

# GROUP ONE

ONE STEP CLOSER TO END CHILD MARRIAGES

# Intercultural leadership skill and development Youth Camp to end Child Marriage

The conviction that young people are drivers of positive social change is the basis for the YI Summer Youth Camp. This weeklong summer camp will bring together 30 individuals aged 17-25 from across the country, to address pressing social challenges (Child marriage) in their region or community

## **Objectives:**

- Facilitate moments of encounter, exchange and skill-building among the young people.
- Strengthen young people's capacity to get involved in the preparation and implementation of joint action/projects for the social cause;
- Foster the understanding of culture to maximize the impact of social change in the community.
- Develop a network of alumni and make it a true platform for joint action to help address child Marriage.

## **Expected barriers**

- Cultural and religious intolerance
- Cultural and religious stigmatization

**Time Frame:** one week

# Financial Empowerment of Rural men/women to reduce child marriage

Group of youth will do fund raising activity for a selected village. Women in that community will be put into groups according to their different skills, all groups will be assisted financially to start their income generating projects and to lead them to financial independence.

## **Objectives**

- reduce child marriages by empowering women financially

## **Expected Barriers**

- Raising funds to start the project might be time constraining
- corporation might be difficult amongst different groups
- Marketing of the products might be difficult in terms of getting corporate support.

# Create safe space in school

For both the girls and boys and will address issues of child abuse they can fall victim too and how they can protect themselves. the groups will use entertainment, sports and education programs. The safe spaces will be led by teachers together with youth leaders selected by peers.

## **Objectives**

- To have at least one safe space in each schools in the community with a minimum of 10 members each group. Gender balanced with both boys and girls educated to protect and safe guard each other's rights.

## **Expected Barriers**

- The schools might not be willing to set up the safe spaces.
- Getting permission of the school and teachers might be a challenge.
- Even with the availability of the program in schools it is not a guarantee that students will take part in the project and learn and share their experiences.

## **Tracking/follow up**

- All participants will have monthly checks in schools to monitor how the spaces are working and if there is progress
- Different schools will also meet and share how their safe spaces are doing to keep it working

## **Timeline:**

- 2-3 Months each community

# Balloon of dreams

Teenagers love balloons' and therefore will visit junior schools and have them write their dreams in pieces of paper. These students will take their papers home and we will work with them to see that they achieve their dreams through peer education and mentoring .

## **Objectives:**

- Have motivational talks with them this is to encourage them to believe in their dream and that it is achievable.
- Increase awareness to the school students and letting them work hard to conquer their dreams.
- Build a common working issues and students unity to fight against any violation.

## **Expected Barriers**

- Getting permission from the schools authorities
- There is a schedule of subjects in schools and therefore will have to stick to it
- Some children might have change of dreams and not be willing to follow their dreams and attend mentorship programs
- It might also be a challenge to get mentors to visit the schools on scheduled times.

## **Timeline:**

- 1-3 weeks

# Sexual comprehensive education

Provide sexual education for children in primary school and make it a compulsory subject in curriculum since we believe children of this age/era are achieving maturity at earlier stage and they should be equipped with the knowledge

## **Objectives:**

- Establish School unions to fight for comprehensive education in their schools and communities.
- Educating the older generation on the importance of comprehensive education and ending child marriages.
- Involve government and relevant stakeholders in the importance of introducing comprehensive education in schools.
- Lobby and campaign for the curriculum to be adopted and to build awareness and give sex education to school going children.
- Start small discussions in school's Scout Group. (Igniting the fire), Conducting training on sex education. (Empower) and Train other member of the group. (mobilize)

## **Expected Barriers**

- The government might not be receptive to the idea of supporting the policy formulation
- The students might not get interested at first
- The schools authority might not agree to hold seminars/workshops in the school premises
- It might not be easy to spread the knowledge to the other schools
- Take sex education to the rural areas because of socio-cultural differences

## **Timeline:**

- 6-12 Months

# Media Campaign to end child marriage

create a social media page i.e. Facebook page, twitter and YouTube channel where we can address the views and the campaign projects so that we can share and learn from each other.

## Objectives

- This will encourage international solidarity amongst the group members to share and learn relevant issues of specific community of the group members rising international awareness on the particular issues. This will ensure that humanity has no borders as various countries will be working together to address various problems.

## Expected Barriers

- People who live in rural areas might not have access to internet.
- Poor network providers with poor access to internet even for people in urban areas
- Poor electricity supply

## Tracking

- We will have fortnightly updates on our different projects and whether they are making progress or not. How best we can make them work in cases of failure and strengthening global partnership.
- **Timeline:** 1 Month

# Advocacy on Local and National policy on child marriage

- Make research to find a gap between existing national policy and international or other countries' policy and come out with proposal to forward it to relevant government authority.
- **objective**
- to have comprehensive rule and policy to protect the right of children relating to child marriage for instance the rule pertaining to age limit and the basic right of the children who already marriage.
- **timeline:**
- Depends on the national government



# Children Inclusiveness in development programs

This is to include every child's voice that matters in the societal development activities and policy developing that affects them. Mainstreaming and capacity building will ensure that we have the voice of the affected generation.

## Objectives

To build confidence among the children through participation and involvement activities

Empower the ability of children to face the real world and its challenges.

Participate in policy decision making and have a sense of ownership.

Organize workshops on youth capacity building.

Time frame:

1 week (ongoing)

# National and international partnership

Develop partnerships with other organizations to assist in the implementation of various projects in both education and advocacy. Partnership will also ensure that target group reached is bigger

## **Objectives**

Sign MOU with other organizations and relevant stakeholders

Develop an understanding with all relevant stakeholders to address facilitate projects

## **Expected Barriers**

It might take more time than expected

It might not be that easy to create partnership directly with UN Agencies

We might face some difficulties to gather all the NGO's to agree on terms and goals of partnership

## **Timeline**

Depends on each country policies