



International Children's
Peace Prize Project Fund

IMPACT REPORT

2025

About the 'International Children's Peace Prize'

Every year, KidsRights awards the International Children's Peace Prize to a child who fights courageously for children's rights. In addition to supporting the winners, KidsRights also supports projects of other young changemakers related to the winner's theme. The 2025 International Children's Peace Prize Project Theme Fund follows the work of the 2024 Winner – Nila Ibrahim – who is fighting for girls' and women's rights by advocating for their right to go to school.

Through the International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund, 13 State of Youth Chapters from 10 countries received funding to implement projects tackling gender inequality at the grassroots level in 2025. This call was financially supported by [WereldWijd voor Kinderen \(WWvK\)](#).

-  **Afghanistan – State of Youth Afghanistan**
-  **Bangladesh – State of Youth Dhaka**
-  **Bangladesh – Startup IO Foundation**
-  **Bangladesh – Refugee Empowerment Network (REN)**
-  **Egypt – Revivals Egypt (State of Youth Alexandria)**
-  **France (Project based in Afghanistan) – WEA**
-  **Kenya – State of Youth Kakuma**
-  **Liberia – State of Youth Paynesville**
-  **Netherlands – Girls Not Taboo**
-  **Nigeria – State of Youth Gombe**
-  **Pakistan – Collective Youth Action**
-  **Pakistan – Crossadder Foundation**
-  **Philippines – State of Youth Manila**



About 'State of Youth'

In 2019, KidsRights introduced [State of Youth](#) at the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Mexico and at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. State of Youth is the first non-political, non-religious digital "youth state" that transcends borders to unite young people worldwide (ages 12–29). It provides young people with the tools, resources, and global connections needed to address the world's most pressing challenges.

Since its launch, State of Youth has expanded rapidly. Young people join as local groups – called Chapters – led by youth themselves. These Chapters represent State of Youth in their communities, engaging peers in awareness, advocacy, and action around issues that directly affect them. Between 2019 and 2026, State of Youth has worked with more than 800 Chapters across more than 70 countries, and the movement continues to grow every day.

TOTAL REACH

All funded State of Youth Chapters worked on SDG 5, Gender Equality, and also focused on related areas such as youth empowerment, education and awareness initiatives. They received grants between €500 and €2,500.



19,000+

Children reached (≤ 18 years old)

7,000+

Youth reached (19 – 29 years old)

9,000+

Adults reached (over 29 years old)

“Being part of the class at the Women Empowerment Association (WEA) has been a life changing experience for me. This class is not only about language learning. It is a door to new opportunities, opportunities that once felt so far away. Every day in this program brings me closer to being able to prove myself on an international stage”

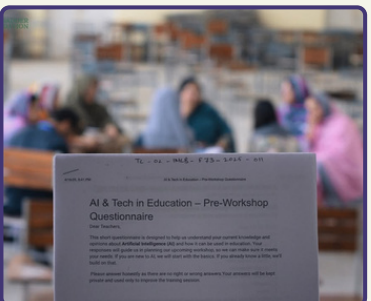
— Shukrana, project participant from WEA Afghanistan.



This section highlights selected examples of funded projects.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of other supported initiatives is available [HERE](#).



CHAPTER NAME: STATE OF YOUTH @ MANILA

COUNTRY: THE PHILIPPINES

CHAPTER MEMBERS: 49

**PROJECT NAME: TERESA, A SHORT FILM ON
GENDER EQUALITY**

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Teresa is a short film that aims to confront the silent injustices that women like Teresa face every day. It was fully produced and filmed by State of Youth Manila. At its core, the film shines a light on the realities many choose not to see, the quiet sacrifices, the unspoken expectations, and the systemic biases that shape a woman's life from childhood to adulthood. The film portrays how inequality is not always loud or violent; it is often woven into ordinary moments, accepted traditions, and 'normal' expectations.



Teresa shows how these subtle pressures accumulate and define a woman's choices. Teresa was shown to schools in the Philippines and was selected for several national and international film festivals in Brazil, Australia and India.



You can watch the trailer for Teresa [here](#)!

1,700+

**Children reached
(<18 years old)**

5,000+

**Youth reached
(19 – 29 years
old)**

1,500+

**Adults reached
(over 29 years
old)**

CHAPTER NAME: CROSSADDER FOUNDATION

(STATE OF YOUTH @ ISLAMABAD)

COUNTRY: PAKISTAN

CHAPTER MEMBERS: 372

PROJECT NAME: EQUAL-ED INITIATIVE

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While schools should be safe spaces where every student has access to equal opportunities regardless of gender, students in Pakistan face discrimination due to traditional beliefs. In addition to that, teachers often lack the training to address these issues.

The EqualEd Initiative aimed to promote gender equality and inclusive attitudes among students and teachers in schools in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The project aimed to strengthen students' understanding of equal rights and leadership potential regardless of gender. It also equipped leaders with practical tools to create gender-inclusive classroom practices and addressed emotional and psychosocial needs through a state-approved Teachers' Counselling Curriculum.



1,690+

**Children reached
(<18 years old)**

200+

**Youth reached
(19 – 29 years
old)**

165+

**Adults reached
(over 29 years
old)**

CHAPTER NAME: STATE OF YOUTH @ GOMBE

COUNTRY: NIGERIA

CHAPTER MEMBERS: 14

**PROJECT NAME: GIRL CHILD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT (G-SES PROJECT)**

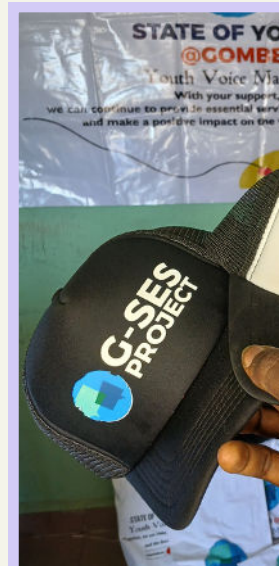
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In many communities around the world, girls face significant barriers to accessing education and pursuing their full potential. Socio-cultural norms and practices often favour boys' education over girls.

The G-SES project focused on increasing school enrollment and retention for girls in Nigeria by enrolling a group of 38 girls into basic education and hosting community workshops on the importance of education for girls.

While the primary goal of the project was to promote access to education, it indirectly supported youth leadership and changemaking by empowering girls with knowledge and skills that can transform their lives and communities.



170+

**Children reached
(<18 years old)**

220+

**Youth reached
(19 – 29 years
old)**

900+

**Adults reached
(over 29 years
old)**

CHAPTER NAME: REFUGEE EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

COUNTRY: BANGLADESH

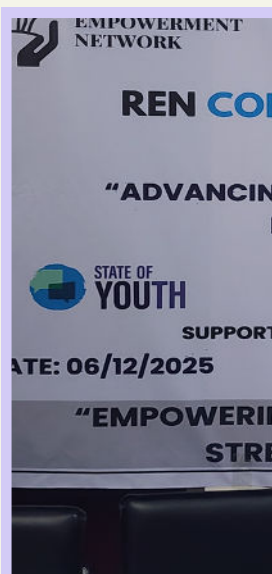
CHAPTER MEMBERS: 15

**PROJECT NAME: BREAKING BARRIERS: ADVANCING GENDER
EQUALITY IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST REFUGEE CAMP**

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The Rohingya community faces severe gender inequalities, including limited education for girls, early marriage, and restricted economic opportunities for women. The project aimed to advance gender equality in Rohingya refugee camps by empowering women, girls and youth through a series of community-based activities focused on advancing gender equality. By providing these opportunities, the project aimed to uplift the social status of women and girls, allowing them to achieve greater autonomy and contribute to their community's development.



700+

**Children reached
(<18 years old)**

675+

**Youth reached
(19 – 29 years
old)**

330+

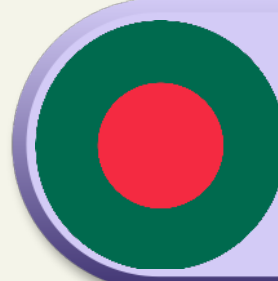
**Adults reached
(over 29 years
old)**

HEAR FROM OUR FUNDED CHAPTERS OF 2025



"Because of the funding, our Chapter was able to move from small, informal discussions to structured, well-supported activities. The funding allowed us to cover venues, materials, outreach and basic logistics. Funding opportunities like this are essential for our work as a Chapter, this kind of support makes meaningful, well-organised impact possible." — **Revivals Egypt, Egypt**

"The reporting & reflection process helped us analyse and more than that, understand our strengths, gaps, and long-term impact. Overall, this experience has motivated us to continue building new inclusive, meaningful, and more sustainable initiatives led by young people." — **State of Youth Dhaka, Bangladesh**



"Through the fund we were able to hold a very genuine conversation as why both gender matter in the society and they should not be undermined. Thank you so much State of Youth for the support, for the opportunity and to other members who have not yet joined State of Youth, create a Chapter, join us." — **State of Youth Kakuma, Kenya** (watch Tamanji's video testimony [here](#))

**Are you interested in creating or joining a
State of Youth Chapter? Sign up today at
<https://www.stateofyouth.org/movement/>**

**Do you have any questions related to State of
Youth or the International Children's Peace
Prize Project Fund? Reach out to our team at
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