



IYC9 IMPACT Report

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The IYC9 Impact refers to the community-driven projects and actions initiated by delegates after attending the 9th Edition of the International Youth Conference (IYC9), which took place in Los Angeles at UCLA in Collaboration with Luskin School of Social Welfare from May 30 to June 2, 2024. These initiatives are based on the knowledge and insights gained during the conference, focusing on addressing social, environmental, and economic challenges through tangible, on-the-ground efforts. The IYC9 Impact embodies sustainable change, fostering collaboration, and empowering local communities globally.

Direct Impact



This refers to the immediate and measurable effect on individuals who directly participated in or were actively engaged with the projects or initiatives. It includes metrics like participants, volunteers, or people who benefited from the direct execution of activities.

Indirect Impact



This represents the broader, ripple effect of the project on individuals who were not directly involved but were still influenced by the outcomes of the initiative. It encompasses a larger number of people, as it includes the extended reach of the project's influence through networks, media, word of mouth, or systemic changes.



IYC9 IMPACT SUBMISSION CYCLE

June 4 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



Countries Represented: Afghanistan Bangladesh Burundi Cameroon Chad Colombia Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Egypt Ethiopia Germany Ghana Guinea Haïti India Indonesia Iran Kenya Kyrgyzstan Liberia Madagascar Malawi Malaysia Mali Morocco Nepal Nigeria Pakistan Philippines République Centrafricaine Rwanda Saudi Arabia Serbia Sierra Leone Somalia South Africa South Sudan Sri Lanka Sudan Tanzania Trinidad & Tobago Tunisia Uganda United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States of America Uzbekistan Yemen Zambia

TOP 10 CHANGEMAKERS

PROJECT NAME: Kuchomoza Rising (Film)
SUBMITTED BY: Fermaud Adoumadji Mbaïornom (Chad)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Youth for Human Rights International
CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Zanzibar
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 250
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 1000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 3000

The film Kuchomoza Rising tells the poignant story of a young woman living in the coastal town of Zanzibar, Tanzania, who defies societal norms to pursue her dreams. Supported by UNESCO and the International Youth Media Summit (IYMS), this initiative brings together a diverse team dedicated to addressing critical issues facing women in Tanzania. Despite the cultural restrictions that forbid women from engaging in activities like surfing or swimming in open water, she is determined to break free from the suffocating routine of her daily life, spent cultivating seaweed. Through her story, the film aims to inspire a broader conversation about gender equality and the importance of empowering women to pursue their dreams, regardless of societal constraints.



PROJECT NAME: United Girls
SUBMITTED BY: Dilafruzxon Sobirova (Uzbekistan)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Youth Affairs Agency in Uzbekistan
CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Fergana
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 15
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 140
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 100

For girls who do not have access to quality education in Fergana, Uzbekistan, United girls is a non-profit education centre which offers 3-months and 6-months courses on basic English, Russian language, freelancing, coding, and self defense skills. Unlike other education centres and similar institutions, they offer totally free service and are funded by the government. Volunteers make up the largest proportion of staff.



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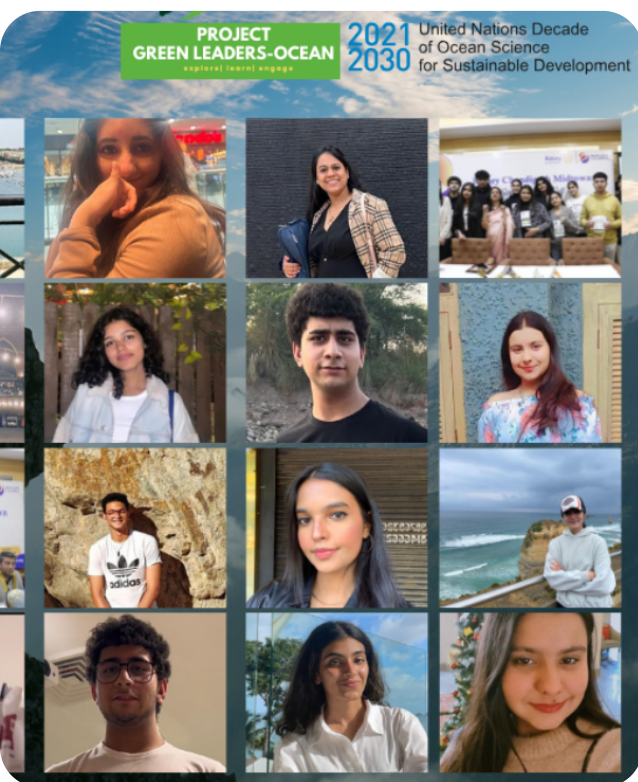


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PROJECT NAME: EnviroVision Green Leaders

SUBMITTED BY: Charu Gupta (India)

ORGANIZATION NAME: EnviroVision2050

CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Chandigarh, India

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 20

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 12,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 45,000

EnviroVision Green Leaders is a dynamic initiative designed to ignite the passion and potential of young environmentalists to be the real changemakers. Under the programme, the young learners began by educating themselves through immersive workshops and creative learning experiences, bringing together youth from diverse backgrounds and interests, connecting environmental science with technology, arts, and social justice. This transdisciplinary approach allows participants to see the environment not just as a standalone issue but as a vibrant, interconnected system that touches every aspect of our lives. But it's more than just education—it's about inspiration and action. By focusing on collaboration, mentorship, and real-world problem-solving, EnviroVision Green Leaders is sowing the seeds for a brighter, more sustainable future, led by a generation ready to lead with courage and creativity.

PROJECT NAME: Readary

SUBMITTED BY: Ruojin Wu (USA)

ORGANIZATION NAME: Readary

CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Freetown, Sierra Leone

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 100

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 1000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 200

Readary is an international charity that provides books to children in Sierra Leone. The organization was founded by Ruojin Wu in 2023 after Wu heard Sierra Leonean delegates at the United Nations describing the conditions that children in the region face just to get access to books. Over the past year, more than \$100,000 USD worth of books have been sent to 10,000 children. After attending IYC9 in May, Wu learned that other youth could make meaningful contributions to the project. They reached out to local churches, libraries, and bookstores to involve their youth communities and bookshelves. From May until September, approximately 100 high school students from the greater Los Angeles area were enlisted to collect, sort, and spread the word about the books. On September 2, 2024, more than \$16,000 worth of books were sent to 1,000 children in the most isolated villages in Sierra Leone..



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PROJECT NAME: Sound Mental Health Project

SUBMITTED BY: Kinya Nina (Kenya)

CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Nairobi, Kenya

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 5

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 1,000,000 (in 2 years count)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 5,000

The Sound Mental Health Project, led by Kinya Nina Gitonga, promotes holistic wellness and mental health awareness through innovative and inclusive methods. The project combines therapeutic nature walks, youth-led forums, and educational workshops to foster mental well-being. By bridging the gap between mental health education and practical application, it offers interactive sessions that encourage dialogue and self-discovery. Catering to schools, community groups, and individuals, the project creates safe spaces for open discussions on mental health challenges. A key feature is nature therapy, using the calming effects of the environment to enhance emotional resilience. Additionally, youth-led forums empower young people to become mental health advocates, building leadership and advocacy skills. The project inspires actionable change, helping individuals and communities strengthen mental health foundations.



PROJECT NAME: Green Upshot

SUBMITTED BY: Muhammad Shahzaib (Pakistan)

ORGANIZATION NAME: Green Upshot

CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Lahore, Pakistan

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 30

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 3,000,000 (past year, done in various cities)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 10,000,000 (past year)

Green Upshot is a leading company in Pakistan promoting a healthy lifestyle, ecological sustainability, and low-waste living. Specializing in eco-friendly essentials made from premium bamboo, the company offers biodegradable, recyclable, and sustainable alternatives to plastic, free from chemicals and residues. Aligned with SDG 12, Green Upshot has reduced reliance on single-use plastics by introducing zero-waste essentials and supporting responsible consumption. Partnering with organizations like WWF-Pakistan, IFRC, GRC, and Coca-Cola CCI, the company has helped avert the use of over 80,000 kg of plastic. With local stockists, mainly coffee shops in major cities, Green Upshot has made sustainable products more accessible, driving significant changes in consumer behavior toward sustainable alternatives and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility across Pakistan.



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PROJECT NAME: Sustainable Green Future
SUBMITTED BY: Abubakar Sadiq Ahmad (Nigeria)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Action for the Environmental Development

CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Yola, Nigeria
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 20
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 300
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 5,000

Sustainable Green Future is a project dedicated to combating deforestation and environmental degradation in Adamawa State, Nigeria. The initiative focuses on planting 5,000 trees across various communities, launching school-based Green Clubs, and conducting climate education campaigns. Through radio talk shows, community outreach, and school advocacy, we are raising awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship and climate action. Our project also aims to train local youth and volunteers in sustainable agricultural practices, ensuring long-term care for the trees and empowering the community with knowledge on environmental conservation. In the long term, *Sustainable Green Future* seeks to create a greener, more resilient environment, reduce carbon emissions, and improve air quality, while empowering youth to take leadership roles in climate action.



PROJECT NAME: The Human Rights Mini Summit
SUBMITTED BY: Shaibu Mohammed (Ghana)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Better Dream Foundation Ghana
CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Ashanti region, Ghana
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 14
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 600
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 600

The Human Rights Mini Summit, held on July 29th, 2024, in the Sekyere East-Ahensan community, brought together 600 participants, including women and girls with disabilities, advocates, and stakeholders. The summit addressed key human rights issues such as accessibility, inclusive education, healthcare, economic empowerment, violence prevention, and policy influence. Major outcomes included the establishment of a network of advocates, identification of areas for policy reform, and the development of plans for inclusive education and economic empowerment. A donation of 350 human rights and exercise books was made to support initiatives in education, economic empowerment, and advocacy. The event was deemed a success, fostering collaboration and advancing efforts toward a more just and inclusive society for youth, women, and girls with disabilities.



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PROJECT NAME: Sustainability by Tech
SUBMITTED BY: Selena Marwaha (United Arab Emirates)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Sustainability by Tech
CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Dubai, UAE
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 170
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 1,500
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): 1,500

Selena Marwaha is addressing the climate education and awareness divide that often takes a back seat in children's day-to-day lives. She raises concerns, holds them accountable for their actions, and helps them navigate their journey toward becoming climate ambassadors, supporting each other during times of climate anxiety. Selena has been fortunate to speak at multiple events, highlighting the issues and the gaps that currently exist in climate education at schools. As a winner of the Stockholm SIWI Water Innovation Challenge at the age of 8, she knows that age is no barrier. She works to ensure that every child around her confronts climate change and its challenges head-on, with peer support, technology, and other resources, so that they can all work together, leaving no one behind—not even the youngest ones. She also worked to provide relief bags for flood victims in Dubai, in collaboration with DHL, and mobilized community efforts.

PROJECT NAME: NAFLD Management System (Health App)
SUBMITTED BY: Daria Khokhlacheva (India)
ORGANIZATION NAME: Collab w/ Izhevsk State Medical Academy
CITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTED: Izhevsk, Russia
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED: 1
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (DIRECT): 20
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED (INDIRECT): N/A

The NAFLD Management System is a newly launched mobile app designed to help patients manage Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD). Developed at Izhevsk State Medical Academy, the app enhances patient care by improving communication between patients and gastroenterologists. Available for Android users in Russia, it includes features like an initial questionnaire, tracking of trigger foods and medications, personalized diet and exercise plans, and a predictive model to estimate NAFLD risk based on blood tests. The app enables efficient data sharing with healthcare professionals, making NAFLD management more convenient and cost-effective. With support in both Russian and English, the app has the potential for global expansion, fostering collaboration in NAFLD care. Its focus on personalized health insights and improved patient engagement aims to streamline healthcare delivery.



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A Journey of Global Youth Leadership

IYC9 has been a powerful testament to the capabilities of youth as agents of change. From Los Angeles to remote villages, the projects that emerged from this conference are a reflection of the potential within each young leader to influence their communities and tackle critical global challenges. The collective effort of delegates from over 49 countries has turned ideas into actions, and these actions have sparked waves of change across 179 cities.

The IYC9 Impact is not merely a set of statistics; it is a story of resilience, innovation, and collaboration. It demonstrates that, when given the platform and support, young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow but the architects of today's solutions. From environmental sustainability to gender equality, mental health, and education, these projects embody the spirit of global citizenship.



Collaborators of The 9th International Youth Conference

- UCLA Luskin Social Welfare
- United Nations International Organization for Migration (UN IOM)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat)
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
- Tzu Chi Foundation: Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- IAAI Glocha: International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (GloCha)
- Youth Commissioners of Los Angeles County
- ABC7 News Network Los Angeles
- Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County, 9th District