

## ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Alumni Report 2024

### Personal Information

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### Fellowship Experience

#### Most Valuable Lessons Learned:

The ICCCAD Youth Fellowship was a transformative experience that deepened my understanding of climate resilience, loss and damage, and circular economy principles. I learned about the UNFCCC process, climate finance mechanisms, and how local adaptation strategies can create meaningful impact. The fellowship also enhanced my leadership and networking skills, equipping me with the confidence to drive change in my community.

#### Most Impactful Sessions or Activities:

The field visit to Kuakata was the most impactful experience, where I observed firsthand the struggles of coastal communities facing climate-induced displacement. Engaging with local stakeholders and learning about community-led adaptation strategies gave me valuable insights into the real-life implications of climate change. The base camp sessions on the circular economy and project development also significantly contributed to my knowledge and helped shape my future initiatives.

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### Implementation of Learning

#### Application of Knowledge & Skills:

Since completing the fellowship, I have applied my learning in multiple ways. I led the 'Pollution to Solution' campaign, an awareness and plastic recycling initiative in Dhaka, educating students and local communities on sustainable waste management. Additionally, my Climathon Dhaka project, 'ABOARDE,' introduced a recycled convertible housing solution for

climate migrants, inspired by my learnings on climate adaptation. I also contributed to discussions on Loss and Damage, utilizing my fellowship knowledge to advocate for climate finance at youth policy forums.

**Notable Achievements & Success Stories:**

- Led the plastic pollution awareness campaign at Bauniabadh and Kalshi Mirpur, engaging 60 volunteers and 500 students. collecting 140 kg of plastic waste.
- Climathon Dhaka 2024 1st Runner-Up with ‘ABOARDE’ project on sustainable housing for climate migrants.
- Initiated ‘Bikolpo – Recycle to Renew,’ empowering underprivileged women to create eco-friendly products from recycled materials.

**Challenges Faced & Overcoming Them:**

One major challenge was engaging local communities in sustainable waste management practices. Many were unaware of the benefits of recycling, and resistance to behavioral change was evident. To overcome this, I designed interactive awareness campaigns with hands-on activities such as exchange stalls, where plastic bottles could be traded for essential goods. This practical approach helped encourage participation and long-term behavioral shifts.

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**Impact of My Work**

**Estimated Number of Beneficiaries in 2024:**

Event/Activities	Location	Number of People Reached
Pollution to Solution (Awareness & Recycling)	Dhaka	1300+
ABOARD Project	Dhaka	100+
Bikolpo – Recycle to Renew	Dhaka	50+
Climate Advocacy Workshops	Various	150+
<b>Total</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>1600+</b>

**Means of Verification:**

- Social Media Campaign Links: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15fPSS8xsR/>

- Photo Gallery:
  - Attendance Sheets, FGDs, and Publications:
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## **Visual Documents**