue is reduced by the need to take medical leave or to take care of other infected members of the family. The after-effects from

severe dengue also exact a toll, both physically and mentally," he said.

And despite a low fatality rate of 0.2%, Malaysia still experiences spikes in the number of cases, he said.

"Globally, there is an aim to achieve zero dengue deaths and a 25% reduction in cases by 2030.

"In Malaysia, from 2022 to 2026, we have aimed to reduce cases by 5% annually and to keep the mortality rate below 0.2%.

"All this can only be achieved by a whole of government and society approach," he said.

Source: <https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2024/06/14/ngo-calls-for-change-of-mindset-on-dengue/>



NGO organises free health screening exercise for widows

Tegbi (VR), June 24, GNA- Rest O Nation, a Non-Government Organisation (NGO), has organised a free health screening exercise for widows at Tegbi in the Anloga District of the Volta Region to mark this year's International Widows Day.

The exercise was also to raise awareness about the plight of widows nationwide and advocate for their rights and well-being in society.

Pastor Mrs Margaret Ami Gavor, Founder, and the Leader of the Organisation, disclosed to the Ghana News Agency after marking the day that the motive was to encourage and give hope to all women, who lost their husbands in the area.

"Our organisation is a non-profit making Foundation that aims at empowering widows physically and spiritually and to uplift socially disadvantaged persons to improve their quality of life," she stated.

She added that the vision was to exalt God by guiding the vulnerable to have victorious and abundant life in Christ through the power of God's word to boost their future as well as spiritual well-being.

Pastor Mrs Gavor said communities should promote gender equality, especially for widows, who suffered neglect and economic hardship following the death of their spouses.

"Our mission is to redeem the hurting, poor, and vulnerable from spiritual and physical oppression through the teaching of the word of God, discipleship, entrepreneurial, vocational training, and skills development for total restoration."

Beneficiaries were screened for high blood pressure, malaria, breast cancer, diabetes, and other communicable diseases.

Madam Charity Agbemafa, a 52-year-old beneficiary widow, who spoke to the GNA, expressed joy over the exercise and thanked the organisers for the kind gesture.

The Organisation, the GNA gathered, also engages in teaching the Holy Scriptures, counselling, prayer, supporting the aged and building effective church welfare schemes, and collaboration with the government department's donor-funded programmes for the transformation of human life and others.

The theme of this year's International Widow Day is "Accelerating the Achievement of Gender Equality."

Source: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/06/ngo-organises-free-health-screening-exercise-for-widows/>



SOWETAN SAYS | Right to health must be upheld

A report released by a nonprofit organisation with a focus on the rights of marginalised groups in our society has underscored the dangers of stigma and discrimination.

According to a survey conducted by Ritshidze - an NGO that monitors community-based clinics in SA - sex workers, drug users and LGBTIQ+ members often face uncaring, cruel and abusive treatment at public health facilities. As a result, the victims of this discrimination and abuse were forced to skip taking the critical medication they need, putting their lives at risk.

The organisation said it conducted interviews with nearly 14,000 people, many who revealed they had been refused health services because of being queer, trans, using drugs or engaging in sex

work. Some of the respondents said they had been denied ARVs, STI treatment or contraceptives. The denial of these important services is a violation of their constitutional rights to health. The violation of these rights also undercuts human dignity.

Xolela Mabudla, 25, from the Eastern Cape is one of those whose dignity was impaired when he went to collect medication at his local clinic. Mabundla told Sowetan that it has been two months since he last collected his meds because of the insults he received from staff at the facility.

"The nurse shouted at me and said I should go and stand outside. She called me an idiot and istabane [gay]. I was very angry," he said.

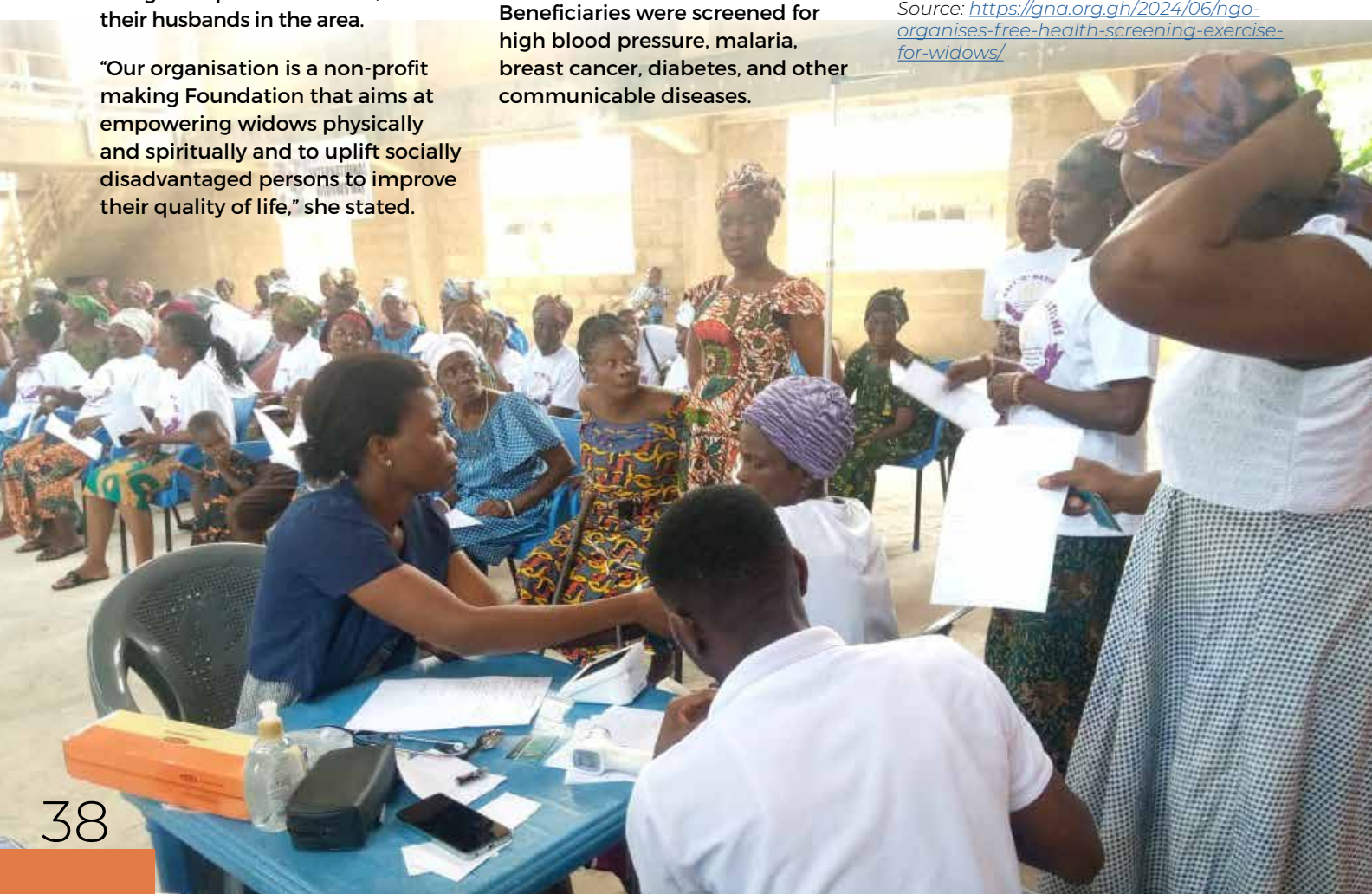
It is undeniable that progress has been made in this country to protect the rights of all and ensure

access to healthcare but education about the rights of marginalised communities must continue.

Senior researcher James Oladipo said the results show that more people were now hesitant to fetch their medication out of fear of the treatment the staff gives them at health facilities. The NGO has recommended that the department of health should have well-trained staff members on diversity and inclusion.

To achieve true equality the state must address the needs of vulnerable groups such as the LGBTIQ+ community and sex workers by involving them in developing policies for care and service at community health facilities. This is particularly urgent now to counter the alarming levels of discrimination highlighted in the report by Ritshidze.

Source: <https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/opinion/columnists/2024-06-27-sowetan-says-right-to-health-must-be-upheld/>



NGO supports Basic school pupils with learning materials



Dzodze (VR), June 21, GNA - 'Inspiring the Deprived Organisation,' a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in the Volta Region has supported some deprived Basic school pupils in the region.

The gesture was to alleviate some challenges school pupils encountered during teaching and learning both in school and at home.

Miss Liko Abigail, Founder and Leader of the group, in an interaction with the Ghana News Agency, explained that a key objective of the Organisation was to inspire Basic school pupils to become good future leaders.

"We also motivate and grant the deprived ones the right and opportunity to education to

become better future leaders that would impact positively for the development of the nation," she said.

She further revealed that their outfit has so far supported over 200 pupils from schools such as A.M.E Zion, Mawuli School complex at Dzodze, Zukpe Basic School, Tornu RC Basic, and others.

"Our support includes the donation of sanitary pads to girls, pens, pencils, exercise and textbooks, school uniforms, and shoes, among others.

"These would help the pupils to understand that there is more to achieve and hope for."

Mr Peter Segbedzi and Mr Aurelius Dzissah, headteachers of Zukpe Basic School and AME Zion Basic respectively, expressed gratitude for the benevolence act.

They promised to ensure the items were put to proper use.

Funding, according to the donors, was largely done by members of the Organisation, benevolent families and friends, philanthropists, and others to help curb the challenges many children in the deprived areas faced.

The Organisation was established in 2022 and targeted all deprived schools and pupils within Ghana and beyond to rebuild the spirit of learning in the young ones.

They are, therefore, appealing to individuals, philanthropists, and others to partner with them to solve the numerous challenges many pupils were going through.

Source: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/06/ngo-supports-basic-school-pupils-with-learning-materials/>



NGO calls for inclusive education in IDP camps

Executive Director and Co-founder of Maple Leaf Early Years Foundation, Mrs Ifedinma Nwigwe, has called for concerted global action on the deployment of the scheme in emergency management, especially for internally displaced persons and refugees.

Speaking at the international conference and awards, organised by 2024 The Zero Project Conference held in Vienna, Austria, Nwigwe said inclusive education could transform learning environments by ensuring that the pupils have a sense of freedom, safety and equality.

She emphasized the importance of making the learning environment conducive for all categories of pupils, irrespective of their social, physical, emotional and intellectual conditions, adding that conducive environment would make them think less of

their peculiar conditions, while ensuring they leverage other aspects of their strengths and energies.

Inclusive education, according to her, is important because it provides an educational setting where students from different backgrounds and with different abilities learn together without keeping certain categories of learners in isolation because of their special needs.

"It is imperative that we accommodate all children regardless of their physical, intellectual, social, emotional, linguistic, or other conditions. This is important because educational interventions are already limited in displaced settings because of their peculiar circumstances, and as a result, an inclusive environment is vital," she said.

Source: <https://guardian.ng/ngo-calls-for-inclusive-education-in-idp-camps/>



NGO empowers high school students with career guidance for a successful future

Navigating the journey from high school to a fulfilling career can be challenging for many young learners.

TygerBurger spoke to Future Pathways Consultants, an NGO dedicated to making this journey smoother and more informed for high school learners in South Africa, particularly those in Grades 9-12.

Recognising the critical need for structured and informed career guidance in South African schools, our founders Phelo Sifile and Dean Mazhawidza, both registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), saw an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the shape of future employers, employees, entrepreneurs, and business owners of South Africa.

- Navigating the journey from high school to a fulfilling career can be challenging, prompting Future Pathways Consultant.
- Founders Phelo Sifile and Dean Mazhawidza emphasise early intervention and the involvement of parents, educators, and consultants in a “Golden Triangle Model” to support learners in making informed career decisions.
- Through psychometric assessments, evaluations, and comprehensive information on self-assessment, career options, and educational pathways, Future Pathways Consultants aim to equip learners with the tools and knowledge needed for successful career planning.

Hence, Future Pathways Consultants was established out of a deep-seated passion for helping young people navigate the often complex and daunting process of career planning.

“The inspiration to start this initiative stemmed from witnessing many young people struggle with career decisions due to a lack of resources and early support in their schooling journey. Our aim is to bridge this gap and equip learners

with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in their individual chosen paths based on guidance from psychometric assessments and evaluation,” explains Sifile.

Importance of career guidance

According to Sifile, career guidance is crucial as it provides learners with the information and support they need to make informed decisions about their future. It helps them understand their strengths, interests, and values, aligning these with potential career paths.

“Effective career guidance reduces the likelihood of learners making misguided educational and career choices, thereby enhancing their chances of success and satisfaction in their professional lives. Additionally, it fosters career maturity, personal agency, and self-efficacy, essential qualities for navigating the modern job market,” says Sifile.

Early intervention, support

Career guidance should ideally start as early as Grade 9, with evaluations conducted in Grade 8 already to ensure that consultants have a baseline of the students they will be facilitating in the following schooling year. This is a pivotal time when learners begin making subject choices that can influence their future career options. Early guidance helps learners explore different career paths, understand the relevance of their subject choices, and set realistic goals.

The role of parents

Future Pathways Consultants believe that parents play a crucial role in this process. They should be actively involved by supporting their children in exploring various career options, encouraging open discussions about interests and aspirations, and helping them

Learners should be well-informed about several key areas to make informed career decisions:

- **Self-assessment:** Understanding their own strengths, interests and values through assessments and counselling.
- **Career options:** Exploring a wide range of career fields and understanding the requirements and opportunities within each.
- **Educational pathways:** Learning about the different educational routes, including university degrees, vocational training, and apprenticeships.
- **Job market trends:** Staying updated on current and future job market trends to identify growing industries and in-demand skills.
- **Subject relevance:** Understanding how their subject choices in high school can impact their future career options.
- **Higher education institutions:** Researching universities and colleges, comparing courses, and understanding the application processes.
- **Financial planning:** gaining information on scholarships, bursaries, and other financial aid options to support their education.
- **Work experience:** Opportunities for internships, job shadowing, and networking to gain practical experience and insights into different careers.

research different fields. Parents can also participate in career guidance sessions and events to better understand the landscape and the opportunities available for their children. By being involved, parents can provide the emotional and practical support that learners need to make confident and informed decisions.

The Golden Triangle model

“At Future Pathways Consultants, we believe in the ‘Golden Triangle Model,’ where the learner is at the core,” says Sifile. Parents, educators, and consultants at FPC each play a vital role as responsible contributors to the learner’s future success. This collaborative approach ensures that every learner receives a well-

rounded support system that fosters their personal and professional growth.

“Career guidance is not just about choosing a job,” says Sifile. “It’s about building a future.”

By providing learners with comprehensive and relevant information in these areas, one empowers them to make choices that are well-informed and aligned with their personal and professional goals.

Learners can get in touch with Future Pathway Consultants through various channels.

Source: <https://www.news24.com/news24/community-newspaper/tygerburger/ngo-empowers-high-school-students-with-career-guidance-for-a-successful-future-20240626-3>



Techila Global Services Enhances Educational Opportunities with Computer Donation to Dnyanankur English Medium School

Pune (Maharashtra) [India], June 14: Techila Global Services, a leading boutique consulting and technology firm, is proud to announce a significant contribution to the Dnyanankur English Medium School in Alegaon Tal, Solapur. In collaboration with a dedicated NGO focused on supporting children's education and development, Techila Global Services has donated 25 desktop computers and 13 laptops to the school. This generous donation aims to enhance the student's learning opportunities and provide them with essential resources to succeed in the digital age.

The donation underscores Techila Global Services' commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and its dedication to leveraging technology to create positive societal impacts. By providing these valuable technological resources, the company aims to bridge the digital divide and empower students with the tools they need to excel in their educational pursuits.

Chitiz Agarwal, CEO of Techila Global Services, expressed his enthusiasm about the donation: "We are thrilled to share some wonderful news with you. We had the privilege of donating 25 desktop computers and 13 laptops

to the Dnyanankur English Medium School through an NGO dedicated to supporting children's education and development. This contribution will greatly enhance their learning opportunities and provide them with valuable resources."

The integration of these computers into the school's curriculum will enable students to develop critical digital skills, access a wealth of information online, and engage in interactive and innovative learning methods. The donation is a testament to Techila Global Services' vision of fostering educational growth and nurturing future generations by leveraging modern technology.

Source: <http://www.uniindia.com/news/pnn/story/3221547.html>

Techila Global Services is a boutique consulting and technology firm with offices in the United States and India. Specializing in crafting custom cloud-based software and mobile digital solutions for enterprises, the company prides itself on creating remarkable value for clients and their customers by leveraging cloud and mobile technology, digital media, the internet, and the talent of its people.

With extensive experience in business consulting, Techila Global Services excels in several key areas. The company specializes in Digital Transformation Strategy, helping clients navigate the complexities of digital transformation to achieve their business goals. In terms of Implementation and Integration, Techila seamlessly integrates cutting-edge technology solutions into clients' existing systems. Their expertise in Change Management ensures smooth transitions and the adoption of new technologies within organizations. Additionally, Techila provides comprehensive Training and Support to maximize the value of implemented solutions.

Techila Global Services has earned a reputation for excellence by helping diverse clients achieve outstanding results. The company's expertise spans various Salesforce solutions, including Salesforce Sales Cloud, which enables businesses to grow, find new customers, and close more deals at a faster rate with the world's best CRM platform. Furthermore, Salesforce Service Cloud enhances customer service experiences by providing a 360-degree view of customers, allowing for faster, personalized, and more efficient service.

CEO Chitiz Agarwal, is a renowned Salesforce.com Guru, TedX Speaker, Technical Architect, Forbes Technology Council member, and TIE Charter Member, leads Techila Global Services. Under his leadership, the company continues to innovate and deliver exceptional solutions to its clients.

For more information about Techila Global Services and its CSR initiatives, please visit Techila Global Services' [website](#).

Turkey's Erdogan presents new 'moral' education programme

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan presented Friday a new education programme promoting the family and moral order, despite protests from teaching unions accusing him of Islamising education.

"The ultimate aim of these efforts is to bring up our children as people who respect morality, are courageous, willing, productive, compassionate, patriotic, blessed with critical sense, competent and virtuous and demonstrating spiritual integrity, with heart and body," Erdogan said.

He also hit out at the "global scourge" of gender ideology and said there would be new lessons on "politeness, manners and the family within the structure of Turkish society".

Erdogan, who has often hit out at LGBTQ rights groups, said there would be optional classes "on the holy Koran, the prophet's life" and other Islamic subjects.

Teaching unions called for a protest on Tuesday against the programme, which they said was "contrary to secularism, science and democratic teaching".

"We call on everyone to fight together for the rights and future of children," Simge Yardim, board member of the Egitim-Sen union, wrote on X.

The unions accuse the government of reducing teaching on mathematics and science and replacing it with classes on Islam.

They complain that supposedly optional religious classes often become obligatory by default due to a lack of other options.

Source: <https://www.macaubusiness.com/turkeys-erdogan-presents-new-moral-education-programme/>

TIA Students Drive Change in Collaborative Annual NGO Activity, Emphasizing STEM and Leadership



Askari Jaffer

Students from [Texas International Academy](#) (TIA) recently participated in 'Peer Learning Exchange', an activity organized by a renowned non-governmental organization (NGO) Rubaroo. This 3-day NGO program allowed TIA students to learn and share ideas on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. They explored current trends such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, etc. along with participants from other schools. Students have also actively participated in various other activities along with a capstone project that enhances their leadership and team-building qualities.

Students of TIA, who get trained for the SAT, IELTS, and TOEFL along with Intermediate education to study BTech abroad, found this NGO activity helpful in building leadership skills while simultaneously involving in insightful conversations related to the most trending topics in the tech space.

Activities like participating in NGO activities give students the necessary exposure to the latest technologies and research facilities that they otherwise would miss by limiting their learning to the classroom. It will also help them build leadership skills that are extremely important to either climb up the corporate ladder or excel in the entrepreneurial space.

Universities overseas consider an applicant's overall profile, including extracurricular activities and personal achievements, along with academic performance when evaluating them for admission. This process is usually referred to as profile building. Another upside of involving in NGO activities like this is an enhanced study abroad profile to get admission into their dream university abroad.

Rajesh Dasari, the Founder of Texas International Academy, emphasizes that "Engaging in NGO activities not only promotes personal growth but also enhances applications for overseas education opportunities."

"Profile Building is often overlooked by many study abroad aspirants and the bitter consequences are inevitable. With the increasing

- **Texas International Academy (TIA), an intermediate college with integrated SAT, IELTS, and TOEFL preparation to help students study abroad after intermediate, involved their students in an annual NGO Activity.**
- **Students were involved in some insightful discussions about STEM Education and other trending topics like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.**
- **This program helped students participate in various activities to improve their leadership qualities which are extremely crucial for growing in this competitive world.**

competition in 2024 and beyond, standing out is not just an advantage but a crucial requirement for studying BTech abroad. Besides NGO activities, students should engage in various other profile-building activities during their two years of intermediate to improve their chances of getting into their dream university," he says.

Here is an overview of the activities included in the three-day peer learning program:

Students discussed the role of STEM education in driving innovation and sustainable development. All the students shared their perspectives on how science and technology can provide solutions to the most pressing problems of the world. Many students have said that they chose to pursue STEM education after intermediate not just for career prospects but for the opportunities to come up with innovative ideas backed by tech that could make the world a better place to live.

This entire program became even more engaging when students

started discussing topics like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Ever since the launch of ChatGPT by Open AI, there has been an integration of AI in almost every profession. Students tried to understand the future AI landscape and how it can impact and improve their lives and those of the people around them.

On the subsequent day, the participants explored how privilege and access to resources impact development. They discussed global perspectives on how factors like economic conditions and resource access affect education and development across regions. Finally, TIA students along with the participants from Grace Model School, and Premia Academy worked on capstone projects related to social action and ended the program by writing letters to their future selves.

Source: <https://www.thehansindia.com/hans/education-careers/tia-students-drive-change-in-collaborative-annual-ngo-activity-emphasizing-stem-and-leadership-884389?infinitescroll=1>





Role of NGOs and international organisations in enhancing literacy in Pakistan

Education plays a pivotal role in the amelioration of socio-economic conditions of a society. It not only accelerates societal progress but also builds capacity and elevate the community to the next level.

Despite significant efforts by the state, the most recent UNICEF report reveals that Pakistan has the world's second-highest number of out-of-school children (OOSC). An estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 years are not attending school, representing 44 percent of the total population in this age group.

The political and economic instability of Pakistan is a major

obstacle to implementing reforms and developing the educational sector. The politically and economically challenged society requires significant measures to overcome the dire state of educational conditions.

In such challenging conditions, NGOs and international organisations (IOs) are actively addressing the educational crisis and devising solutions to mitigate the harmful effects of illiteracy. In Pakistan, these IOs and NGOs are providing substantial support to education by initiating programs focused on quality education, community engagement, skill development, advocacy, and the supply of instructional and material

resources. They are also involved in training teachers and instructors. These organisations are not only striving to upgrade the standard of education but are also significantly influencing educational policies. They offer recommendations, provide normative guidance, and establish networks with like-minded institutions.

Numerous NGOs are working to improve education in Pakistan, including The Citizens Foundation, Akhuwat Foundation, Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi, Zindagi Trust, HOPE, RB Welfare Organisation, The Noor Project, and Indus Resource Center. For example, The Citizens Foundation (TCF) operates over 1,800 schools, providing education to nearly 280,000 students in rural areas and urban slums across Pakistan. TCF not only delivers quality education but also offers scholarships to its alumni. The NGO also collaborates with other organisations to provide vocational training, supporting students in their educational pursuits and assisting them in securing jobs within the same school network.

Alongside NGOs, international organisations are also playing a significant role in advancing education in Pakistan. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provides funding for educational initiatives, while the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Bank, and USAID all are involved in various aspects of educational development, including teacher training and curriculum development. Additionally, the European Union and the Asian Development Bank offer loans

and grants to support educational reforms.

"Room to Read" is a global organisation based in San Francisco that contributes to educational initiatives across Asia and Africa. With a mission to create a world free from illiteracy, the organisation helps students in underprivileged communities develop literacy skills and cultivate a positive reading habit. It focuses on creating libraries and collaborates with various organisations and publishing houses to publish books.

Public-private partnerships and collaborations are also yielding positive outcomes. One notable example is the "Ilm Ideas 2" program, implemented between 2015 and 2020 as a collaboration between the UK's Department for International Development and Pakistan's federal government. This program focused on professional training, resource equipment, expertise sharing, and curriculum development. The results were highly beneficial, addressing various educational issues and paving the way for sustainable approaches in the education sector.

Similarly, The Citizens Foundation (TCF) is collaborating with the public sector on joint initiatives aimed at improving educational infrastructure, enacting policy reforms, and expanding access to underprivileged areas and economically disadvantaged communities in Pakistan.

Precisely, both international organisations (IOs) and NGOs

are at the forefront of advancing education in Pakistan. They are leading the way with innovative education programs and engaging communities at various levels to ensure access to quality education for all. Additionally, they provide essential resources for further development in the education sector.

While NGOs and IOs play a positive role in education, they can also have some negative impacts as well. Over-reliance on NGO aid may result in diminished government responsibility for ensuring quality education. Additionally, NGOs may impose their own agendas and cultural values, potentially disrupting local education systems. Some NGOs may focus exclusively on specific communities, inadvertently marginalizing others. A lack of accountability can lead to negative outcomes and unsustainable initiatives.

Collectively, NGOs and IOs are playing an instrumental role in Pakistan's education landscape by offering assistance in various areas. Their impact could be further enhanced by operating transparently, aligning with local needs, and actively involving local communities without marginalising any group. To ensure quality education and skill development, it's imperative to take appropriate steps in the future, maintaining neutrality and avoiding alignment with specific agendas. Providing transparent evidence of funding sources will bolster trust among the populace, reassuring them that these organisations are committed to addressing educational challenges effectively and will help them enhance their literacy while keeping the programs in complete conformity to their local traditions and customs.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1198109-role-of-ngos-and-international-organisations-in-enhancing-literacy-in-pakistan>

NGO advocates use of drone for education to unlock potential

School of Hard knocks Talents, Nigeria, a non-Governmental Organisation, has advocated the use of drones and Artificial Intelligence to tackle falling standards of Education in the country.

Dr Jerry Akubo, the chief executive officer of the NGO, said drone education had become necessary to stop dwindling interest in Science subjects among students and the fear of mathematics among the youth.

"Drones are remote -controlled electronic flying objects currently being used across the world for almost everything from health, intelligence, cinematography, military, research, adventure and sports," he explained.

"Drones are also, not only an innovative and versatile teaching tool for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics but they equally appeal to both boys and girls and don't require a special talent or skill set," he stated.

"As the teaching of 21st century skills becomes indispensable and schools compete in their efforts to prepare students for future career pathways, drones are becoming a popular teaching tool in schools around the world."

For the country to benefit from the envisaged new education order, the school in partnership with an Australian organization, SHEMAAPS, has targeted 450 students for

training in the FCT as approved by UBEC and SEB.

According to Dr Akubo, a Foundation drone education programme "classroom Drone Essentials" has been developed to help more teachers and experts engage a greater diversity of students and make science and technology, Arts and Mathematics more inclusive.

This, he said, is geared towards actualising the eight point agenda of President Bola Tinubu for Nigerians.

Source: <https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2024/06/08/ngo-advocates-use-of-drone-in-education-to-unlock-students-potential/>



Ludhiana NGO adopts 14-year-old orphan under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign

A 14-year-old orphan girl has been adopted by the Navchetna Child Welfare Committee under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign of the central government.

Gursimran Kaur, whose mother died of medical complications when she was just 2 years old, said, "I live with my aunt and uncle as my father also passed away when I was 6 years old but I never compromised my studies." Her uncle is a labourer and has two sons, one of whom is mentally challenged.

"It is difficult for us to look after 3 kids on a meagre salary but this city based NGO has been of great help. Currently, Gursimran is in a private school as we do not have any government school nearby. We try to arrange her fees by ourselves so that we can save the money provided through scholarship for her higher studies," said her aunt.

A Student of Government College for Girls informed that her college fees is nearly 15000 annually, half of which is funded by the organisation.

15-year-old Gauri, daughter of a cook, has been receiving help from the NGO for the past six years and has got admission into the meritorious school this year. "We are 3 sisters and a brother and without the support of Navchetna, I could not have continued my studies in the wake of our financial constraints," she mentioned.



Gauri has chosen commerce subject in Class11 and aspires to become a chartered accountant. "The amount which I receive is used in purchasing uniform, stationary and extra help books," she added.

A special child and a resident of Sahauli, Kamaljeet Singh, whose education has been funded by the NGO when he was only 11, writes and paints using his foot. At present, he is a student of Class 12 in a private school where he studies free of cost.

"Navchetna has provided me with every possible help including medical help. Due to my physical

disability, I was in a wheelchair and even now I cannot use my hands efficiently but this NGO reached out to experts in Ludhiana and Delhi to help me out," he said. Kamaljeet aspires to become a teacher, is optimistic about life and likes playing football whenever free.

Sukhdir Sekhon, President of the Navchetna Committee said that a group of teachers and industrialists have come together to sponsor the education of the brilliant students in need and will continue to do so in future as well. "Every month, nearly three students are honoured with bicycles and gadgets with an aim to eradicate all the obstacles coming in their way to success," shared Sekhon.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/ludhiana-ngo-adopts-14-year-old-orphan-under-beti-bachao-beti-padhao-campaign-10171951166382.html>



Sindh CM distributes Rs71m among NGOs working for differently-abled persons

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah distributed cheques worth Rs71.252 million to NGOs working for the purchase of assistive devices for differently-abled persons. The cheque distribution ceremony was held at the Chief Minister's House and attended by Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, Secretary of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD) Tauha Farooqi, heads of the NGOs and rehabilitation centres.

The CM said that his government has established rehabilitation centres for disabled persons across the province to facilitate parents to enroll their differently-abled children to become effective members of society.

The NGOs given cheques include Ida Rieu Welfare Association Rs29.135 million, JS Academy of Noor-e-Ali Trust Rs10 million, Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) Rs11.446 million, Autism Care & Rehabilitation Organisation

(ACRO) Rs1.557 million, Pakistan Association of Blind (PAB) National Rs9.430 million, Special Children School Karsaz of Pak Navy Rs4.178 million, Imran Rehabilitation Centre (Shareef Haroon Trust) Rs3.5 million, NGO for Development of Special Persons (NDSP) Rs586,000 and Pakistan Wheelchair Cricket Council (PWCC) Rs1.425 million.

Source: <https://www.nation.com.pk/05-Jun-2024/sindh-cm-distributes-rs71m-among-ngos-working-for-differently-abled-persons>

Number of children claiming disability benefits 'doubles in a decade'

Learning disabilities, autism and ADHD driving increase, Resolution Foundation says

The number of children receiving disability benefits has doubled in the past decade amid a rise in learning difficulties, ADHD and autism, the Resolution Foundation has found.

In total, there are now 328,000 more children receiving financial support for disability than there were in 2013, the think tank said, taking this year's tally to 658,000.

The surge comes alongside a broader rise in people of working age also [receiving payments for incapacity or disability](#), which required an extra £15bn of state spending in the nine years to 2022-23.

In its latest report, the Resolution Foundation said working-age disability benefits are on track to rise 215pc from 2013-14 to 2028-29 - with [the cost to the taxpayer](#) expected to hit £63bn in the next five years.

Many people who have received disability benefits as children continue to do so as adults, the report noted.

Around 70pc of the 318,000 young adults aged 16 to 24 who received personal independence payments (PIP) previously received disability payments as children.

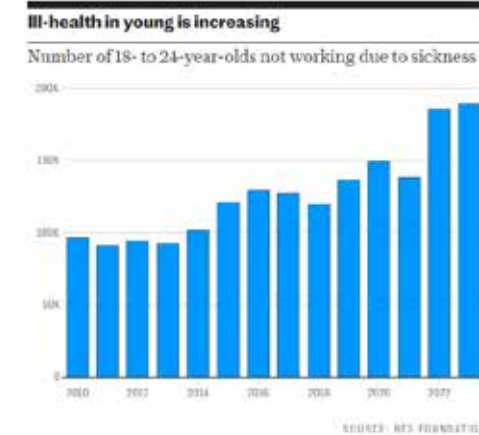
The report said: "If we want to properly understand the rising number of young people claiming disability benefits, then we must also look at trends in child disability benefits."

Worklessness surges after pandemic

It comes amid growing political alarm over [a surge in worklessness](#) since Covid, triggered in part by a record number of people forced to quit work because of long-term sickness.

The share of people aged 16 to 24 reporting that they have a disability has risen from 8pc to 17pc in the 10 years to 2022-23, the Resolution Foundation found.

This is the largest relative rise of any age group.



Louise Murphy, one of the report's authors, said it was "striking" how many of the claims for children related to "learning disabilities, autism and ADHD".

Ms Murphy said: "We know that those conditions have been rising across society overall. Maybe it is not so surprising that we are seeing this reflected in the benefits system when that has been a big societal shift over the past decade or so."

People can receive personal independence payments whether in work or not, as they are paid out to help cover the costs of having a disability.

Ms Murphy said: "Although in essence, the philosophy of PIP is that it is not an out-of-work benefit, the reality is the majority of claimants are not working. That is for all working-age adults, not just young people."

The research found that there are 2.9 million more adults in Britain of working age with disabilities today than a decade ago. This partly reflects increases in the state pension age, but also worse health and possibly deteriorating health services, the research said.

Source: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2024/06/20/number-children-claiming-disability-benefits-doubles-decade/>

'I feel demonised by politicians for having a disability'



With the election now just two weeks away, BBC South has been continuing to hear about the issues that matter to you through [Your Voice, Your Vote](#).

So far more than a thousand people have told us what will help decide who they choose to form the next government.

Those with disabilities often say they are concerned by the emphasis in some quarters on cutting the benefits bill.

Sophie Brudenall, aged 24 and from Slough, got in touch to say she has been left feeling "demonised".

"I'm looking for someone who's just going to care about people with disabilities, not forcing us into jobs we can't do," she said.

Now studying for a degree in game design and creative writing at

Brunel University in West London, Sophie said she had previously been pushed towards jobs like HGV driving, despite being registered visually impaired since 2012.

She has glaucoma, in which damage to the optic nerve has affected her peripheral vision, as well as aniridia, a condition where people have no iris resulting in light sensitivity.

Sophie says watching the political debates on TV, she has rarely heard the politicians talking about disabilities.

With all the manifestoes now published she says too often the emphasis appears to be on cutting the costs to the taxpayer of benefits, including the Personal Independence Payment, which is supposed to help people like her with the additional costs of living with their disabilities.

What the parties say

The Liberal Democrats say the presumption would be that every disabled person has the right to work from home. They also want a targeted strategy to support disabled people into work

The Greens want pay gap legislation to ensure disabled people are paid fairly. They also want to ensure that all disabled workers have the in-job support they need.

Labour policies include tackling the backlog of Access to Work claims, and the party says they believe the Work Capability Assessment is not working and needs to be reformed or replaced.

Reform says it will ensure "those who can work do work" and that Personal Independence Payment and Work Capability Assessment should be face-to-face.

The Conservatives say they will reform disability benefits so they are better targeted and reflect people's genuine needs, and will stop PIP claims from rising unsustainably.

Charity the Business Disability Forum has pointed out the election is taking place shortly before the Paralympics, which will see athletes with disabilities converging on Paris.

Politicians should see the games as a role model for how they view disability, according to the organisation's chief executive, Diane Lightfoot.

"What we need to see from any future government is a much more positive narrative around talent and opportunity," she said.

"We saw that in London 2012. It's a Paralympic year. We have an opportunity to do that again."

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/crag9k5qdn5o>



National Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice Stops in Charlotte

Advocates highlight Olmstead anniversary, push for full inclusion

More than 50 people gathered despite the rain outside of The Nest, North End Community Coalition's space in Camp North End, to welcome the National Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice (NCDFJ) on Thursday morning.

Disability Rights NC and other cross-disability allies raised tents for local vendors and organizations to spread resources and awareness of the current state and federal issues affecting people with disabilities.

The NCDFJ, a collective of people with disabilities and their allies, has been driving across the US since April to illustrate how far disabled people have come in the fight for inclusion and freedom and how much more must change, Disability Rights NC said in a release.

The caravan's last North Carolina stop in Charlotte after Raleigh

and Durham celebrated the 25th anniversary of the US Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, which gave disabled people the right to choose to stay in their community rather than being forced into institutions.

"The concept of self-determination, that all people, including people with disabilities, have the right to pave their own path with access to assistance if and when needed is the backbone of the Olmstead act," said Judith Brown, founder and executive director of Project 70Forward, a nonprofit advocacy and activism organization supporting Charlotte's disabled community.

Local activists, poets and organizations shared their stories on the importance of self-determination and encouraged people with disabilities to continue fighting for their rights.

Source: <https://qcnerve.com/national-caravan-for-disability-freedom/>



Call for Proposal to Develop the Small Grants Programme Operational Phase 8 and the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative (COMDEKS) Country Programme Strategies

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) provides grants to non-governmental and community-based organizations (NGOs/CBOs) in developing countries to enable them to tackle global environmental challenges while addressing local sustainable development needs. In Cambodia, the SGP implemented by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) started financing projects in 2005 and has successfully funded and provided technical support for 268 grant projects.

UNDP Cambodia is looking for a qualified NGO/CSO or academic institution to develop the GEF SGP Country Programme Strategy and The Community Development and Knowledge Management for the

Satoyama Initiative (COMDEKS) Country Programme Strategy in a participatory manner.

The strategy outline should contain specific eligibility criteria to align its activities with the SGP operational phase (OP) 8 project document, COMDEKS strategic priorities, the country's national priorities, GEF 8 programming directions, and potential for synergy with UNDP Cambodia and other partner agencies. The responsible entity (a non-governmental organization or an academic institution) will be selected through an early call for proposals and funded through a grant.

Interested NGOs/CSOs and academic institutions should submit applications containing their name and organization registration, a financial proposal, and a brief methodology for developing the GEF SGP Country Programme Strategy and COMDEKS.

Find more information [here](#).

Please send your proposal either in Khmer or English to UNDP GEF SGP office, Phnom Penh Center, 6th Floor (Building A), Corner Sothea & Sihanouk Blvd, Tonle Bassac, Chamcamorn, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, ATTN: Mrs. Ngin Navirak, GEF SGP National Coordinator. A soft copy of the proposal and annexes must

be sent by the deadline to ngin.navirak@undp.org. A hard copy of the proposal can be sent to the address above after the deadline.

Further information can be obtained from GEF SGP National

Coordinator, Mrs. Ngin Navirak, at ngin.navirak@undp.org (Tel 012 84 40 83) or Ms. Socheata Kim, at socheata.kim@undp.org (Tel 012 714 706).

Deadline: 15 July 2024

Only short-listed project proposal will be contacted for further information.



Source: <https://www.undp.org/cambodia/news/call-proposal-develop-small-grants-programme-operational-phase-8-and-community-development-and-knowledge-management-satoyama-initiative>

Research Analyst - HQ

Organisation Background

Founded in 2011, the International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO) is an international non-governmental organisation that supports humanitarian aid workers by establishing safety coordination platforms in insecure contexts. INSO provides registered NGOs with a range of free services, including real-time incident tracking, analytical reports, safety-related data and mapping, crisis management support, staff orientations and training.

INSO provides daily support to more than 1,200 NGOs operating in 17 of the world's most insecure countries. INSO is registered in the Netherlands, with its headquarters based in The Hague, the international city of peace and justice.

Job Summary

As a Research Analyst, you will help address the safety and access analysis needs of NGO HQs through scheduled and tailored reports, consistent engagement and thematic research. You will accomplish this objective primarily by assessing and advising on challenges related to humanitarian safety and access leveraging engagement with INSO's in-country teams, operational NGO partners and the Conflict & Humanitarian Data Centre.

Major Responsibilities

- Develop, write and publish INSO's NGO Incidents Overview, our global monthly report that assesses NGO incident trends across INSO's country platforms.

- Develop, write and publish the Safety and Access Review, our global quarterly report examining the correlation of conflict activity and NGO incidents.
- Deliver briefs and tailored analysis products addressing emerging dynamics or cross-contextual challenges related to humanitarian safety and access.
- Contribute to comparative analysis of NGO-specific risks through benchmark dashboards and briefs provided directly to NGOs.
- Contribute to thematic reports on cross-contextual or structural issues relevant to NGO safety and access.
- Contribute to research projects that aim to use INSO's field data and access in addressing prevalent and recurring risks to humanitarian programming.
- Assist the Deputy Director in the development and application of the department's internal processes, product guidelines and operating procedures.
- Liaise and coordinate with INSO's Regional Analysts regarding contributions to global reports, thematic papers and analytical training.
- Identify and cultivate a network of contacts within the broader humanitarian community and beyond to expand INSO's global visibility, membership, exchanges and coordination.
- Track and report on existing or emerging humanitarian crises.
- Ensure and reinforce the continuity and consistency

between INSO's consolidated internal data and externally distributed analytical products on a global level.

Mandatory Requirements

- Fluency in English (required) and French (desired)
- Masters degree in International Relations/ Political Science, Security/ Conflict Studies, Humanitarian Action/ Humanitarianism, International Humanitarian Law or Journalism.
- Relevant experience working in NGOs, international organisations, the military, research bodies or journalism.
- Excellent writing and analytical skills.
- Demonstrable understanding of safety discourses and dynamics as they relate to the humanitarian infrastructure, NGO operations and coordination mechanisms.
- Must have the right to live and work in the Netherlands.

Desirable

- Strong comprehension and training in conflict analysis, conflict sensitivity and/or do no harm.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively to meet tight deadlines.
- 3 years' experience working in and on insecure/post-conflict environments, preferably in an analytical capacity.
- Pre-existing field experience,

contextual knowledge and/or information networks from working in the humanitarian field or in a related area.

- Experience engaging and coordinating efforts across multiple levels of NGO hierarchy (field, national, regional and HQ)
- A firm understanding of relevant narratives and complementary sources within and beyond the humanitarian community.
- Strategic commitment to innovatively incorporate and systematise analytical thinking into humanitarian projects, operations and programmes.
- Technical proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Power BI.
- INSO's Safeguarding Policy
- INSO is fully committed to safe recruitment, selection and vetting of all potential new staff, trustees, and volunteers and we will ensure rigorous compliance with our Code of Conduct and Safeguarding policy throughout the recruitment process.

Terms & Conditions:

12-month full-time fixed-term contract (renewable based on funding) based in The Hague, Netherlands. It is a Dutch contract based on the Dutch social security and taxation rules with a €5,200 per month gross salary + 8% vacation pay (vakantiegeld) and 2.5 days annual leave accrued per month. We provide Basic Premium ONVZ health insurance in the Netherlands and travel insurance when travelling for work. A relocation allowance is available. The right to live and work in the Netherlands is required for this position.

How to apply

Please send the following documents to jobs@hq.ngosafety.org and reference 'Research Analyst' in the subject line of the email. Applications should be submitted in English and include:

- An updated CV.
- A one-page cover letter detailing why you are interested in working for INSO and how your qualifications align specifically with the competencies required for the role.

Please do not send any additional information. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and invited to take a written test.

Source: <https://reliefweb.int/job/4072029/research-analyst-hq>

Thematic Youth Assembly Session Pre-COFO 27: Young Minds Green Solutions



Date & Time:

Jul 11, 2024 05:30 PM in

Description:

Organized by the 27th Session of the Committee on Forestry & 9th World Forest Week Youth Task Force, World Food Forum, International Forestry Students' Association, Mediterranean Youth Task Force, and Young Professionals for Agricultural Development.

As a preparatory event for Youth towards the 27th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 27), the Youth Assembly will provide insights into the discussions at COFO 27 and showcase the work of young professionals on the thematic areas of the COFO 27 agenda. The Assembly will also make the link to the implementation of the Youth Call for Action of the XV World Forestry Congress. The Assembly will also include an interactive discussion on how young minds can and are contributing to green solutions.

This Youth Assembly will be the first of three sessions in 2024 which are being planned as part of building the Youth Roadmap on Forestry in 2024. At the end of 2024, an outcome document will be released which will serve as an official roadmap encompassing the main results and way forward of all sessions held in 2024.

Source: https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aHqt7TvPRfyZ_kt-JGuLpw#/registration

Call for Proposals for NGOs: Creating Public Awareness and Support for Climate Action

Public awareness of climate change and support for climate action, particularly among the youth, for climate action in Libya, is growing but remains relatively low. According to a recent survey of global public opinion, the majority of Libyans think climate change is happening and know at least a moderate amount about it. Still, a relatively low number of Libyans think climate change is at least partially caused by human activity. Relative to other African countries, fewer Libyans think climate change will affect them personally and, similarly, a low amount support climate action.

These relatively low public views on how climate change impacts livelihoods in Libya are in contrast to the growing impacts. Sea level rise and higher temperatures are progressively increasing the exposure and risks in the country. The flood in north-eastern Libya in September 2023, for instance, was found to be 50 times more likely to occur and 50 times more intense due to climate change. This is in addition to the higher demands on fresh water and electricity as well as lower national revenue prospects as the world transitions to renewable energy.

With a generous fund from the European Union, UNDP is looking to engage an international or nationally registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or a coalition led by an NGO to implement these three activities:

change and climate advocacy to identify how to support their efforts more effectively.

Budget size and duration

The project will last seven months. The applying organizations are requested to submit a clear and detailed work plan for each output/deliverable and the budget within the foreseen timeframe. The overall indicative grant pool amount made available under this Call for proposals is US Dollars 100,000.00.

Submission Process

Applicants must submit their proposals through email to eman.elmasri@undp.org by the deadline of 07 July 2024 with the subject field "UNDP Creating Public Awareness and Support for Climate Action."

Interested NGOs may obtain further information or clarification by submitting emails no later than 5 days before the deadline for submission to the UNDP Libya office with the subject field "UNDP Creating Public Awareness and Support for Climate Action" to the following address: janeiro.avelino@undp.org.

1. Conducting a public survey of climate change perceptions and knowledge
2. Convene forums to discuss and disseminate information on climate change
3. Map the current actors among civil society and academic institutions active in climate



Source: <https://www.undp.org/libya/publications/call-proposals-ngos-creating-public-awareness-and-support-climate-action>

NGO hosts inter-school debate to inspire youth environmental action

The C-Circle Research Foundation for Sustainable Health and Environment, an NGO, has conducted an inter-school debate competition to promote environmental sustainability and awareness among young people.

The founder of the NGO, Dr Chimere Ohajinwa, stated that the event was part of activities commemorating the 2024 World Environment Day, themed "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

The event, which held in Abuja on Thursday was in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro and other partners.

Ohajinwa, an Environmental Toxicologist and a Public Health Expert, said that 10 schools participated, engaging in discussions on climate change, environmental impacts, policy solutions, and sustainable practices.

According to her, the debate competition is a way to broaden children's knowledge about the environment, climate change, and their impacts.

"The debate also aims to improve public speaking and critical thinking skills in the students.

"The competition is planned to be held three times a year, with other topics organised for debate.

"From the presentations, tree planting is used to control erosion, prevent deforestation, and mitigate other natural disasters."

Dr Ohajinwa explained that the second discussion concluded that both infrastructure and public awareness were important for effective waste management.

She further said that the event would educate participants, raise awareness, and inspire proactive measures among the younger generation.

On his part, Oritsejolomi Ayomike, the President of the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro, said Rotary is a humanitarian organisation that collaborates with the government and educational institutions.

According to him, the club works to create public awareness about harmful environmental practices and their health implications, such as open defecation and deforestation.

Ayomike emphasised that the goal was not to determine the best school but to raise awareness and educate students about environmental maintenance and its health implications.

"Our focus areas are the environment and basic education, which led to bringing students from different schools to debate environmental issues," he said.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that 10 schools were invited, but nine participated in the competition.

The debate topics were "Tree Planting Improves Restoration and Reduces Desertification" and "Is the biggest challenge to effective waste management in Nigeria as a result of lack of infrastructure or lack of Public Awareness".

Regina Pacis College Garki, Abuja won first place, followed by Government Secondary School, Gwagwa, in second place.

Bristol Academy, Karu, took third place, and Government Secondary School, Life-Camp, secured fourth place.

Read more: <https://nannews.ng/2024/06/21/ngo-hosts-inter-school-debate-to-inspire-youth-environmental-action/>



Methane minimization: European NGO promotes pre-landfill packaging waste treatment

The adoption of biological stabilization methods in waste management is expected to rise in the coming years, according to Janek Vahk, zero pollution manager at Zero Waste Europe (ZWE). As landfills may release more methane than previously anticipated, ZWE suggests treating waste biologically before landfilling as an alternative strategy to minimize methane generation.

The majority of plastic packaging waste is sent to landfills or disposed of in the environment as a result of poor product design and lack of political infrastructure. The US-based Supply Chain Solutions Center has found that of the 9.2 billion metric tons of plastic produced, 9% has been recycled properly.

Shifting from gas capture to waste biostabilization prior to

landfilling provides an effective and sustainable strategy for managing waste and addressing climate change, finds ZWE in its [latest report](#).

“Unlike traditional methods that focus on capturing and converting methane to energy, this approach prevents methane production at the source, offering a more effective solution to the environmental challenges posed by landfill waste,” Vahk tells Packaging Insights.

Landfilled **packaging waste.**

Globally feasible?

Biostabilization in waste management, as opposed to traditional landfill gas capture,

involves treating waste before landfilling to avoid fossil-derived CO2 emissions, as with thermal treatments, such as incineration.

The method suggested by ZWE reduces emissions and, where additional sorting of leftover mixed waste (LMW) is included, supports a transition toward a more circular and resilient economy.

“The flexibility of these systems, which can accommodate both source-separated organic waste and the biological fraction of mixed waste, makes them suitable for diverse waste management contexts globally, including in developing countries,” Vahk tells us.

“Additionally, implementing MRBT (Mechanical Recovery and Biological Treatment) systems can create employment opportunities in waste sorting and treatment, providing further socio-economic benefits.”

Landfilling rethought

Biological stabilization is a pretreatment process – similar to composting – that occurs under aerobic conditions, meaning it is done in the presence of oxygen, explains Vahk.

“It’s estimated that biological stabilization, combined with biologically active landfill covers, can reduce methane generation by up to 95%,” he adds.

MRBT further enhances this reduction by extracting additional recyclables from LMW – reducing the climate impact of landfilling and incineration.

The approach minimizes the global temperature impact of residual waste management and reduces the likelihood of methane emissions reaching critical levels.

Mitigating climate change

Global waste management is fraught with challenges, particularly concerning methane emissions from landfills. In 2020, over 2.1 billion metric tons of municipal solid waste were generated, with 62% managed at controlled facilities, and nearly half of it landfilled, finds ZWE’s report.

With 2.7 billion people in need of waste collection services, the remaining 38% was handled uncontrollably. Methane, a potent short-term GHG gas, is a significant by-product of landfilling biodegradable waste, contributing substantially to global warming.

“With the pressing need to reduce GHG emissions, the shift toward biological stabilization represents a critical step in global waste management strategies,” says Vahk.

Source: <https://www.packaginginsights.com/news/methane-minimization-european-ngo-promotes-pre-landfill-packaging-waste-treatment.html>



World Bank approves \$535m loan for social protection, livestock and aquaculture sectors

Funds aim to build shock resilience among vulnerable households, promote climate-smart and competitive producers

On Friday, the World Bank's (WB) Board of Executive Directors approved \$535 million in financing for Pakistan to support two key projects, Crisis-Resilient Social Protection (CRISP) and the Sindh Livestock and Aquaculture Sectors Transformation (LIVAQUA).

The additional financing for the CRISP program aims to strengthen the country's social protection system and build shock resilience among poor and vulnerable households.

The LIVAQUA project, on the

other hand, will promote climate-smart and competitive small and medium producers in the livestock and aquaculture sectors in Sindh, according to a news release.

"The catastrophic floods that hit Pakistan in 2022 were a tragic reminder of the importance of building resilience to such disasters, including by strengthening both social protection and sectors that support economic growth and recovery," said Najy Benhassine, World Bank Country Director for Pakistan.

"It is also imperative to help the vulnerable absorb climate shocks through innovative climate-smart technology and contingency planning," he added.

The

additional financing for CRISP (\$400 million) will build on the program's ongoing efforts to equip Pakistan's social protection system with the policy and delivery system foundations necessary for more effective and rapid responses to future crises.

The program will focus on longer-term policy actions to further improve the national cash transfer program's effectiveness, coverage, and federal-provincial coordination.

"Since its inception, the CRISP program has achieved significant results with regular safety net support to more than nine million families and a demonstrated capability of quickly reaching 2.8 million families during the recent floods," said Amjad Zafar Khan, Task Team Leader for the project.

"The additional financing would not only assist

families in becoming more resilient to climate and economic shocks but also encourage the use of provincial capacities to take up a larger role in social assistance."

LIVAQUA (\$135 million) will finance interventions to promote climate-smart production, value addition, and inclusive access to markets, and help create opportunities for growth in the livestock and aquaculture sectors.

These interventions will include improving sector policy and strategic frameworks, as well as evidence-based decision-making.

It will also contribute to strengthening the capacity of public and private providers to deliver essential knowledge, inputs, and services such as disease surveillance and control, diagnostic laboratory services, breeding programs, food safety, and the development and transfer of green technologies.

LIVAQUA will cover all districts in Sindh using a phased approach. It is expected to benefit more than 940,000 farm families, including 930,000 livestock households and 10,000 aquaculture producers. The project also includes measures to ensure female farmers' participation and narrow gender gaps.

"The project will improve the livelihoods of small and medium livestock and aquaculture producers, increase their resilience to animal health and climate-related shocks, strengthen the overall growth of these two sectors in Sindh, and more broadly improve food and nutrition security and reduce the sectors' contribution to greenhouse gas emissions," said Myriam Chaudron, Task Team Leader for the project.

Source: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2472891/world-bank-approves-535m-loan-for-social-protection-aquaculture-and-livestock-sectors-in-pakistan>



'Nothing allocated for agri sector in budget'

LAHORE: Central Chairman of Pakistan Kissan Ittehad (PKI) Khalid Hussain has regretted that virtually nothing has been allocated for development of agriculture sector in the Punjab budget.

Addressing a press conference here Saturday, he said that there were empty slogans in the budget speech. The farmers are crying as they didn't get due price of their crops including wheat. He said that the farmer was going through the hardest times, wheat was not procured by the provincial government and when we raise voice for our rights, we were badly hit by force.

Khalid said that inputs had become costly with every passing day. The electricity charges for the industry is Rs30 per unit but growers are being charged Rs70 per unit, he lamented. The Chairman PKI added that the farmer did not get a single relief in this budget. He demanded of the government to allow export of wheat as it had failed to buy grains from farmers.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1200917-nothing-allocated-for-agri-sector-in-budget>

Anti-Muslim incidents double in Germany, says NGO



BERLIN: Attempted arson on a mosque in Bochum that had been marked with a swastika, the door of a Muslim family in Saxony shot at by a right-wing extremist neighbour, a woman pushed onto train tracks in Berlin after being asked if she belonged to Hamas.

These are some of the record 1,926 anti-Muslim incidents registered in Germany last year by the CLAIM network of NGOs monitoring Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred. That marked a 114 percent rise on 2023, with incidents shooting up in particular after the Oct 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel from Gaza.

Yet authorities are paying insufficient attention to this phenomenon, and even denying its existence, as mainstream parties take over policies of far-right, anti-Islam parties that have surged in popularity, Rima Hanano told a Berlin news conference on Monday to present the report.

The Alternative for Germany (AfD), which states in its programme that Islam does not belong to Germany, has jumped to second place in polls over the past year, prompting mainstream parties to talk tougher on migration.

"The streets, buses or mosques are no longer safe places for people

who are Muslim or perceived as such," said Hanano. "Anti-Muslim racism was never as socially acceptable as today and it comes from the middle of society."

The incidents recorded, likely only a fraction of the total given a fear of coming forward and a lack of monitoring institutions, included 90 attacks on Islamic religious sites, cemeteries and other institutions, CLAIM wrote. Most attacks on individuals consisted of verbal abuse and were aimed at women. There were also four attempted murders.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1203312-anti-muslim-incidents-double-in-germany-says-ngo>

Roundtable Discussion: Excessive Influence of NGOs Leads to "Disruption of Democracy"

At a discussion at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs on Wednesday, it was stated that NGOs have a very strong influence on local politics worldwide, including in many European countries, while their transparency is often problematic.

"In many countries we see that NGOs are seeking to privatize democracy. It is important for NGOs to be present in important areas such as education and the fight against poverty, but it is worrying that in recent decades they have become part of the political decision-making process, while their representatives are not elected, and we do not know exactly who they represent," said Petra Halkó, senior analyst at the 21st Century Institute, at a roundtable discussion, "National Sovereignty vs. Foreign Influence – Examples from Around the Globe."

In Halkó's opinion,

the old notion of "soft power" is given a new light by the "excessive influence" of NGOs.

Prestigious U.S. universities also train NGO experts, but in many cases it turns out that their activities in various organizations abroad do not serve U.S. geopolitical interests, she noted.

Péter Pál Kránitz, senior researcher at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, said that the activities of the civil society in Georgia, which has been in the news recently, are the least transparent. "90% of these organizations are channeled abroad, their activities benefit the local liberal opposition. The situation can also be seen as a deficit in the European Union's [Eastern Partnership](#) program," he said.

According to Rodrigo Ballester, head of the Center for European Studies at Mathias Corvinus Collegium ([MCC](#)),

the "overpowering" of NGOs has led to too much attention being paid to the noisy minority in the world today, causing a disruption of democracy.

While the U.S. administration is paying serious attention to supporting the activities of NGOs abroad, the conflict in the Middle East is also revealing that government interests are often out of step with the activities of NGOs, he said.

All three experts agreed with the approach that there is a need for greater transparency of the activities of NGOs abroad around the world, because their increasing political activity can be a serious obstacle to democracy in nation states.



Source: <https://hungarytoday.hu/roundtable-discussion-excessive-influence-of-ngos-leads-to-disruption-of-democracy/>



NGO backs out-of-camp policy for refugees



Aggrey Mutambo

What you need to know:

- Some countries have found themselves hosting refugees in camps for a longer time than expected.
- The refugee numbers have ballooned from the first generation of arrivals through to the third.

A US non-profit organisation has warned against “warehousing” refugees by keeping them in camps for a long time, saying it prevents host countries from utilising the talent of those fleeing wars and other forms of danger.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Eskinder

Negash, said encampment of refugees is illegal and inhumane, adding that it keeps refugees in a cycle of despair.

Mr Negash spoke during an interview aired on NTV to mark the World Refugee Day.

The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants is a non-governmental organisation that fights for the rights of people in forced or voluntary migration globally.

It was formed in the US in 1911, but now operates in various countries including Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Over the years, some countries have found themselves hosting refugees in camps for a longer time than expected.

The refugee numbers have ballooned from the first generation of arrivals through to the third.

In Kenya, the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps were opened in the 1990s following conflicts in Somalia, Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Presently, Kenya hosts over 700,000 refugees.

Mr Eskinder said the idea of encampment has proven futile, not just in Kenya but in other places where refugees are forced into one place and their movement restricted.

“For 15 years, we have been advocating for out-of-camp policies. In the Refugee Convention of 1951, camps are not mentioned. Camps are by design temporary, not permanent,” he said.

“But in Sudan we have camps since 1967/68, we have Dadaab (in Kenya) since 1991, Kakuma which started with a few refugees is now becoming like a city. The

idea of warehousing refugees for that long doesn’t seem to be very humane. Refugee warehousing is dehumanising. There is no future...it doesn’t seem to be a good policy for human beings,” he said.

The NGO has helped resettle about 370,000 refugees in third countries around the world since 1980s. It is now focused on helping unaccompanied children.

But with the numbers of the displaced rising – a recent UN Refugee Agency report said the number of people forcibly displaced reached 143 million in 2023 – local solutions are being encouraged.

The Kenyan Government announced on Thursday that it will be granting special status IDs to refugees to enable them move around freely, seek jobs, start businesses and get an education.

The programme to be launched in November targets 700,000 refugees on Kenyan soil, mostly encamped in Dadaab and Kakuma.

Known as Shirika Plan, it will be implemented over a four-year period. The first phase of the plan will require about \$943 million (Sh115.6 billion) to be used for turning the camps into municipalities, issuing IDs to refugees and providing social amenities .

The government and local county administrations, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and various NGOs will jointly implement the programme.

“This money will come from various partners and donors, including governments and the private sector. It will be channelled not only through the government but also through international NGOs, county

governments and ministries,” Immigration Principal Secretary Julius Bitok said at a ceremony to mark the World Refugee Day in Turkana County.

The World Bank and other donors have offered to finance the project, but with tight conditions.

The project is a big turnaround for Kenya which had for years wanted to shut down the refugee centres ostensibly to deal with insecurity. The programme could offer a win-win solution, as long as it gets regular funding.

The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants sees an end of camps as a good solution that should be supported.

“These are not criminals. These are people who came to Kenya or any other country because they had a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country. They didn’t choose to be refugees.

“The solution is, as the UNHCR, the international organisation for refugees recognises, out-of-camp policies. There is a lot of discussion around it. And that is what we have been pushing.

“If you look at every country, the US or any other place, refugees bring a lot of talent and they add a lot of value to the economy. Refugees have never been a burden to the society,” Mr Eskinder said.

He said freedom for refugees does not mean forcing host countries to give them citizenship. But there can be local arrangements to ease their movements and access to jobs.

Source: <https://nation.africa/kenya/news/ngo-backs-out-of-camp-policy-for-refugees-4668956>

Devex Checkup: Vote over reproductive rights NGO points to deeper divisions in WHO

WHO member states vote to admit reproductive rights NGO in “official relations.” Plus, pandemic treaty discussions continue despite missing the deadline to reach an agreement, and small island states outline their health needs.



Andrew Green

“I call for Barbadian rum,” Ambassador Matthew Wilson, declared while serving as chair of the [World Health Organization](#)’s executive board meeting this week in an attempt to defuse the tension during a heated debate over the admission of a reproductive rights NGO as a nonstate actor that can participate in WHO sessions.

Qatar and several member states were against giving the [Center for Reproductive Rights](#) a seat at the table because of its work that includes protecting and advancing abortion rights globally. They argued that the NGO’s activities do not align with their national laws and religious and cultural contexts. The decision had been delayed for months as the board

could not reach an agreement. But on Tuesday, [the organization was finally admitted](#) after a 17-13 vote in their favor.

But some fear that voting is becoming the default means to resolve contentious issues between WHO member states, a shift from the past when decisions were often made by consensus. During the 77th World Health Assembly countries carried out a record 10 rounds of voting on a range of hot-button issues including resolutions concerning Ukraine and the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as on the use of the word gender in one resolution.

But the vote on the Center for Reproductive Rights could spell out more significant problems, as it sets a bad precedent for other nonstate

actors wishing to be admitted in official relations with WHO, according to Elisha Dunn-Georgiou, [Global Health Council](#)’s president and executive director.

She says the NGO met the guidelines set by WHO member states for nonstate actors and was already recommended for approval which “should have been enough.”

“We are now faced with the possibility of an additional ‘litmus test’ for those organizations who are seeking to uphold the human rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, of all people,” she says.

Holding fast

WHO member states have vowed to press ahead with negotiations on a pandemic treaty, despite missing the deadline to reach an agreement by last week’s WHA. [WHO officials now say](#) a deal will be struck by 2025, if not sooner.

With the talks set to continue, civil society groups from the global south are holding fast to key demands. K.M. Gopakumar, the legal adviser for the Third World Network, joined my colleague Jenny Lei Ravelo [on a recent podcast](#) to lay out the full framework of what advocates guarding the interest of low- and middle-income countries continue to expect from any agreement that finally emerges.

Their expectations include legal guarantees that any agreement will ensure access to technologies for all countries during the next outbreak. They argue that this is critical to diversify production and ensure that any product – whether vaccines, medicines, or diagnostics – will be equitably available in the next pandemic. Advocates are also looking for benefits from sharing information about emerging

pathogens that help develop and refine products to respond to the pandemic.

In alignment

“I see a trend towards alignment from the big to the small donors.”

— Dr. Ebere Okereke, chief executive officer, Africa Public Health Foundation

That was in response to my colleague Sara Jerving’s question during a discussion at the Devex CheckUp @ WHA 77 panel about whether donors are falling in line with domestic health priorities in Africa.

The panel identified [several reasons for this alignment](#), beginning with governments that are setting clearer priorities, which gives donors something to align with. In some countries, the COVID-19 outbreak provided a test run for how to establish and communicate their preferences, capabilities they can now translate into nonemergency situations.

It also helps that countries are investing more in their own health systems, which allows them to retain control over how the money is spent.

Islands in the sun

Marginalized too long, it’s time to support small island developing states as they attempt to address myriad challenges, including health threats that are exacerbated by the climate crisis, write Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Alfonso Browne and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Chebreyesus [in an opinion piece for Devex](#).

The 39 nations that make up the SIDS need support in strengthening health systems that must contend with disproportionately high rates of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory conditions, in addition to other health needs. That is why noncommunicable disease prevention, detection, and management must be prioritized, Browne and Tedros write. At the same time, SIDS are also struggling to recruit and retain a qualified health workforce, a situation that must be reversed.

There is also a need to overhaul financing, which could unlock billions of dollars to invest in both climate adaptation and mitigation and meaningful improvements to the health sector.

Browne and Tedros say the Fourth International Conference on SIDS was an opportune moment to make these and other commitments to improving health care across the SIDS.

What we’re reading

Combating neglected infectious diseases might be the world’s best investment, but only if the funds to support existing interventions arrive soon. [\[Vox\]](#)

To prevent sexually transmitted infections, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending that men who have sex with men and transgender women take a regimen of doxycycline after a potential exposure. [\[MedPage Today\]](#)

The new class of weight-loss drugs, such as Wegovy, also appear capable of playing a significant role in preventing cancers and shrinking existing tumors. [\[The Guardian\]](#)



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11 bodies retrieved from Mediterranean off Libya: NGO

ROME: The bodies of 11 people, believed to be migrants, were retrieved off the Libyan coast on Friday, the Doctors Without Borders (MSF) NGO said on X.

“Sadly, after a search operation that lasted over nine hours, GeoBarents team retrieved the bodies of 11 people who unfortunately lost their lives,” MSF said.

MSF had been alerted to the corpses by German NGO Sea-Watch, which said earlier on Friday it had spotted the 11 bodies in the water.

“During today’s flight with our Seabird, the crew spotted 11 bodies,” said Sea-Watch, which also rescues migrants in the Mediterranean.

“It is unclear whether the bodies discovered off the Libyan coast were victims of a previously unknown shipwreck.”

While out searching for the bodies, MSF sighted a boat and rescued the 20 people aboard, it said.

Both NGOs accused European countries of complicity in the deaths due to their migration policies.

Sea-Watch said Libyan authorities had chosen to leave the bodies at sea.

“The so-called Libyan coast guard – financed by the EU – ignored our call demanding that the bodies be recovered,” said Sea-Watch, which has in the past clashed with Libyan authorities, who they claim once threatened to shoot down their aeroplane with a missile.

Libya is a major jumping-off point for migrants trying to head from Africa to Europe, with the Italian

island of Lampedusa the nearest European destination.

According to Italy’s interior ministry, the number of migrant arrivals in the country has dropped considerably in 2024 to just under 21,800 since the beginning of the year, compared to close to 53,300 in the same period last year.

The journey can be dangerous with more than 3,000 migrants reported to have gone missing in 2023 while attempting to cross the Mediterranean, according to the International Organization for Migration.

Source: <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2526036/middle-east>



NGO demands implementation of Security Council resolution on Gaza

Ramallah, Jun 11 (Prensa Latina) The Save The Children non-governmental organization demanded the immediate implementation of a UN Security Council resolution that calls for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, which is still under Israeli attacks.

In a statement, the NGO considered the measure positive, although long overdue after more than eight months of conflict.

“It is the obligation of all Member States now to turn these words into action,” the agency said. “The resolution is a step in the right direction: the minimum that children in Gaza expect from an institution that has let them down,” said Tamer Kirolos, Save

the Children’s regional advocacy director for the Middle East.

The activist warned if the proposal is not accepted immediately, the international community, the Security Council, the UN General Assembly, and all its member states must adopt rapid measures to guarantee a definitive ceasefire.

Kirolos indicated that even with its implementation, it is already too late “for tens of thousands of murdered, mutilated, kidnapped and displaced children.” However, he noted, hundreds of thousands more will be saved.

The bill was approved yesterday by 14 votes in favor with one abstention and is based on a three-phase

proposal recently announced by US President Joe Biden.

In principle, the plan demands an immediate ceasefire, the release of all Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners, the return of displaced Gazans to their homes, and the complete withdrawal of the Israeli Army.

That phase would give way to a second one, allowing the war to end permanently. Nevertheless, the Palestinian militias want a written commitment to its implementation. But, on the other hand, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not want to stop the fighting and only insists on vague formulas on the subject.

Source: <https://www.plenglish.com/news/2024/06/11/ngo-demands-implementation-of-security-council-resolution-on-gaza/>

80 percent of people globally want stronger climate action by governments according to UN Development Programme survey

Landmark public opinion research reveals overwhelming majority around the world support more ambitious efforts and want to overcome geopolitical differences to fight climate crisis

More than 75,000 people speaking 87 different languages across 77 countries were asked 15 questions on climate change for the survey, which was conducted for UNDP with the University of Oxford, UK and GeoPoll.

New York – The biggest ever standalone public opinion survey on climate change, the [Peoples' Climate Vote 2024](#), shows 80 percent – or four out of five – people globally want their governments to take stronger action to tackle the climate crisis.

Even more – 86 percent – want to see their countries set aside geopolitical differences and work together on climate change. The scale of consensus is especially striking in the current global context of increased conflict and the rise of nationalism.

Over 73,000 people speaking 87 different languages across 77 countries were asked 15 questions on climate change for the survey, which was conducted for the UN Development Programme (UNDP) with the University of Oxford, UK and GeoPoll. The questions were designed to help understand how people are experiencing the impacts of climate change and how they want world leaders to respond. The 77 countries polled represent 87 percent of the global population.

“The Peoples' Climate Vote is loud and clear. Global citizens want their leaders to transcend their differences, to act now and to act boldly to fight the climate crisis,” said UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner. “The survey results – unprecedented in their coverage – reveal a level of

consensus that is truly astonishing. We urge leaders and policymakers to take note, especially as countries develop their next round of climate action pledges – or ‘nationally determined contributions’ under the Paris Agreement. This is an issue that almost everyone, everywhere, can agree on.”

Biggest emitters support stronger climate action

The survey revealed support for stronger climate action in 20 of the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitters, with majorities ranging from 66 percent of people in the United States and Russia, to 67 percent in Germany, 73 percent in China, 77 percent in South Africa and India, 85 percent in Brazil, 88 percent in Iran and up to 93 percent in Italy.

In five big emitters (Australia, Canada, France, Germany and the United States), women were more in favour of strengthening their country's commitments by 10 to 17 percentage points. This gap was biggest in Germany, where women were 17 percentage points more likely than men to want more climate action (75 percent vs. 58 percent.)

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Fossil fuel phaseout

Aside from a broad call for bolder climate action, the survey shows support by a global majority of 72 percent in favour of a quick transition away from fossil fuels. This is true for countries among the top 10 biggest producers of oil, coal, or gas. This includes majorities ranging from 89 percent in Nigeria to 54 percent of people in the United States.

Only 7 percent of people globally said their country should not transition at all.

Climate anxiety

People across the world reported that climate change was on their minds. Globally, 56 percent said they were thinking about it regularly, i.e. daily or weekly, including some 63 percent of those in Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

More than half of people globally said they were more worried than last year about climate change (53 percent). The corresponding

figure was higher for those in LDCs (59 percent). On average across the nine Small Island Developing States (SIDS) surveyed, as much as 71 percent said they were more worried than last year about climate change.

69 percent of people globally said their big decisions like where to live or work were being impacted by climate change. The proportion so affected was higher in LDCs (74 percent), but notably lower in Western and Northern Europe (52 percent) and Northern America (42 percent).

Prof. Stephen Fisher, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, said: “A survey of this size was a huge scientific endeavour. While maintaining rigorous methodology, special efforts were also made to include people from marginalised groups in the poorest parts of the world. This is some of the very highest quality global data on public opinions on climate change available.”



Cassie Flynn, Global Director of Climate Change, UNDP, said: “As world leaders decide on the next round of pledges under the Paris Agreement by 2025, these results are undeniable evidence that people everywhere support bold climate action. The Peoples’ Climate Vote has enlisted the voices of people everywhere – including amongst groups traditionally the most difficult to poll. For example, people in nine of the 77 countries surveyed had never before been polled on climate change. The next two years stand as one of the best chances we have as the international community to ensure that warming stays under 1.5°. We stand ready to support policymakers in stepping up their efforts as they develop their climate action plans through our Climate Promise initiative.”

UNDP’s [Climate Promise](#) initiative has seen over 100 developing countries submit enhanced NDCs during the second revision cycle – of which 91 percent raised their targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and 93 percent also strengthened adaptation goals.

Full Report:

[Download the full report here.](#)

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Notes to Editors

The Peoples’ Climate Vote 2024 is the second edition of the global survey carried out by UNDP and the University of Oxford. The first Peoples’ Climate Vote took place in 2021 and surveyed people across 50 countries through adverts in popular mobile gaming apps. The polling method for this edition

differs from The Peoples’ Climate Vote 2021. Therefore, questions and responses are not comparable across the two reports.

The 2024 edition included 15 questions that asked how people’s day-to-day lives are impacted by climate change, how they feel it is being addressed in their countries and what they would like the world to do about it. The results give the most comprehensive public account yet of how people feel and respond to climate change.

The University of Oxford team was primarily involved in processing data and producing the statistical output. Polling was conducted by international polling firm, GeoPoll, via randomised mobile telephone calling. Randomisation meant almost everyone with a phone in any country had a chance of participating, whereas, in the previous poll, people needed a broadband connection. No one could opt in without being randomly selected, and no one could participate more than once.

The polling results were collated and processed by survey research experts at the University of Oxford, who weighted the sample to make it representative of the age, gender, and education population profiles of the countries in the survey.

Over 10 percent (9321 respondents) of the total sample comprised people who never went to school. Of those, 1241 were women over 60 who never went to school. These are some of the very hardest-to-reach groups to poll. People in nine of the 77 countries surveyed had never before been polled on climate change. Under-18s were polled in countries where it was legal and viable to do so.

The country-level estimates quoted above have margins of error no larger than + or - 3 percentage points. The margin of error for SIDS

and some regions is + or -1, and even lower for big regions and global estimates. Global, regional and LDC figures are overall estimates, which is possible given the high levels of population coverage of those groupings. Figures for SIDS are a population-weighted average over the nine SIDS surveyed.

Find out more about the Peoples’ Climate Vote, including the global results, at <http://peoplesclimate.vote/>.

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Source: <https://www.undp.org/press-releases/80-percent-people-globally-want-stronger-climate-action-governments-according-un-development-programme-survey>

Climate change made US and Mexico heatwave 35 times more likely

Human-induced climate change made recent extreme heat in the US south-west, Mexico and Central America around 35 times more likely, scientists say.

The World Weather Attribution (WWA) group studied excess heat between May and early June, when the US heatwave was concentrated in south-west states including California, Nevada and Arizona.

Extreme temperatures in Mexico also claimed lives during the period.

Such attribution studies take some time to complete, so it is too soon for scientists to say how much of a role climate change is playing in the current heatwave stretching from the centre of the US through to the north-east and into Canada.

In their new report, the scientists said such a heatwave was now four times more likely than it was in the year 2000, driven by planet-warming emissions.

Many extreme weather events including heatwaves are becoming more frequent and intense as a result of climate change, experts say.

“The results of our study should be taken as another warning that our climate is heating to dangerous levels,” said Izidine Pinto, Researcher at the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute.

“Potentially deadly and record-breaking temperatures are occurring more and more frequently in the US, Mexico and Central America due to climate change.

“As long as humans fill the atmosphere with fossil fuel emissions, the heat will only get worse – vulnerable people will continue to die and the cost of living will continue to increase.”

The WWA study focused on a region including the US south-west and Mexico, as well as Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras which also saw dangerously high temperatures.

The scientists said that the hottest five-day stretch across the region in June was made about 1.4C warmer by climate change.

“Every fraction of a degree of warming exposes more people

to dangerous heat,” said Karina Izquierdo, Urban Advisor for the Latin American and Caribbean region at Red Cross Climate Centre.

“The additional 1.4C of heat caused by climate change would have been the difference between life and death for many people during May and June.”

Mexican officials have linked the heatwave to the deaths of scores of people. It has also been blamed for the deaths of howler monkeys in the southern state of Tabasco.

The scientists underlined the danger from high night-time temperatures – a severe threat to health as the body does not have time to rest and recover.

The WWA group conducts rapid-attribution studies on weather events around the world to look at the role climate change has played in their severity.

The scientists examine the events, comparing them against models of what would have likely occurred in a world not subjected to human-induced global warming.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/czvvqdg8zxno>

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