

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)

The ICCCAD Youth Fellowship has been a turning point in my life, aligning with my deep interest in climate change and sustainable environmental solutions. Among the many valuable experiences, the field visit to Kuakata stands out as the most impactful. This journey taught me how to conduct Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and effectively communicate with communities, allowing for meaningful and insightful conversations. Witnessing firsthand the struggles of vulnerable people facing the harsh realities of climate change deepened my empathy and strengthened my commitment to being their voice. Through this experience, I gained practical skills in community engagement and learned the importance of listening to their stories to better advocate for their needs. This field visit not only enhanced my ability to connect with people but also inspired me to continue working toward solutions that address climate change and environmental challenges with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability.

2. **Which sessions or activities during the fellowship were most impactful for you? Why?**
(Paragraph maximum 150 Words)

The most impactful session during the ICCCAD Youth Fellowship was on Local-Led Adaptation, held during our residential training. Our mentor explained how this approach empowers communities by enabling individuals from diverse backgrounds and occupations to collectively address disasters and adapt to climate change impacts. This session was particularly meaningful because it highlighted the importance of community-driven solutions and how every individual can play a vital role in building resilience. To deepen our understanding, we participated in a role-playing activity, where we assumed different community roles. This hands-on experience was not only engaging and fun but also insightful, as it demonstrated how collective efforts and individual contributions can make a significant

difference. The session inspired me to believe that no matter our role, we can all contribute to adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change within our communities.

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)

As a student of Environmental Economics, I often explore the intersection of environmental issues and economic factors. The ICCCAD Youth Fellowship has significantly enriched my understanding, making it easier for me to connect climate change impacts with economic growth. This deeper knowledge has helped me deliver impactful presentations on how climate change influences economic growth, income, and lifestyles. The fellowship's insights have been invaluable in highlighting the vulnerabilities and challenges communities face, strengthening my academic and professional pursuits.

Inspired by the fellowship, I am now fully committed to building a career in the climate change sector, with plans for higher studies in this field. Currently, I am involved in planning projects focused on climate change awareness and solutions, which will be launched soon. Additionally, as a volunteer climate activist, I actively work with nonprofit organizations such as YouthNet Global and Brighters, contributing to initiatives that address climate challenges. The fellowship has empowered me with the skills and determination to advocate for sustainable solutions and create meaningful change.

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

After completing the ICCCAD Youth Fellowship, the struggles of the community members I encountered during the field visit deeply moved me. Their resilience and hardships left a lasting impact on me, inspiring me to amplify their voices through storytelling. I wrote an article titled "*Behind Kuakata's Beauty: The Untold Struggle of Kalapara Dwellers*," which was published in *The Business Standard – Graduates*. The article shed light on the challenges faced by the Kalapara community, highlighting the impacts of climate change on their livelihoods and day-to-day lives. This piece not only raised awareness among readers but also aimed to bring attention to the urgent need for climate-resilient solutions in vulnerable communities. Sharing their untold stories was a meaningful step in my journey as a climate advocate, demonstrating how individual efforts can contribute to amplifying the voices of the most affected by climate

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Impact of your work

1. **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		
Awareness Campaign	Dhaka	25	25	50	
Awareness Campaign	chittagong	25	25	50	
Article Publish		100+	100+	200+	https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Ftbsgr.ades.net%2Fwriteup%2Fbehind-kuakatas-beauty-the-untold-struggles-of-kalapa-a-dwellers%2F&h=AT3zQ7ohglvw-pFMkAnbTqzs1sZAddOMzjfuku-vcyzNg5si9-Rq_0NnoMrdEhBLn9t-lwrEAPotIE6ofilwWOHsd1IB-4DUCZiStgQWmSoU5y1l6-gS9IaS1MPPb1xx3PmOW73oVZz65sDJRCOP&_tn_ =R]-R&c[0]=AT3_4ysfRKi5iBXBI9RaFpogYGgcecRmvs-DHFjfhMvt7EW6QSIbM3GvCDtpnKDtczlbRpJfXN68JvCFNKgJt0_F6apE-yn8lu5sTmQJ6z7cn-6nYP4ME1xYZpj3xQEZidnsb8b1nkDidxwzHAHismNsYwTd59MN5KWvGjhbC2VMjFOleqLVmjOKqX9Z3V4J

Total	2	150	150	300	