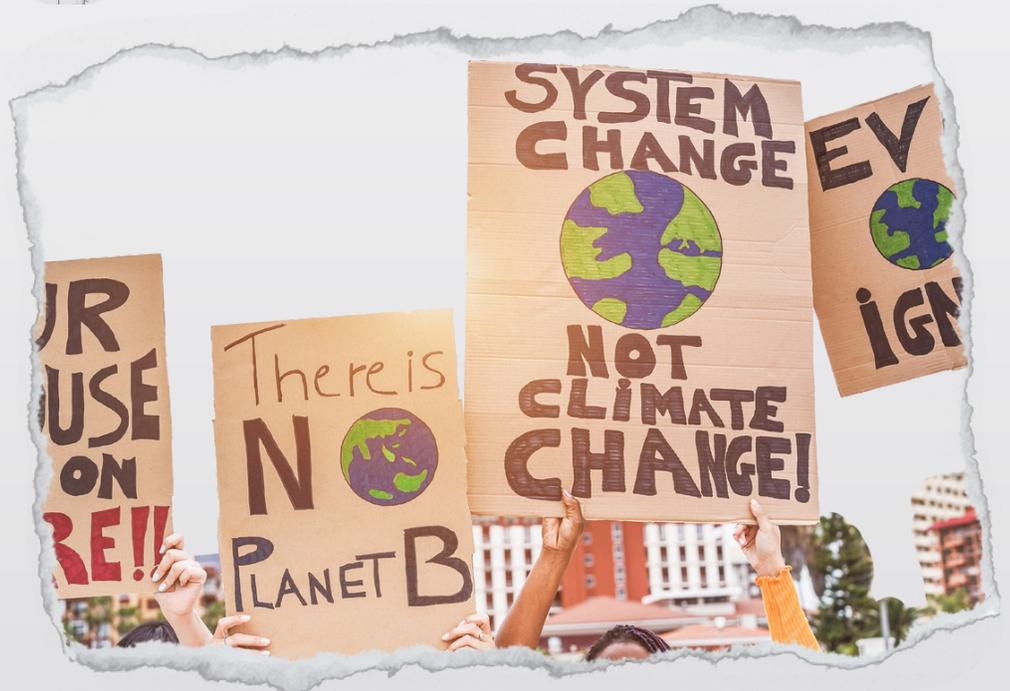


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Context



Bangladesh, a nation that is extremely sensitive to climate change, is ranked seventh on the 2021 World Climate Risk Index even though its share of global greenhouse gas emissions is only 0.14 percent. Its low-lying delta location puts it at a heightened risk of flooding, storms, and sea level rise. In response to the pressing need for global collaboration and comprehensive policies to address the challenges posed by climate change, ActionAid Bangladesh & Brighters Society of Bangladesh, in collaboration with Udayankur Seba Sangstha (USS), Janakalayan Sangstha, Sharub Youth Team, and VARD, have organised the annual "Bangladesh Youth COP," which aims to accelerate the global climate justice movement.

As part of this year's initiative, feedback from young people in Satkhira, Kurigram, Sunamganj, Bandarban, and Cox's Bazar districts was gathered in order to verify and offer solutions for the demands brought on by climate change. A nationwide consultation was held to confirm the information gathered after three Regional Youth COPs were set up to solve existing crises through grassroots consultation. More than 150 youth from climate-vulnerable regions shared their perspectives gleaned from their experiences with grassroots movement. These young people worked together to create a potent advocacy tool that would revolutionise Bangladesh's 2.0 strategy for enhancing climate resilience.



Regional Youth Cop

At A Glance

Data Collection Method:

Focus Group Discussion,
Key Informant Interview
Regional Consultation

Total respondents: 515

Female -272 &
Male-243

Total FGD: 31**Total Key Informant Interview: 22****Types of data providers:**

1. Youth (15 to 35 years) -248 =24.1%
(124 women and 124 men)
2. Women (35 years+) - 122 =23.7%
3. Male (35 years+) -123 people =23.9%
4. Women & Men (socially and politically influential persons)- 22
(Female 6 Male 16)

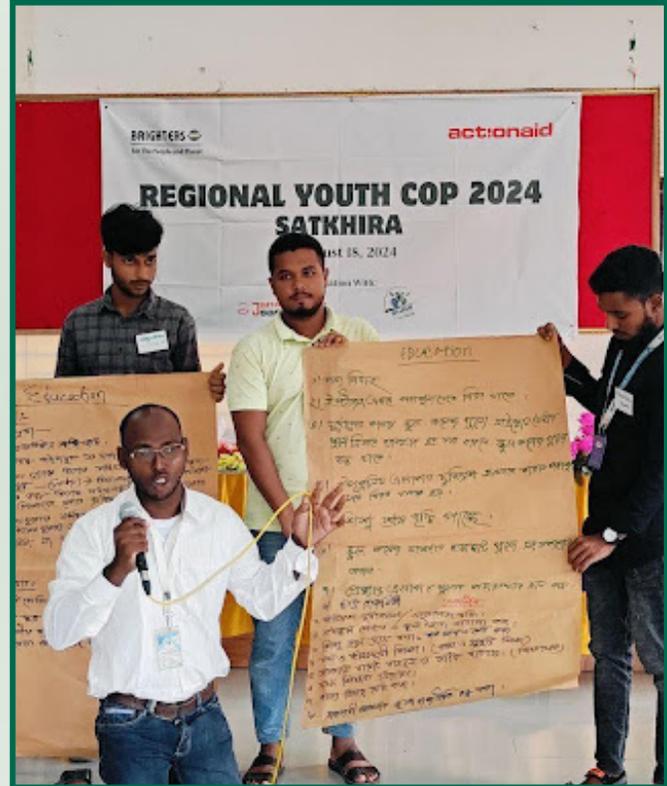
Types of Vulnerability:

1. Livelihood
2. Shelter
3. Education
4. Health
5. Safe Drinking Water
6. Economic Opportunity
7. Special Vulnerability



Regional Youth Cop Satkhira

Total Focus Group Discussion: 9
Total Key Informant Interview: 4
Total Participant: 35



Regional Youth Cop Kurigram



Total Focus Group Discussion: 9
Total Key Informant Interview: 10
Total Participant: 39

Regional Youth Cop Sunamganj

Total Focus Group Discussion: 9
Total Key Informant Interview: 6
Total Participant: 26



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Regional Consultation Cox's Bazar



Total Focus Group Discussion: 2
Total Key Informant Interview: 1

Regional Consultation Bandarban

Total Focus Group Discussion: 2
Total Key Informant Interview: 1



Respondent Total 515



**Women & Men
(Socially & Politically influential persons)**

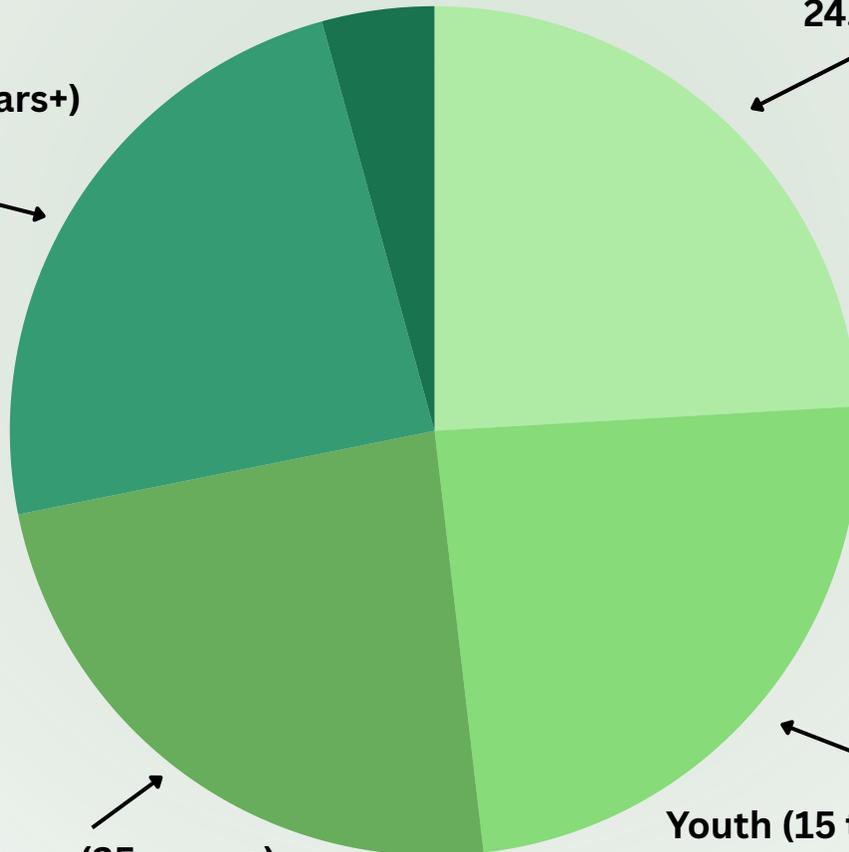
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Youth (15 to 35 years Men)

24.1%

Male (35 years+)

23.9%



Women (35 years+)

23.7%

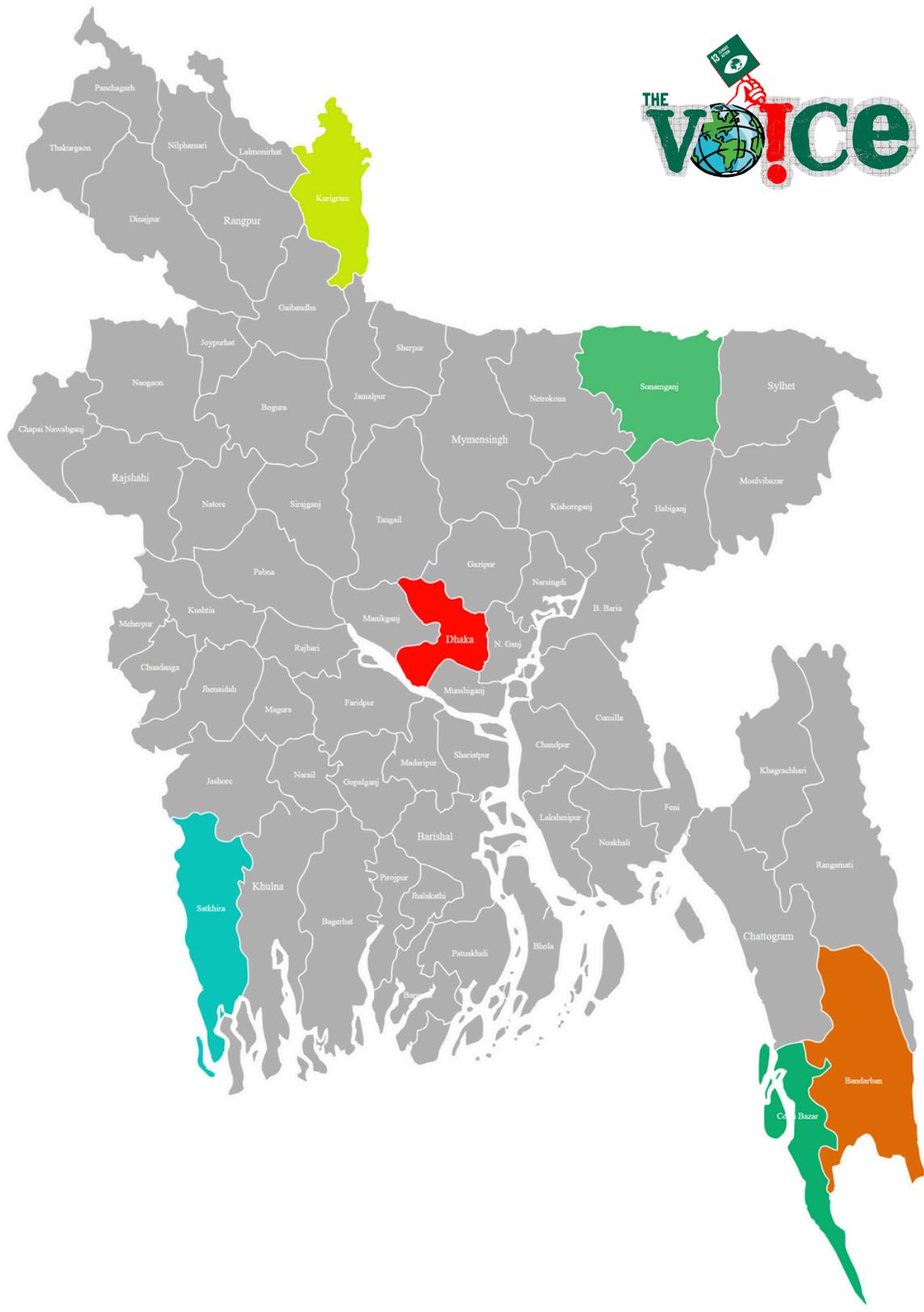
Youth (15 to 35 years Women)

24.1%



Area Covered of National & Regional Youth COP 2024

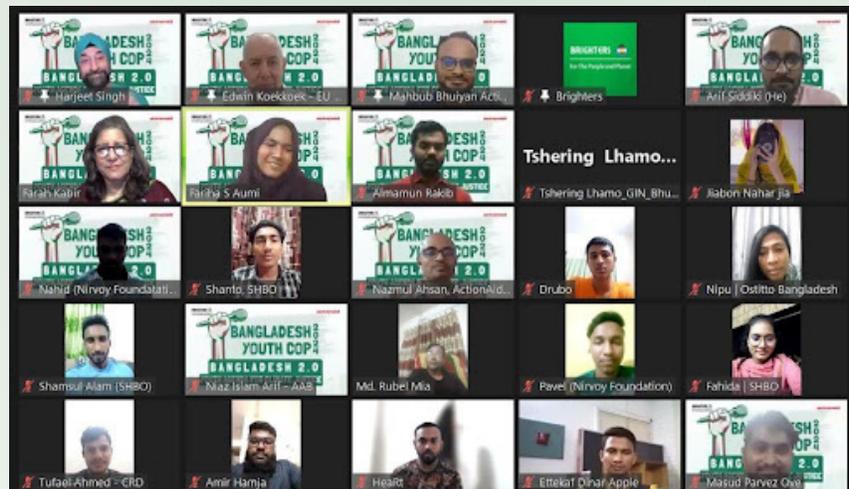
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Online Consultation

Session Summary

Gender justice was covered in this session along with the loss and destruction caused by climate change. The panelists stressed how critical it is to incorporate underrepresented groups' perspectives especially those of women into climate policy and solutions. They emphasised the necessity of enhancing women's capabilities and guaranteeing their involvement in decision-making procedures. The necessity for a gender -responsive loss and damage paradigm that considers women's unique vulnerabilities was also discussed. The panelists demanded steps to hold all parties accountable for advancing gender justice as well as more funding for sustainable energy. ActionAid Bangladesh Country Director Farah Kabir, said that attaining gender justice is essential to everyone's safety.



National Youth Consultation

Session Summary

Young people from all over the country came together for the Bangladesh Youth Cop 2024 conference to discuss climate change and promote climate justice. 14 main demands were made by the participants, including improved adaptation strategies, the growth of the green economy, and access to clean water. The significance of youth participation in disaster response and preparedness was emphasised in a noteworthy panel discussion, which also emphasised the necessity of adequate funding and training for young volunteers. Incorporating youth perspectives in climate policy-making, especially with regard to marginalised communities, was the conference's main focus. The purpose of the event was to provide young people in Bangladesh with the information and resources they need to effectively advocate for climate action and a sustainable future.



Bangladesh Youth Cop 2024

Session Summary

In order to promote climate justice, the Bangladesh Youth Cop 2024 gathered together young voices and placed a strong emphasis on youth participation in climate legislation and activities. Collaborative action, evidence-based advocacy, and addressing difficulties underrepresented groups experience were the main topics of the event. Along with engaging in discussion on how to strengthen sustainable development and climate finance institutions, participants created a Youth Demand Charter with 14 specific climate justice demands. In order to address the climate catastrophe, the conference closed with appeals for increased youth leadership, innovation, and collective action.



Youth Demands Charter

Cluster-1: Water Resource Management:

Youth Demands:

01. Ensure safe drinking water and food security for the most vulnerable people affected by climate change through proper coordination between public and private initiatives & Construction of sustainable dams in coastal areas.

Cluster-2: Economic Opportunities:

Youth Demands:

01. Support to enhance livelihood, alternative livelihood and protect traditional professions, food security through enhancing research and investment.

02. Provide policy support from the Government to empower youth to create a green economy and circular economy.

Cluster- 3: Health:

Youth Demands:

01. Take necessary initiatives to address the climate induced health issues, especially Reproductive health problems of marginalized women and adolescent girls, and introduce mobile health care service at disaster shelters.

Cluster- 4: Quality Education:

Youth Demands:

01. Develop skills of young people to deal with negative effects of climate change, revise education curriculum and calendar.

Cluster- 5: Displacement:

Youth Demands:

01. Create a green belt to combat disasters, and consider the effects of climate change during infrastructural development.

02. Make disaster shelters women, children and people with disability friendly.

03. Minimize helplessness of women, children, persons with disability and other marginalized populations during climate change related disasters.

04. Ensure sustainable rehabilitation of internally displaced families.

Cluster - 6: Livelihood:

Youth Demands:

- 01. Strengthen and provide necessary support to locally led adaptation initiatives under the leadership of young people, and allocate adequate resources and budget.**
- 02. Empower women to combat the negative social impacts caused by climate change such as child marriage, violence against women etc.**
- 03. Enhance youth participation at national, regional and international policymaking forums to capacitate them to fight climate change.**

Cluster - 7: Special Vulnerability:

Youth Demands:

- 01. Introduce and implement appropriate laws and measures to stop plastic pollution.**
- 02. Making sure of alternative communication channels running during disasters in vulnerable areas.**

Highlights of Bangladesh Youth Cop



FARAH KABIR

Country Director,
ActionAid Bangladesh

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**NO ONE IS SAFE
UNTIL EVERYONE
IS SAFE**



DR. AINUN NISHAT

Emeritus Professor & Advisor,
Center For Climate Change And
Environmental Research (C3ER) &
BRAC University.

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS
TODAY'S PROBLEM
TOMORROW'S
THREAT



MD. SHAMSUDDOHA

Chief Executive,
Center For Participatory Research And
Development.

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**IF DEVELOPMENT IS ONLY FOR
POLITICAL INTEREST, WE IGNORE THAT
DEVELOPMENT BUT IF DEVELOPMENT IS
A NATIONAL GROWTH, WE WELCOME
THIS DEVELOPMENT**





NAYOKA MARTINEZ

First Secretary/ Deputy Head of
Development Cooperation,
Embassy Of Sweden In Bangladesh.

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**YOUTH ARE THE
LEADER OF CHANGE,
LEADER OF COUNTRY**



NARDIA SIMPSON

Acting High Commissioner,
Australian High Commission in Bangladesh

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**YOUTH ARE THE ARCHITECT
OF FUTURE SUSTAINABLE
BANGLADESH**





EDWIN KOEKKOEK

First Counselor,
Team leader

Green Inclusive Development
Delegation of the European Union to
Bangladesh.

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**IF YOU BECOME MORE
RESILIENT, YOU HAVE TO BE
MORE FOCUSED ON GENDER
JUSTICE**



NAZMUL AHSAN MIRAZ

Lead, Youth & Just Society,
ActionAid Bangladesh.

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**WITHOUT GENDER JUSTICE,
WE CAN NOT ACHIEVE
CLIMATE JUSTICE**





MAHMUDUL HASAN TAREQ

Domain Coordinator-
(Water, Food and Climate),
Helvetas Bangladesh.

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**100% RENEWABLE ENERGY
IS POSSIBLE**





SAIDUR RAHMAN SIAM

Founder & Director,
Brighters Society Of Bangladesh.

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**RESETTLEMENT OF CLIMATE
MIGRANTS IS NOT A MERCY,
IT IS THEIR RIGHT**



AL MAMUN RAKIB

Youth Representative,
ICCCAD.

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**WITHOUT HEARING GRASSROOTS
VOICES, WITHOUT REPRESENTING
GRASSROOTS PEOPLE, GENDER
JUSTICE WON'T COME**





MOHAMMAD SOHANUR AMIN

Director,
Brighters Society Of Bangladesh.

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**YOU HAVE TO SPEAK!
YOU HAVE TO RAISE YOUR VOICE!**





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WITH EVIDENCE BASED ADVOCACY**



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