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Organisation: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Active in Country: Bangladesh

DTP Program: 24th Annual Human Rights and People's Diplomacy



The training of DTP has enlightened my wisdom and knowledge on human rights and advocacy for the rights of the young people. This platform has provided me with ample opportunity to learn from peers, strengthening network and enhanced capacity for doing better for the community.

Fayez Ahmed participated in DTP's 24th Annual Human Rights and Peoples Diplomacy Programme help in Nepal 2014. He is currently working as National Consultant (Project Coordinator) at UNDP Bangladesh. His project, Youthopia.bangla under UNDP Innovation Hub, aims for youth empowerment in the country. The core focuses are of Youthopia.bangla is to provide youth in Bangladesh a platform support them with access to information and inform decision making, economic empowerment, youth leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship as well as youth participation in policy making. The platform, Fayeze is leading, has a network of 105 youth led-organisations, 40+ innovative startups, 8 accelerators and 200 private sector companies. Since 2016, this UNDP Project is working in partnership with UNV, UNWomen, UNICEF, UNFPA, Plan International, BRAC, Save the Children, ActionAid and few other national, international NGOs.

Since Fayeze has participated in the 2014 DTP course, he has been involved in advocacy on key human rights issues for youth in Thailand, including young women's rights, rights of minority youth, right to employment, quality education and access to information. He has also been working to promote peace and harmony in the society by engaging youth innovation and entrepreneurial activities.

I have been using the knowledge on ICCPR, ICESCR, CRC, CEDAW and other human rights instruments while working with the youth leaders, organisations and startups to make them understand the values and norms so that when the design their projects and business they acknowledge the rights of the beneficiaries as well their workforces.

Youthopia.bangla has also been organising and coordinating capacity development workshops and trainings for young community leaders on gender equality, empathy, women leadership, SDGs and Business (specially focusing on human rights issues).

In addition to his independent consultancy, Fayez Ahmed is volunteering as mentor and advisor to few youth organisations working on issues i.e. sustainable neighbourhood projects, women empowerment, human rights and role of youth.

He has completed his graduation and post-graduation from University of Dhaka with concentration on International Relations. In 2017, he did a postgraduate diploma in Genocide Studies from Center for Genocide Studies at the same university.

Profile and responses to questions written November 2018