

About the Network

Nepal has a growing youth population, with more than 40% of the total population of Nepal aged between 16-40 years. Despite this, Nepal ranks 94th overall on the Youth Development Index.

The network has over Four hundred youth members .Twenty youth from Bagmati Province, Madhesh Province and Karnali Province have been engaged actively as youth volunteers working at multiple levels to redress this imbalance. They are actively working to improve youth education, health, and resilient livelihoods by getting young people engaged in their democratic rights and responsibilities, and creating platforms from which they can fully participate in civic life.

Youth engagement

Young people in Nepal are making sure their voices are heard at local, provincial and national levels, consulting with key decision-makers on the drafting of the National Volunteer Policy promoting the Global Standard for Volunteering for Development and championing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The network coordinates and participates in a range of events and opportunities to learn, debate and contribute to key issues.

The youth dialogues series (YDS) in partnership with Youth Advocacy Nepal (YAN), is a space for diverse participants and experts to present and critically discuss specific public concerns.

The youth democracy camp (YDC) gives young people the opportunity to learn about various core elements of democracy, including human rights, good governance, the electoral system, and youth rights.

Following the program, they're encouraged, mentored and supported to join in with democratic movements.

Through these youth platforms, young people can engage meaningfully with the issues and policy decisions that affect them, providing feedback on the National Volunteer Policy in Nepal, including to the National Planning Commission and Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration on the Leave No One Behind findings.

These volunteers work with individuals and communities through coaching and mentoring programs, covering all kinds of issues, from harmful social norms to climate and disaster resilience. Through this work, they strengthen both communities and the systems that support them, using tools such as community scorecards to promote good governance, and hold leaders accountable to the needs of the communities they serve.

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