

ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Alumni Report 2024

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Fellowship Experience

1. **Briefly describe the most valuable lessons or skills you learned during the fellowship.** (Paragraph maximum 150 words)

During my ICCCAD fellowship, I gained invaluable skills and insights that have deeply shaped both my personal and professional growth. I learned how to effectively communicate complex climate change issues, particularly in relation to vulnerable communities, through creative mediums like animated films. The fellowship also sharpened my leadership and project management abilities, from coordinating events and screenings to fostering engaging discussions. Collaborating with diverse teams strengthened my teamwork and problem-solving skills, and I gained a better understanding of the power of community engagement in driving meaningful change. Most importantly, I learned the significance of blending creativity with education to inspire action for sustainability.

2. Which sessions or activities during the fellowship were most impactful for you?

Why? (Paragraph maximum 150 Words)

The field visit to Kuakata was by far the most impactful part of my fellowship. Seeing firsthand the devastating effects of climate change on vulnerable coastal communities had a profound impact on me. The rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and salinity intrusion were visibly altering the landscape and threatening livelihoods, particularly for marginalized groups. Interacting with local residents and listening to their personal stories emphasized the critical need to incorporate traditional knowledge and community perspectives into climate resilience efforts. The visit also gave me a clearer understanding of how climate policies are implemented on the ground—and where they often fall short. Despite the challenges, I was deeply inspired by the resilience and resourcefulness of these communities. This experience strengthened my commitment to advocating for climate justice and highlighted the importance of amplifying the voices of those most affected by the climate crisis.

Implementation of Learning

1. How have you applied the knowledge or skills gained from the fellowship in your personal or professional life? Examples of specific actions, or initiatives you have led or contributed to advocacy, awareness, event, workshop, project etc.

(Paragraph-Maximum 200 words)

Since completing the fellowship, I've applied the skills I gained in various ways, particularly through advocacy and awareness efforts. One example is the screening of "The Selina Saga" at a local school, where I led a session to engage students in discussions on climate change. Drawing on the knowledge I gained during the fellowship, I was able to facilitate a deeper conversation on how climate change is affecting coastal communities, especially women. The experience helped me see the power of using creative media to communicate complex issues and engage audiences effectively.

Additionally, I've shared my experience with peers and colleagues by discussing the importance of community-based approaches to climate resilience, especially after seeing the impacts firsthand during the fellowship. I continue to encourage others to think critically about climate

justice and the role we all play in advocating for vulnerable communities. These experiences have inspired me to keep amplifying the voices of those on the frontlines and using creative storytelling as a tool for social change.

2. Any notable achievements, success stories, or testimonials from the above-mentioned activity-1 you have worked? (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

One notable achievement from the screening of *The Selina Saga* at Shahid Kamel Model High School was the overwhelming response from students and teachers. The interactive session that followed the screening sparked thoughtful discussions on climate change, particularly about its effects on coastal communities. Many students expressed their newfound understanding of the issues, with some even sharing how they planned to raise awareness within their own families and communities. This was a powerful testament to the impact of education and creative media in shaping young minds.

The quiz competition also proved to be a success, with students eagerly participating, showcasing not only their knowledge but also their enthusiasm for climate action. Several students came up to us afterward, asking how they could get more involved in environmental initiatives, which was incredibly rewarding.

Teachers also shared positive feedback, mentioning how the event had provided a fresh perspective on integrating climate change education into their curriculum. This experience highlighted the potential of using engaging media to spark real interest in climate action, and it was gratifying to see the enthusiasm it generated among both students and educators.

3. What challenges, if any, have you faced while implementing your learning? How did you overcome them? (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

One of the challenges I faced while implementing what I learned from the fellowship was engaging diverse audiences with the topic of climate change, especially when addressing students with varying levels of awareness. Some students initially found it hard to connect with the issue, as they weren't fully aware of how climate change directly impacts their daily lives.

To overcome this, I focused on making the content relatable by sharing real-life stories from coastal communities, which I had witnessed during the fellowship. Using the animated film *The Selina Saga* as a visual tool helped capture their attention and simplify complex concepts. I also encouraged open discussions and Q&A sessions to address their concerns and personalize the learning experience.

Another challenge was managing time effectively during the event. With limited time for both the screening and the interactive session, I had to ensure that we stayed on track while still allowing space for meaningful discussions. By planning the schedule carefully and coordinating with my team, we were able to keep the event flowing smoothly without rushing through any crucial parts.

Impact of your work

Approximately how many people have directly benefited from your actions inspired by the fellowship during 2024? (e.g., awareness campaigns, capacity building, advocacy, etc.)

Event/Activities	Location (district)	Number of people reached		Total	Means of verification (Upload Social media link, video link, link of Pictures, publication link, FGD notes, attendance, any other relevant documents etc.)
		Women	Men		
Screening (On-site Campaign)	Shatkhira	355	220	575	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18kUfxYwYt/
Facebook	Shatkhira +Dhaka			10,000 +	https://www.facebook.com/61572423681459

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LinkedIn	Online			110+	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/the-selina-saga_climatejustice-beyondeconomics-activity-7288761778472173568-E_JH?utm_source=social_share_send&utm_medium=member_desktop_web
Youtube	Online			89+	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIojnWfQe10&t=24s&pp=ygUPdGhlIHNIbGluYSBzYWdh
Total				10,199 +	

Visual Documents

Thumbnail of animation



Prize giving session



Quiz Session



Screening



Q&A session

