



STATE OF
YOUTH

2025 IMPACT REPORT

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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. State of Youth is a global grassroots movement created for youth, by youth (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. A Chapter is the heart of our movement. It is a team of young people working together to create impact locally while staying connected globally. Between 2019 and 2025, State of Youth worked with more than 700 Chapters across over 70 countries. (At the time of writing, that number has now passed 800.)



KIDSRIGHTS

KidsRights is an international non-governmental organization that strives for a world where all children have access to their rights and are enabled to realize the great potential they carry within them.

KidsRights sees children as changemakers with the power to move the world, and supports them in voicing their opinions and taking action in order to bring about change.

KidsRights supports children by commanding global attention for the realization of children's rights and acting as a catalyst to ignite change, together with children and youth.

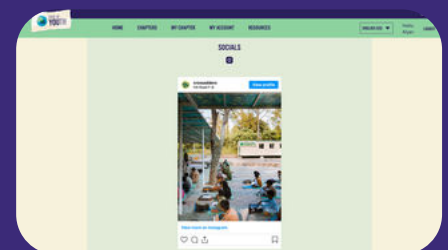
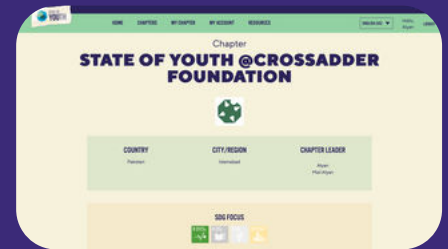
KidsRights is the founder of the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize and the organisation behind the annual KidsRights Index.



LAUNCH OF MOVEMENT PLATFORM

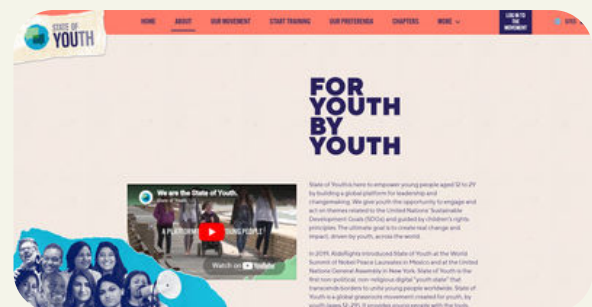
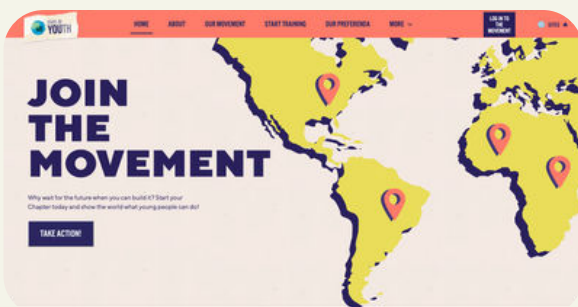
In November 2025, we launched the State of Youth's new Movement Platform for our Chapters – a collaborative, youth-led platform that connects Chapters worldwide to drive collective action. This was a milestone in program implementation, streamlining the sign-up process, means of communication with Chapters, and the understanding of all data concerning State of Youth.

Improvements include chapters being able to join State of Youth in a few minutes, alongside creating their own profiles and showcase their work.



UPDATED WEBSITE

In September 2025, we unveiled our new website, with not only a makeover and a better interface, but also a news section, spotlight series and more. In partnership with Deloitte, the State of Youth website received a major upgrade to better reflect our work, engage our community, and make our impact more accessible to everyone.

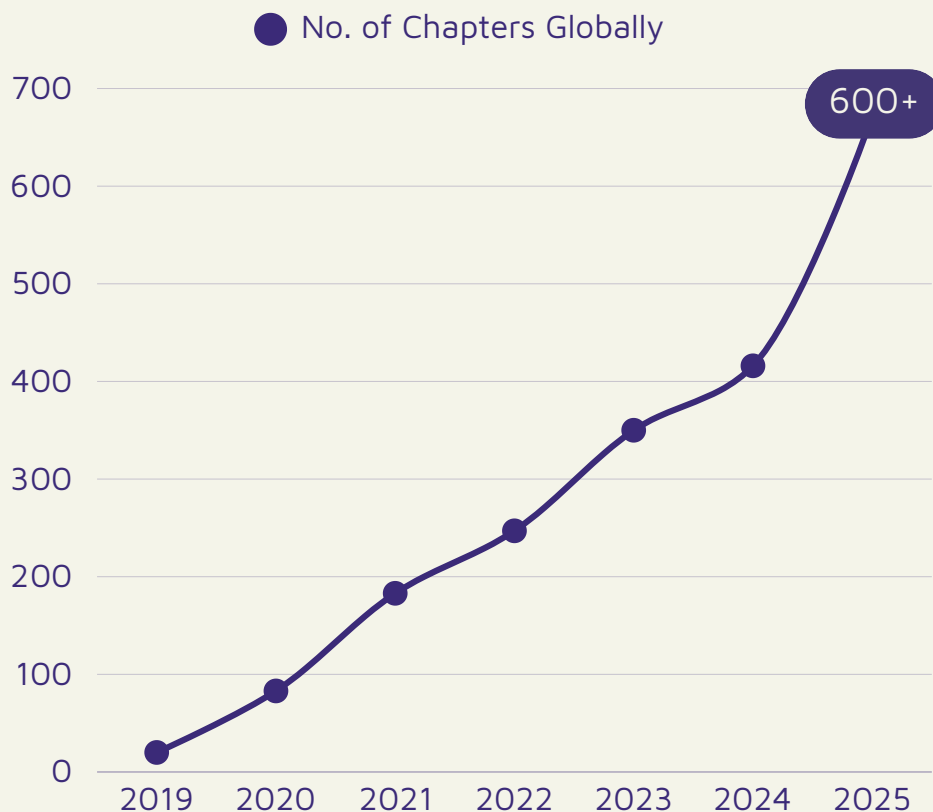


STATE OF YOUTH IN 2025

2025 was a year of significant growth, deepened youth participation and leadership with our Youth Board and Country Representatives, and major structural development for State of Youth, with over 47,000 children reached by our Chapters.

Across the movement, we strengthened how we connect with Chapters, expanded opportunities for youth leadership, and introduced new systems to better support collaboration, community, and impact at scale.

State of Youth Growth From 2019 to 2025



STATE OF YOUTH IN 2025

Overall, 2025 marked a year of meaningful expansion and consolidation for State of Youth, strengthening the infrastructure of the movement, deepening youth participation in leadership, and enhancing the ways in which Chapters are supported and connected globally.

At the same time, as highlighted in the examples below, the network continued to grow not only in numbers but also in impact, with Chapters leading locally driven initiatives focused on advocacy, education, wellbeing, sustainability, and community engagement.

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2025 was both meaningful and transformative. Being part of State of Youth provided a space where youth voices were genuinely valued, not just consulted, but trusted to lead and take action.”

State of Youth @
Manila, The Philippines

State of Youth: In Action



🇬🇧 In Bangladesh, the State of Youth Refugee Empowerment Network ran gender equality workshops inside the world's largest refugee camps, bringing Rohingya youth together in 2025.



🇵🇭 In the Philippines, a State of Youth Chapter produced a short film to raise awareness of gender equality, screened to people across the Philippines in 2025.



🇰🇪 In Kenya, a State of Youth Chapter at Kakuma conducted workshops with young people from over 10 countries, contributing to reduced cases of early and forced marriages in 2025.

OUR MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENING OUR GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Each year, State of Youth Chapters complete a Membership Survey to share their achievements, challenges, priorities, and plans for the future. The survey is an important tool that helps us better understand the evolving needs of our growing movement and ensures that we can provide meaningful support to Chapters around the world.

“State of Youth showed me how youth-led ideas can create real impact, helping me gain confidence in initiating projects, collaborating effectively, and contributing meaningfully to my community.”

State of Youth @ Ministry of Literary Affairs Pakistan



COMPARING 2024 AND 2025 MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS

Comparing findings from the 2024 and 2025 Membership Surveys provides valuable insight into how the State of Youth movement continues to evolve. As the movement expands across countries and communities, the survey helps us identify emerging trends, such as the rapid uptake of the new Movement Platform (activated by 86% of Chapters) and a rise in Chapters forming their own external partnerships (from 39% to 52%), understand the changing needs of Chapters, such as a growing demand for funding (cited by 96% of Chapters) and stronger connections with other Chapters around the world.

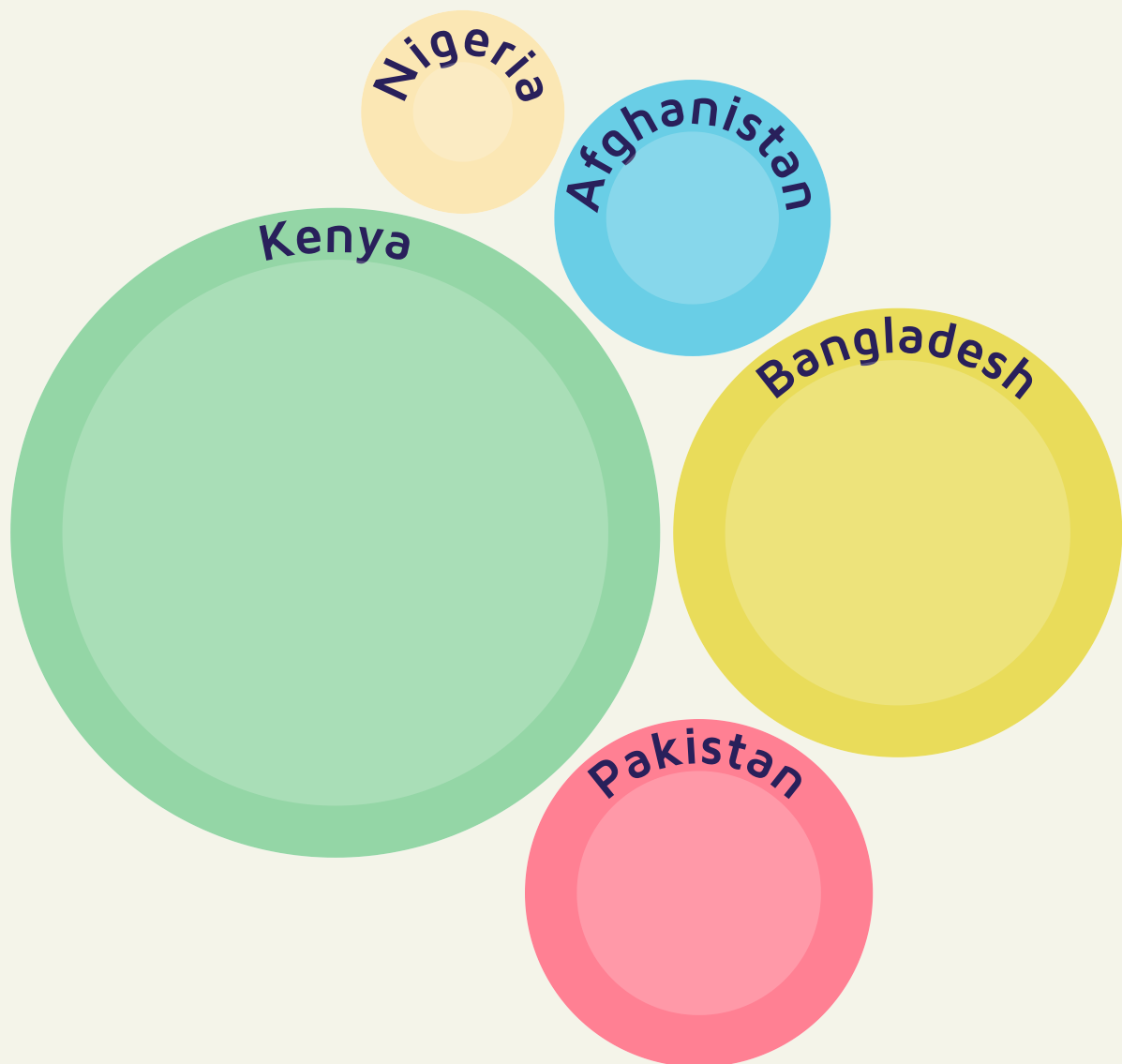
The 2025 Membership Survey demonstrated substantial growth across State of Youth compared to 2024. The number of survey responses nearly doubled, geographic representation expanded from 21 to 29 countries, and Chapters reported significantly higher levels of activity and community reach. These findings highlight the continued expansion of the movement and the increasing engagement of youth-led Chapters worldwide.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

154 RESPONSES FROM CHAPTERS IN 29 COUNTRIES

Top Countries



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVER 7,000 CHAPTER MEMBERS ACROSS
154 CHAPTERS

93%

reported feeling
that their
communities are
more open to
collaborating with
young people

96%

reported an
increased sense
of community as
a result of being
involved in State
of Youth

99%

reported knowing
more about SDGs
and children's
rights as a result
of being involved
in State of Youth



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES AND REACH

In 2025, State of Youth Chapters held:

2,400+

In-person
activities

2,100+

Online
activities

With these activities, Chapters reached:

47,400+

Children

22,000+

Youth

18,400+

Adults



INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE PROJECT FUND 2025

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY

About the International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund

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 International Children's Peace Prize Winner - Nila Ibrahim, who is fighting for girls' and women's rights by advocating for their right to go to school. Nila's efforts are aimed at advancing gender equality in the world.

This call for proposals was financially supported by WereldWijd voor Kinderen (WWvK).



INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE PROJECT FUND 2025

FUNDED PROJECTS

-  Afghanistan – State of Youth Afghanistan
-  Bangladesh – State of Youth Dhaka
-  Bangladesh – StartupIO Foundation
-  Bangladesh – Refugee Empowerment Network
-  Egypt – Revivals Egypt (State of Youth @ Alexandria)
-  France (Project in Afghanistan) – Women Empowerment Association
-  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

With all the projects, we globally reached:

19,000+
Children

7,000+
Youth

9,400+
Adults

“ We are very grateful for the trust and support provided through the International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund. Beyond the financial support, the encouragement to reflect, document, and learn as a team was extremely valuable for our growth as a Chapter!.”

State of Youth Dhaka, Bangladesh

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE PROJECT FUND 2025

HIGHLIGHTED FUNDED PROJECTS | [VIEW ALL HERE](#)

Crossadder Foundation

Project: EqualEd Initiative promoted gender equality by strengthening students' understanding of equal rights and equipping teachers with tools for inclusive classroom practices and psychosocial support.



1,690

children (0-18 years old) were reached through school activities and campaigns.

200+

youth (18-29 years old) were reached through three personalized counselling sessions.

165+

adults (above 29 years old) were reached through three teachers' personalized counselling sessions.

State of Youth @ Gombe

Project: G-SES Project in Nigeria supported 38 girls' access to education and raised community awareness, empowering them with skills to drive change



170+

children (0-18 years old) reached through the awareness activities and school enrollment.

220+

youth (18-29 years old) reached through the awareness activities and mobilisation efforts.

900+

adults (above 29 years old) reached through the awareness activities and mobilisation efforts.

Refugee Empowerment Network

Project: Breaking Barriers empowered women, girls, and youth through community-based activities that promoted gender equality, autonomy, and community development.



700+

children (0-18 years old) were reached through the activities and online interaction.

670+

youth (18-29 years old) were reached through the activities and online interaction.

332+

adults (above 29 years old) were reached through the activities and online interaction.

2025 - 2026 YOUTH BOARD STATE OF YOUTH

We launched State of Youth's Youth Board 2025/2026, a bold and diverse group of young changemakers and experienced Chapter Leaders who are already turning ideas into action across continents. Our new Youth Board includes:

- Alya Sabira (21, State of Youth @ Speak out Youth Indonesia, Indonesia)
- Alwande Moyo (19, State of Youth @ Bulawayo, Zimbabwe)
- Hope Gondwe (24, State of Youth @ University of Malawi, Malawi)
- Mary Makuei (23, State of Youth @ Kakuma, Kenya)
- Raffaello Banin (16, State of Youth @ Oakland, USA)
- Shreya Ghosh (22, State of Youth @ Northern Bangladesh, Bangladesh)
- Tarun Bhuyan (17, State of Youth @ Bhubaneswar, India)

The Youth Board supports and advises on the direction of State of Youth, as the youth-led advisory board to the program. They also build capacity within State of Youth by supporting Chapter Leaders and represent State of Youth offline and online. During their term they will also lead a series of workshops sharing their expertise with the rest of the State of Youth community.



COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

In 2025, as a pilot initiative to further increase our decentralisation efforts towards bringing power to youth, our Country Representatives in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Kenya, Nigeria and the Philippines worked on engaging with Chapters, hosting online meetings and calls, visiting Chapters on the ground and providing feedback to the State of Youth team on what support Chapters need.

The launch of State of Youth Country Representatives aimed to:

- Bring State of Youth closer to Chapters worldwide
- Facilitate contextualised support in key countries
- Create a decentralised structure
- Increase collaboration between Chapters in the movement

They helped us create over 50 new Chapters and supported over 160 Chapters to activate and update their profiles on our Movement Platform. With the success of the pilot and the growth of our movement, in 2026, we are expanding the Country Representatives structure to new countries.



CHARTER FOR COMPASSION

CONFERENCE

In October 2025, State of Youth had the honour of leading the final day of the Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference, a powerful, youth-led gathering that united young changemakers, educators, and allies from around the world under the theme “Compassionate Leadership for Action & Impact.” Chapters spoke across 5 sessions, ranging from panel discussions such as ‘Applying compassionate leadership in action’ to capacity-strengthening sessions such as ‘Funding youth leadership’.

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Speakers

130+

Participants

98%

**Positive
Experience**





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