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**PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT ON  
“GREEN YOUTH CITIZENS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE”**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “Green Youth Citizens” project aim is to raise awareness amongst on environmental issues and projected community participation on active citizenship. The project is established to build a network between the youths of Europe and Asia and to execute this, project was launched in six countries. The objective of the project is to increase awareness among young people through training, share a best practice, and assure the access of good practice for young people. The project is funded by European Commission under Youth in Action project. In Bangladesh Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO implemented this project to build second generation of environmental leaders and a network between the youths of Asia and Europe. In the project one of the goal is to introduce a best practice in local community by involving the youth and ESDO has introduced Green Club as the best practice to bring change in the community. ESDO is working with young citizens since 1995 through Environment and Conservation Nature Club (ECNC), that idea was elaborated into Green Club which was formed in different educational institutions of Bangladesh with the aim to engage students actively in environmental movement. However, within this project Green Club activities have been introduced as a component to create a platform for ‘Green Youth’ to work together and can make a bridge between Asian and European youth initiatives. The framework of Green Club is changed from the earlier concept as it is introduced in the tertiary education level as well as underprivileged youths. Other interventions of the projects are community involvement, information dissemination, environmental education, involvement of local partners and building a national network of green youths. Through designed workshops, meetings and consultations ESDO implemented the project activities and successfully accomplished the objectives of the project. The outcomes of the last six months for this project are establishment of three Green Clubs. (Green Club in Surovi School, Stamford University Bangladesh and Chittagong Poly-technique Institute), launching of the project in Bangladesh through inception workshop, organized two local workshops on Climate Change Adaptation and raising environmental issues by involving youths and local project partners through meetings, social media and professional dialogue. In visibility of the project and program ESDO has demonstrated magnificent success as the inception workshop was covered by 16 print and online media, 1 mobile voice message for public awareness and online environmental journal of ESDO, Green Page, the first workshop on February, 2014 was covered by 16 print and online media, and the second workshop on March, 2014 was covered by 11 print and online media. The main indicators for the projects actual impacts were participation of youths, coverage by media and eager bodies to work further with the project. In addition to the participants the education institutions, different research centre and organizations, and social groups were also benefitted due to social inclusiveness, research and documentation, platform to converse about environmental issues and most of all awareness. The youth are now directly and indirectly involved in the environmental awareness group and it is a process of creating second generation environmental leaders. However, it will only show substantial effects if it is closely guided and monitored by a structural body like European Commission.

## 1 Project Description of the Green Youth Citizens Project

The Green Youth Citizens is an innovative youth project proposed to create a transnational network between Europe and Asia. The project is funded by European Union under Youth in Action project (Youth in Action Programme Guide 2013). The project is implemented with six partner countries, Romania, Spain, Turkey, India, Nepal and Bangladesh. The main aim is to raise community partners on environmental issues and how they limit exercise of active citizenship (Youth in Action Programme: Action 3.2 Cooperation with Countries of the World 2013). The specific objectives are: exchange of best practice between different countries in Europe and Asia, promoting an active debate about young people and creating activities to ensure respect for the environment, youth and youth leaders' access to examples of good practice in environment, promoting active citizenship of young people (Youth in Action Programme: Action 3.2 Cooperation with Countries of the World 2013). Expected outcomes of the project will be the creation of a European network-Asian active in youth organizations, who will act as the exchange of best practices in youth activities (Youth in Action Programme: Action 3.2 Cooperation with Countries of the World 2013).

## 2 Outcome of the Project-At a Glance

ESDO had successful intervention in the last six months engaging and involving a huge number of youths in environmental issues. ESDO has completed the two designed workshops within the time line and involved the partners in the community level with participation. In information dissemination, through individual involvement, print and social media, ESDO has shown extraordinary result (see the impact table). The number of youth engaged in this project is also appreciable, in first workshop 40 participants and in second workshop 26 participants where the target was 20 participants for each workshop. The Project has promise in Bangladesh to elaborate in future years with proper patronizing and financial assistance.

Events	Newspaper		Facebook & Twitter		Website and Green page		Individual Beneficiaries	
	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
Inception Workshop	1136000	5680000	5500	27500	14300	71500	30	150
First Workshop	1136000	5680000	2300	11500	12104	60520	40	200
Second Workshop	781000	3905000	300	1500	3916	19580	26	130
Total	18318000		23850		181920		576	

### **3 Objectives Achieved through this Project**

The overall objective achieved through the interventions of ESDO are identified as engaging youth in environmental movement, exercise of active citizenship, building national and international network, the national network is in process however the international network yet to be build, environmental education, information dissemination and raising awareness about environmental issues.

### **4 Approach of ESDO in Last Six Months**

The activities organized by ESDO was chronologically divided and structured for systematical understanding and the initiation of the project was taken from the month of October 2013.

#### **4.1 October, 2013**

The month of October was the initial month for Green Youth Citizen project; therefore the project work was concentrated on document understanding and planning phase. ESDO completed the action plan and the started the initial communication with the stakeholders.

##### **4.1.1 Realization of the partnership agreement**

The first meeting of Green Youth Citizen was held for understanding and discussion about the partnership agreement for planning and implementation of the project. Youth leader, assigned project coordinator & Executive Director of ESDO and Secretary General of ESDO were present in the meeting. It was an internal meeting where agenda included selecting the target group for the project, possible interventions in Bangladesh (community and youth involvement), selection of stakeholders, working policy in accordance with the project guideline and discussion on the effective activities.

##### **4.1.2 Brain storming session with ESDO Team for project information sharing and planning**

After the initial meeting the project information and planning was shared with the ESDO team in a whole day staff meeting about Green Youth Citizens. This meeting informed the team about the project goal, activity and plan. The meeting provided a view of third eye for the planned activities and constructive criticisms were provided by the team members. These recommendations helped to improve the planned project interventions in Bangladesh.

##### **4.1.3 Meeting with youth leaders**

The target group for the project is young representative of the society aged between 18-25 years old, so ESDO organized started the initial conversation with pro-active young students from different educational institutions to implement one of the objectives of Green Youth Citizens-introducing a best practice to exercise active citizenship by including other specific goals under this broad heading. These meetings formed a platform of conversation with the authority of the educational institutions as their permissions are mandatory to involve students in the environmental activism as extra-curricular activities. The first meetings provided a glimpse about

the mindset of different organizations about this project and their interest to be involved in building second generation environmental leaders. The product of the meeting was selection of two institutions, Stamford University Bangladesh and Surovi School, to implement the best practice to start an environmental movement with young students. Some selected students from these organizations had meeting and a draft plan of action was formed to start the work in these two premises.

#### **4.1.4 Meeting with ESDO Team to finalize the draft plan of action**

The plan of action formulated with the students were finalized a one day long meeting. The implementation details were discussed with ESDO team as they will provide the organizational support. The feasibility of the planned activities was assessed for implementation. The students and young leaders suggested an organizational structure to work with the environmental issues. The group discussion in the meeting came with the suggestion to revitalize the Green Club of ESDO in tertiary level (extending from primary and secondary school level). Green Club was decided to form as an introduction of best practice under which cultivating active citizenship, building second generation environmental leaders and environmental movements.

#### **4.1.5 Communication with stakeholder institutions**

The second communication step was taken by conducting small individual meetings with concerned organization. ESDO held the meeting to start a conversation about engagement of these organizations to spread and publicized the project Green Youth Citizens. The involvement of the partner organizations ensures the visibility and dissemination of information by creating impacts in wider zone of community.

### **4.2 November, 2013**

#### **4.2.1 Discussion meeting for the launching of the project**

To formally inaugurate the project Green Youth Citizens, ESDO planned an inception workshop in November 2013. A discussion meeting was held to plan the inception workshop. The major work to be accomplished before formally launching the program was outlined. The outlined activities were-

- Formal formation of Green Club in Stamford University Bangladesh
- Formal formation of Green Club in Surovi School to promote social inclusiveness
- Participation of the members and young leaders in the Inception Workshop of Green Youth Citizens

#### **4.2.2 Preparation to form Green Club in Tertiary educational level and authority of Surovi School**

ESDO is working youths for a long time and at year 2000 the Green Club was first formed. However, this time the idea of Green Club is changed as it is introduced in the tertiary education level and the underprivileged youths are also making a Green Club. These meetings were conducted to establish the Green Club in two different institutions- Stamford University and



Surovi School. The meetings successfully created an affiliation with ESDO through Green Club. Initial meetings were done with the authority and students of Stamford and Surovi School to form Green Club.

The first meeting as preparation of Green Club was done with the students of Stamford University Bangladesh. The discussion of first consultation of Green Club with Stamford University was held on 12 November, 2013 (). Seven selected, pro-active students of Stamford University attended a pre-meeting with ESDO officials. The meeting started with a brief presentation which was followed by an open discussion.

- The Secretary General (SG) of ESDO, Dr. Shahriar Hossain, started the open discussion by briefing the students about the Green Club policy and guideline. In his speech ESDO Secretary General presented the goal of making responsible citizens who are environmentally educated. He put forward the present situation in government policy making. The real decision maker about environment does not belong from an environment background, so it is hard for them to identify the exact problem. Therefore, this Green Club initiative will make future environmentally aware leadership who will make the policy to bring change in our community.
- The students were inquisitive about the work plan, its regulatory system and funds. SG of ESDO answered that there will two types of work plan for the club- long-term and short term. He also assured that the club will have full autonomy and the fund have to be raised by the student body; however ESDO will provide assistance in some projects. He also added the personal development students will have after being involved with the Green Club.
- The formation of Ad-hoc committee of Stamford University:

In the meeting a five member ad-hoc committee was formed with the consent of the present students. The ad-hoc committee consisted of:

- Shahnewaz Kabir : Convener
- Priyanka : Joint Convener
- Faisal Mahmood : Member
- Faria Rustam : Member
- Noor Wazid Lemin : Member

The ad-hoc committee was formed to achieve some immediate goals. The immediate responsibilities of the ad-hoc committee are given below:

- Organizing the program of November 14, 2013 in Stamford University
- Share the information of this meeting with other founding members of the club.
- Maintaining communication with ESDO team and student body.

The meeting with the authority of Surovi School was done over phone by continuous communication and information sharing. A formal letter with additional information bucket was shared with the principle of the school for further activities which was approved by the authority.



The objectives for the meetings are given below:

- Introducing Green Club
- Formation of the Green Club
- Forming ad-hoc committee
- Distributing immediate responsibility to the ad-hoc committee

Both Green Club formations were done in their own premises. The Green Club of Stamford University was formed on 14 November, 2013 at their Dhanmondi Campus (2.30 pm to 4.00 pm). On 19 November, 2013 in the Surovi School premises another Green Club was formed (11.30 am to 1.00 pm). There were 10 students' presents from Stamford University for the formation of the Green Club and there were 30 students present from Surovi School for the formation of Green Club. The lists are provided in the appendix.

### **The formation meeting of Green Club at Surovi School**

Surovi is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization which is voluntarily participating in the development of community academic activities. It provides education to underprivileged children ensure their basic rights. This disadvantaged group of children lack chances to grow and by affiliating with this organization ESDO is providing them opportunity for global exposure through Green Club.

ESDO team had a formal presentation and informal discussion with the students of the Surovi School about the Green Club. They were introduced to the idea of Green Club and were encouraged to ask any questions. The students were very observant and grasped the idea of Green Club nicely.

- Naming Ceremony of the Club at Surovi School:

After the general discussion the club name was decided by open voting. Names were suggested by the students and one name was selected. The formal name of the club was decided as:

### **Karnafuli Green Club of Surovi School**

- Formation of the Ad-hoc Committee and Oath Taking at Surovi School

In the meeting a five member ad-hoc committee was formed with the consent of the present students. The ad-hoc committee consisted of:

- Borhan : Convener
- Sharmin : Joint Convener
- Sumon : Member
- Sarna : Member
- Ujjal : Member

The ad-hoc committee was formed to achieve some immediate goals. The immediate responsibilities of the ad-hoc committee are given below:

- Maintaining communication with ESDO team and student body.
- Organizing the election for the club.
- Recruiting members.

### **The formation meeting of Green Club at Stamford University**

After the pre-meeting with seven students in ESDO office a formal meeting was conducted in Stamford University to inaugurate the club. This meeting also followed the proceedings of previous meeting- an open floor discussion after the introductory presentation.

- This discussion was also formally opened by the SG of ESDO, who shared the idea of Green Club to the student body. He highlighted the opportunities Green Club will provide to the students, such as enriching their resume by listing this as an extracurricular activities and practical application of their education. He reiterated the importance of environmentally aware leaders. He suggested the students to efficiently use this opportunity the Green Club is providing.
  - Two teachers were attached with the club as advisors and one of them the teachers, Senior Lecturer Jussi Dayna Biswas, was present in the meeting to facilitate with ESDO. Her cooperation was appreciated and due to some of her questions some aspects were clarified. She questioned about the mode of action, the type of assistance and opportunities ESDO will provide.
  - SG of ESDO answered the question of ESDO by assuring her that ESDO will help in making their action plan, but students will be the main initiator in the discussion. In addition, the students will have access to the resources of ESDO, such as using library, internet and other technical support.
- Naming Ceremony of the Club at Stamford University:

After the general discussion the club name was decided by open voting. Names were suggested by the students and one name was selected. The formal name of the club was decided as:

### **Kopotakho Green Club of Stamford University**

- Re-formation of the Ad-hoc Committee and Oath Taking at Stamford University:

Some ad-hoc committee members were absent in the meeting, so the committee was reformed with participation from student body and they took the oath of Green Club. The new ad-hoc committee members are:

- Shahnewaz Kabir : Convener
- Priyanka : Joint Convener

- Faisal Mahmood : Member
- Oshin : Member
- Aditi : Member

This ad-hoc committee will be valid for two months and in two months their primary duty will be recruit member for the green club.

### 4.3 Inception Workshop on “Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens”

Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens project was launched in the inception workshop among the members of Green Club and distinguished guests. ESDO presented the objectives, aims and expected outcome of the project to introduce it among the guests and the members of the Green Club. Participants presented their suggestion about the implementation of the project. The two formed Green Club- **Kopotakho Green Club of Stamford University** and **Karnafuli Green Club of Surovi School** was also formally introduced to the guests. The workshop was extended to an open discussion for the guests and students’ workshop about their action plan of Green Club. This inception workshop is the beginning of the project in Bangladesh which will continue for one year by involving youths in sustainable community development. The objectives of the meeting were to introduce Green Youth Citizens Project, implementing Green Club as the best practice and induction of Green Club. There was a section in the workshop only for representatives of Green Club to determine a tentative one year action plan and distributing the immediate responsibilities to the ad-hoc committee. The Inception workshop was held at ESDO Head Office, 8/1, Block-C, Lalmatia, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on November 23, 2013 from 11.00 am to 1.00 am. In total there were 30 guests present in the Inception Workshop of Youth in Action: “Green Youth Citizens Project.” It was covered by 16 print and online media of Bangladesh for public awareness. The news of the inception workshop was also published in a voice message through mobile network and in an online environmental journal- the Green Page.

## 4.4 December, 2013

### 4.4.1 Development of Documentation (flyers, brochures, factsheets and other promotional documents)

ESDO started to develop the documents for the Green Youth Citizens project for public awareness. It developed a factsheet about Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens, Brochures and promotional factsheets. These promotional documents were distributed among the stakeholders, partners, youths and mass population for dissemination of information and engaging more interested personnel to the project work. (Provide the pictures of the documents developed)

### 4.4.2 Coordination and consultation with the volunteers

To broaden the scope of the project several small consultations and communications were made, continuously, to involve more concerned individuals and youths in the projects. Along with these, consultations were held with the members of Green Club and youth leaders to decide upon the future planning regarding environmental issues. ESDO also got updated on the recent activities of the Green Club and their progress in member recruitment.

#### **4.4.3 Preparation of the first partner meeting**

Preparation of the first partner meeting involved the finalization of the documentation, printing, presentation making on ESDO and its activities, tickets and visa procedures. The consultation with the participating youth leaders for involving her in the first partner meeting was also taken under the preparation of the first partner meeting. One of the main works was the related document preparation in time, so it could be presented in the Nepal meeting.

#### **4.4.4 Nepal meeting (attending and communication) and after review meeting**

The Nepal meeting was held from 11 December, 2013 to 13 December, 2013 at Kathmandu, Nepal. The main agenda of the meeting was to introduce the partners and decide on the next few months' work plan. During the meeting the ESDO team in Nepal and Bangladesh had an updating consultation over skype. The recent activities of the meetings were discussed in that consultation. After completion of the Nepal meeting ESDO team also held a review meeting to discuss the happenings of the first project meeting. They also shared the documentation distributed on the project meeting and set up a date for the team realization of the documents.

### **4.5 January, 2014**

#### **4.5.1 Realization of the Green Youth Citizen's document from first project meeting**

On the pre-decided date the ESDO team held a meeting for understanding and discussion about the documents provided in the first project meeting. Youth leader, assigned project coordinator & Executive Director of ESDO and Secretary General of ESDO were present in the meeting. It was an internal meeting where documents and according to it the responsibilities of ESDO was discussed. The feasible ideas for different activities and tentative deadline were set in this meeting as well.

#### **4.5.2 Meeting with team for Action Plan**

After realization of the project documents the Green Youth Citizens Project Team along with other members of ESDO team sat to make the action plan to accomplish the tasks within the time bar. The responsibilities were also distributed to ensure the smooth implementation of the planned activities.

#### **4.5.3 Planning meeting for the first workshop on February**

The first task according to the first project meeting was to organize a workshop engaging youth in a participatory discussion about environmental issues to build environmentally aware leaders and practice active citizenship. The overall planning, decision on concerned stakeholders and partners, involvement of youths, Green club and youth leaders and the timeline for the activities were decided on this planning meeting.

#### **4.5.4 Preparation for the first workshop and other documentations of the project**

As the preparation of the first workshop meeting ESDO team, youth leaders and Green club members held a brainstorming session to decide upon the possible topic of the first workshop. For the topic of the first workshop the team wanted to decide on a topic which is related to the

community and needed immediate attention. Considering these facts, the conservation and revival of wetlands for climate change adaptation was deemed suitable issue of discussion. According to the decided topic the documentations, meaning factsheet, presentation and other documents were developed with finalization. Additionally, the final planning for the workshop was also done as the preparation of the workshop.

## **4.6 February, 2014**

### **4.6.1 Communication and consultation with youth leaders and stakeholders for participation in the first workshop and final preparation of the workshop**

Coordinator and youth leader of the project held meetings with the stakeholders, partners and Green Club youth leaders for deciding upon the participants of the workshop. The CVs of the participants were collected and they were selected based upon their commitment and interest to involve in the environmental issues. ESDO maintained a continuous communication with the participants of the workshop to ensure their participation and involvement. The final preparations were also done in this same time period.

### **4.6.2 First workshop**

Workshop on “Role of Youth in Climate Change Adaptation through Conservation and Revival of Wetlands” was organized to create a platform for young representatives and to educate them about the raising environmental issues. ESDO organized this workshop on wetland conservation of Dhaka City to adapt to climate change. The workshop elaborated on the topic through speeches of guest, formal presentation and open discussion. The main focus of the workshop was to discuss the issue about losing wetlands and how to involve youth in their conservation. The expected outcome of the project was to involve youth actively in environmental movement. The objectives of the workshop were engaging youth in environmental movement; involve Green Club in environmental issues, including educational institution, environmental education, information dissemination and raising awareness about wetland conservation & revival. The open floor discussion was organized especially for young representatives to voice their thoughts and ideas for climate change adaptation and wetland conservation & revival. The workshop consists of formal presentation, participatory discussion, and question & answer session. The workshop was held at Department of Environmental Science, Stamford University Bangladesh, 6/A, Level-4, Anam Rangs Plaza, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, Bangladesh on February 5, 2014 from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. In total there were 40 young representatives present in the workshop on “Role of Youth in Climate Change Adaptation through Conservation and Revival of Wetlands”. The workshop was covered by 16 print and online news media of Bangladesh which is a huge success for ESDO to publicize the event as well as the project and the program.

### **4.6.3 Promotional, evaluative documentation and consultation for the project**

ESDO developed the promotional documents for the whole project, logo of Green Youth Citizens and the banner for the e-news letter. These documentation added promotional values to

the project all over the world and also to the program Youth in Action. Along with the promotional documents ESDO also formulated the evaluative documents for the project to assess its progress and track down the activities up to the time. ESDO conducted documentation and consultation, simultaneously. The members of the Green Club participated in an e-waste survey conducted by ESDO and necessary meetings were conducted to ensure the implementation of the activity. One of the pro-active members of Green Club formed Green Club in his previous educational institution, Chittagong Polytechnique, with his own effort. He identified Green Club as an effective structure to initiate environmental activism and culture leadership.

#### **4.6.4 March, 2014**

##### **4.6.5 Consultations and meetings conducted to initiate the project work in different educational institute and involvement of Partners**

ESDO conducted meetings in different educational intuitions to initiate works of the project and engage youths as much as possible. To achieve this goal ESDO conducted meetings in State University of Bangladesh, Dhaka Polytechnique, Jaganath University and University of Liberal Arts of Bangladesh. Although it was not successful to begin permanent work, however they agreed to participate in the second workshop of the Green Youth Citizens. ESDO also sat in a consultation with the partners to ensure their involvement and participation in the second workshop. They also shared their idea about the activities of the second workshop.

##### **4.6.6 Preparation of the second workshop**

As the preparation of the second workshop meeting ESDO team and youth leaders held a brainstorming session to decide upon the possible topic of the first workshop. For the topic of the first workshop the team wanted to decide on a topic which is related to the community, had relation with the previous workshop topic and needed immediate attention. Considering these facts, the conservation of biodiversity for climate change adaptation was deemed suitable issue of discussion. According to the decided topic the documentations, meaning factsheet, presentation and other documents were developed with finalization. Additionally, the final planning for the workshop was also done as the preparation of the workshop.

##### **4.6.7 Second Workshop**

Workshop on “Role of Youth in Climate Change Adaptation through Conservation of Biodiversity” was organized to create a platform for young representatives and to educate them about the raising environmental issues; ESDO in association with Green Youth Citizens organized the second workshop of the series on conservation of biodiversity of Bangladesh. The workshop elaborated the topic through discussion of experts and participants, formal presentation, participatory group work and open discussion. The main focus of the workshop was to discuss the issue about loss of biodiversity, climate change adaptation and youth participation for community awareness on climate change adaptation and conservation of biodiversity. The expected outcome of the project was to involve youth actively in environmental movement. The

objectives of the workshop were engaging youth in environmental movement, including educational institution, environmental education, information dissemination and raising awareness about biodiversity conservation. In addition, the workshop also aimed to engage young leaders in participatory group work to find probable recommendations for this issue. Additionally, previous participants & members of Green Club attended as exchange experience and share their knowledge about working with environmental issues. The group work was followed by open floor discussion and was organized especially for young representatives to voice their thoughts and ideas for climate change adaptation & biodiversity conservation. The workshop consists of formal presentation, participatory group work, open discussion, and question & answer session and recommendations. It was held at conference room of ESDO Head Office, House-8/1, Level-5, Block-C, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207 on March 30, 2014 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. In total there were 26 young representatives present in the workshop on “Role of Youth in Climate Change Adaptation through Conservation of Biodiversity”. The event was well covered by the media. In total 11 news media published news about the event, both in English and Bangla.

## **5 Conclusion**

ESDO has successfully completed the six months of the project and has made significant progress towards the overall goal of engaging youth of Bangladesh in environmental issues and building national network. However, there is a scope to work more in building international network between Europe and Asia. The project plan does not include any substantial initiative to establish the international network, except the two meetings (India and Turkey) which will only provide a narrow access. It will be beneficial to establish similar structure like Green Club in all the countries to create the network that can advance the project. In long run, this network can carry out the work of building second generation environmental leaders. Although there are obstacles to overcome, ESDO will continue its work to assist the youth of Bangladesh to achieve its goal.

## **6 Recommendations**

With the six months experience ESDO will suggest some initiatives to take the work of Green Youth Citizens to the next level.

- Broadening the spectrum of the project by increasing logistical support for publicity.
- Providing incentive and more structural guidance to the participants, especially by creating different activities such as exchange program where students from different countries could visit each other and work closely with the community, including sharing knowledge and ideas.
- Practical, educational intervention (poverty alleviation, improving social interventions in the field of environment). Moreover, ESDO can provide the logistic support of arranging



a home-stay in rural, indigenous village of Bangladesh if financial assistance is provided by the project or the funding body.

- Providing a framework to build the international network among youths.
- Building international network for increasing global activism in the field of environment.
- Exchange program for youths of different countries for additional perspectives in solving environmental problems.
- More national and international workshops for information dissemination and raising awareness to increase environmental activism.

## 7 Pictorials of the Big Events



Picture 1: ESDO Volunteer is introducing the Guests to the Audience of Inception Workshop on Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens



Picture 2: Guests and Participants of the Inception Workshop on Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens



Picture 3: Oath Taking of Kopotakho Green Club of Stamford University (ESDO SG, Advisor of Stamford Green Club and the Ad-hoc Committee Members)



Picture 4: Oath Taking of Karnafuli Green Club of Surovi School with Two Advisor Teachers



Picture 5: Banner of the first workshop



Picture 6: Participants of the first workshop



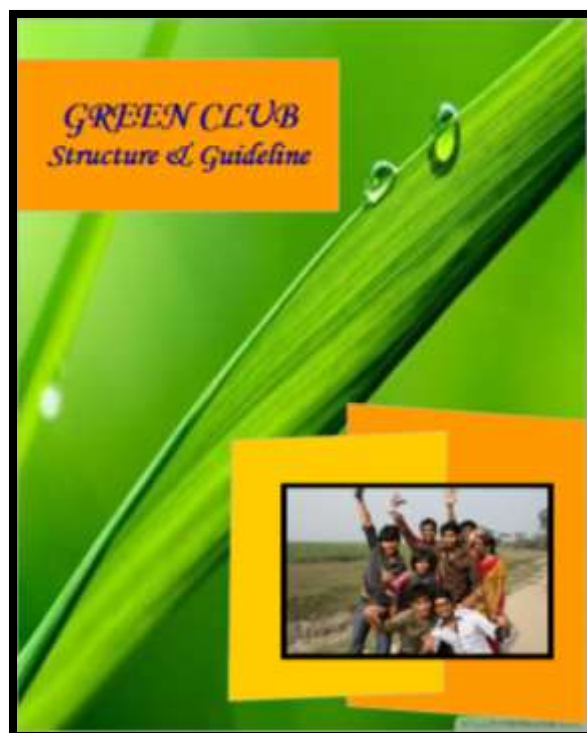


Picture 7: Participants and panel guests of the second workshop



Picture 8: Group photo of the second workshop

## 8 IEC and other documentations of the Project





 Youth in Action: "Green Youth Citizens"
 



*Building Youth Network beyond the Borders to Make Changes in Our Community*

**Bangladesh: Environmental Perspectives**

Bangladesh is one of the countries which are affected by both global and domestic pollution, resulting in severe environmental repercussions.

In addition to anthropogenic causes, Bangladesh is facing threat because of its geographical location that makes it more prone to natural disasters.

**Youth in Action: "Green Youth Citizens"**

The Green Youth Citizens is an innovative youth project to create a transnational network between Europe and Asia. The project is funded by European Commission under Youth in Action project. The project is implemented with five partner countries- Bangladesh, Spain, Turkey, India and Nepal. In Bangladesh ESDO is implementing the project.

**Objectives:**

- Exchange of best practices between different countries in Europe and Asia
- Youth and youth leaders' access to examples of good practice in environment
- Promoting active citizenship of young people
- Engagement of disadvantaged participating young people

**Youth as Environmental Leaders**

Youth can be active in addressing these environmental issues and to build an environmental movement. By community involvement they can become the changing factors from root level. At the same time environmental movement can cultivate the sense of responsible citizenship among the youth towards second generation of environmental leaders.



**ESDO Initiatives: Introducing the Green Club to Youths**

In Bangladesh Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO is implementing the Green Youth Citizens project. In the project one of the goals is to introduce a best practice in local community by involving the youth. ESDO has introduced Green Club as the best practice to bring change in the community. ESDO is working with children and youths since 1995 through different activities, such as forming clubs.




**Look for Future:**


The creation of a European-Asian network active in youth organizations, who will act as the exchange of best practices in youth activities and be the change makers.

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## Report on Green Youth Citizens Initiatives Inception Workshop




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 Youth in Action
 

November 24, 2013



Event Report: Workshop  
On  
"Role of Youth in Climate Change Adaptation through Conservation  
and Revival of Wetlands"



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## Working for Toxics free sustainable Environment



E > Entrepreneurship  
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## "Green Youth Citizens"

Towards responsible citizenship,  
sharing knowledge & building global network



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ESDO is working with youth since 1995 through establishing Environmental Camp for Nature Conservation (ECNC)



Our motto is to build a environmentally sustainable Bangladesh through engaging young citizens




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## Youth in Action Green Youth Citizens

GREEN CLUB-EXAMPLE OF  
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BEST PRACTICE



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Filming and documentation for environmental education

Awareness campaign through information dissemination

Previous activities of Green Club- nature study

Green Club in University level- oath taking of committee members

Underprivileged students are also included in Green Club through Surovi School

### Recent Activities

- Participated and helped in the launching of Youth in Action: Green Youth Citizens project.
- Organized workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Conservation of Wetlands.







- Building youth network, both national and international.
- Assistance in E-waste project survey.
- Participatory action in environmental issues.
- Creating roof top garden in own educational institutions.



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