



Youth manifesto demanding expansion of youth budget

Youths from different regions came together placing their demands at the roundtable meeting with The Daily Prothom Alo on 'Election 2018: Youth Manifesto (নির্বাচন ২০১৮ : তারুণ্যের ইশতেহার)' organized by IID & ActionAid on 25th December, 2018.

Volunteers of the youth network of IID 'Youth for Policy' were present in the event. "I would like to request the next government to ensure balanced growth of marginal regions along with urban development." Said Wahidul Islam, one of the

that expanding youth budget will help our youth reach their full potential. IID & ActionAid's joint study on 'Status and Public Expenditure on Youth-Responsive Public Services and Employment-oriented Skills Development' also suggested to an expansion on youth budget.

Redo education system for 4th industrial revolution

The roundtable meeting titled 'Youth Employment and the 4th industrial revolution', was held at 27th January, 2019. Organized by IID and in partnership with Prothom Alo, the roundtable hosted the fellow and volunteers of Youth for Policy, a countrywide



volunteers.

Among others, Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid, Youth for Policy volunteers, Active Citizens of ActionAid and students from around the country attended the roundtable.

Almost all the participants emphasized on the fact



youth network created by IID, as participants. Among other participants Expert at National Curriculum and Text Book Board Azizur Rahman, CEO of IID Syeed Ahamed, former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Abul Kashem Khan and CEO of Bdjobs.com AKM Fahim Mashroor were present. Associate editor of Prothom Alo, Abdul Quayum moderated the session.

Volunteer of Youth for policy, Md. Mehedi Hasan asked to put emphasis on freelancing saying, 'we need to encourage youth about freelancing and outsourcing. The training of freelancing should start from school level.' Oliva Rani Sheel, another volunteer of Youth for policy, said, "Our education system is result-oriented. If we don't adapt to new technology, we'll lag behind." Abdul Quayum concluded the session expressing optimism toward the huge potential in youth in Bangladesh saying the world is waiting for us to thrive.



Young volunteers meet the govt.

The young leaders of Youth for Policy came to Dhaka from around the country for policy advocacy on youth employment at home and abroad. They attended several events including a meeting with



the senior officials from Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET).

The meeting on 27th January 2019 was held after a series of TTC visits across the nation by these volunteers to learn about the training facilities for safer and orderly migration. IID's CEO Syeed Ahamed conducted the meeting where the director of BMET Dr. Md. Nurul Islam, Sr. Teacher Shamsun Nahar and other BMET officials were present.

The young leaders shared their experience of visiting the local technical training centers and they were requested by the government officials to

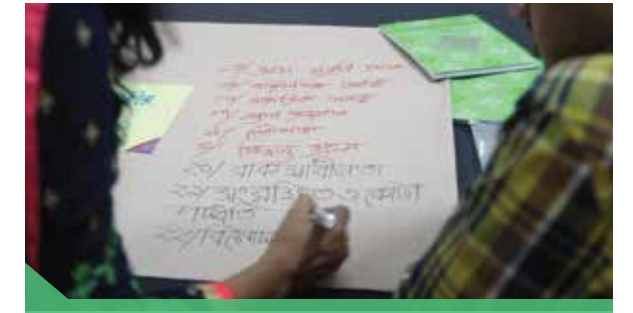
formally submit their suggestion to BMET as a report. The suggestions will be aimed at increasing youth skill and employability by expanding training facility at Technical Training Centers (TTC) around the country.



IID provides Gender and Social Inclusion Training to the Youth for Policy Fellows

To promote gender and social inclusiveness throughout the policy cycle, the first and foremost step should be building capacity of the agent for the change in society to be more sensitive. Keeping that in mind, IID provided gender and social inclusion training to its Youth for Policy Fellows; who are working at the grassroots to promote fairer labour migration. The day-long workshop held on January 28, 2019 at Chuti Resort, Gazipur.

The workshop started with individual representation



of the participants that led to a discussion that how we can collaborate and create synergy in our work and coexist while each individual are unique in their perception. The workshop ended with discussion about how each participant want to see their future



generations, regardless of gender. Different perception came out through the discourse which gave the participants an empathetic understanding that to implement any work, one should be more sensitive to include all the people who are left behind.

4th industrial revolution demands youth participation in governance

IID attended the two day long 'Frugal Innovation Forum 2019' from 3rd to 4th of March. This year the Frugal Innovation Forum focused on 'Scaling opportunities for youth'. Syeed Ahamed, CEO of IID, spoke at a panel discussion on 'Breaking the Barriers to Youth Inclusion'. The discussion in the event explored the obstacles that youth are facing while engaging in policy advocacy.

Role of IID's flagship initiative Youth for Policy in closing the gap between youth and governance was shared by Syeed Ahamed during the event.



He highlighted how it has been bringing youth demands through polls, discussions and forums to develop Youth Manifesto, present them to the political parties and follow up to ensure those demands are implemented.

The program was attended by a number of practitioners including 'Youth for Policy Fellows' along with entrepreneurs, activists and policy makers like the previous years, who came together to explore the future of youth in the Global South.



Youth for Policy Volunteer's TTC visits across the country

Youth for Policy Fellowship is an extensive national level policy leadership development and policy advocacy program. It is awarded to the youth volunteers who have completed the policy camp and are now willing to share their knowledge in their locality.

As part of the Fellowship program the fellows visited the TTCs across the nation to learn about the training facilities for safer and orderly migration. During their visit, they created awareness on aspirant migrant's rights, both in home and abroad, while collecting feedback on the training facility.



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