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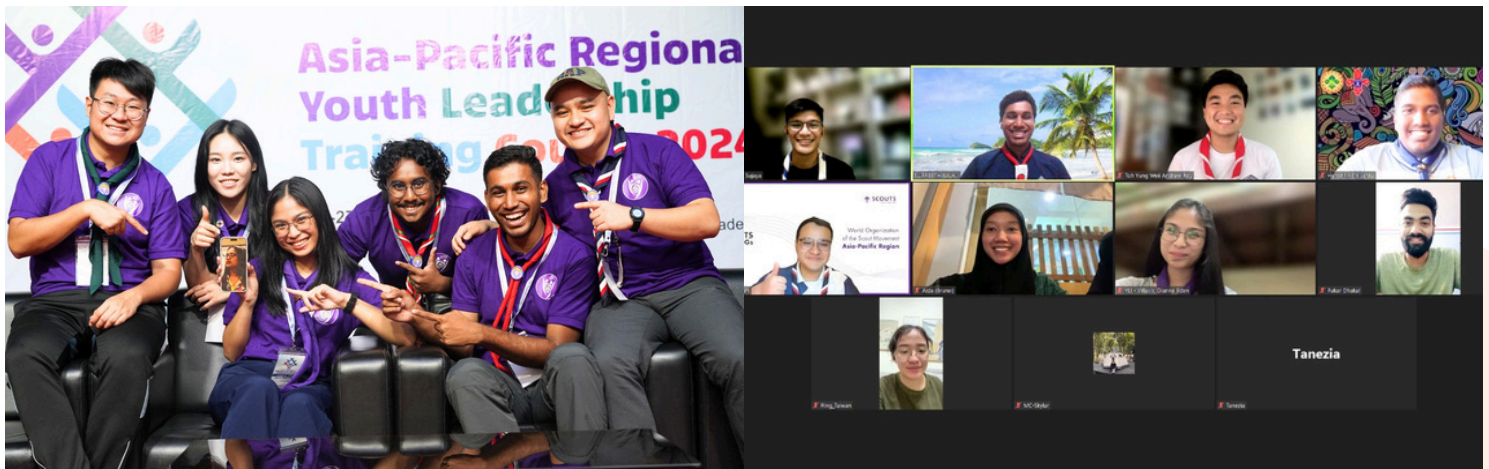
FOREWORD





Across the Asia-Pacific Region, Scouts are making a significant and lasting impact on society. In recognition of the selfless efforts of young people who drive environmental and social progress, the Regional Youth Representatives (RYR) have gathered this showcase of exemplary youth-led, community-based projects. This document is a celebration of innovation, leadership, and the spirit of service.

Our thanks go to the Scouts and RYR National Coordinators whose hard work made this compilation possible. We invite every National Scout Organization and scout member to use this document as a source of inspiration for future community action. May we continue to face global challenges with courage and creativity, proving that with a strong network and a big heart, anything is possible!



ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES (2022-2025)



MESSAGE OF SUPPORT





Throughout Asia-Pacific, young people continue to turn service into meaningful impact.

They are stepping forward, responding to challenges, and proving that leadership is strong when it is driven by purpose and care for others.

We appreciate and acknowledge the completion of the Asia-Pacific Regional Best Practices on Youth-Led Community-Based Projects 2022–2025 report. More than a collection of stories, this publication is clear evidence that when young people are trusted to lead, communities grow stronger.

The projects featured in these pages reflect the values that define our movement — service, inclusion, collaboration, resilience, and action for a better world.

Whether protecting the environment, supporting those in need, or creating opportunities for others, these young leaders are turning compassion into concrete results.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Regional Youth Representatives, National Scout Organizations, contributors, and partners whose dedication made this report possible.

Your support has helped create space for young people to lead, contribute, and be heard.

May this report challenge and inspire even more young people across the region to step up, lead boldly, serve wholeheartedly, and continue shaping communities where no one is left behind.

Jose Rizal C. Pangilinan
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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Introduction

This report highlights impactful youth-led initiatives by National Scout Organizations across the Asia-Pacific region.

These projects demonstrate how young people are actively addressing real-world challenges, ranging from environmental sustainability and public health to social inclusion and community development. Rooted in innovation, collaboration, and service, each initiative reflects the strength of Scouting as a platform for meaningful action. Beyond outcomes, these projects showcase replicable models, practical solutions, and leadership in action.

Together, they represent a growing movement of empowered youth contributing to stronger communities and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



1

Empower youth as proactive leaders of change by equipping them with the skills, confidence, and platforms to design and implement impactful, community-driven solutions

2

Foster inclusive and resilient communities through service initiatives that prioritize dignity, collaboration, and sustainable development for all especially vulnerable groups

3

Advance meaningful contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting innovation, partnerships, and scalable models that create long-term environmental, social, and economic impact

Vision



Report Summary

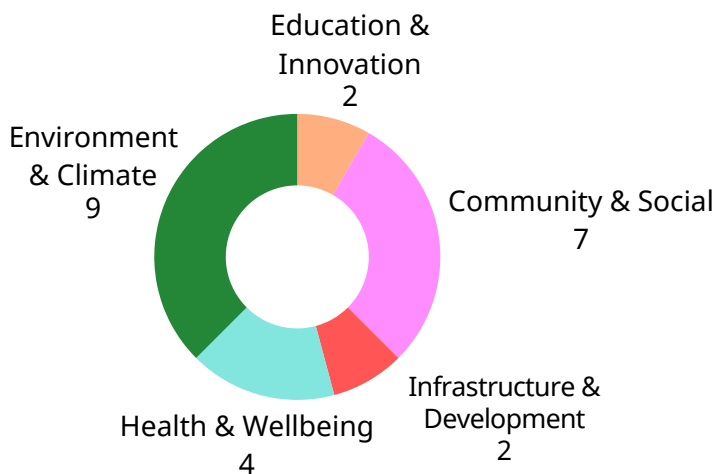
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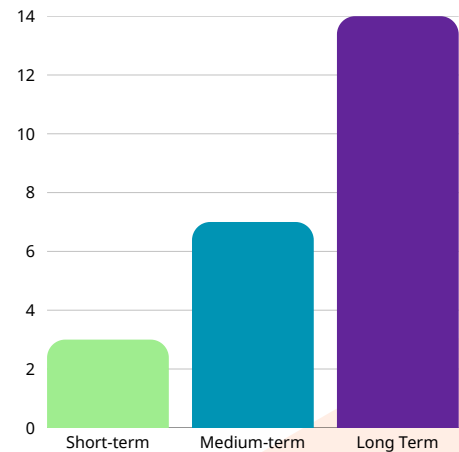
 1,500+ Youth Engaged

 10,000+ Lives Impacted

PROJECTS BY THEME



PROJECTS BY DURATION



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 300,000+ Seed Balls Distributed
- 450,000+ Plants Planted
- 200+ kg Waste Collected
- 24+ Locations Cleaned
- Thousands of Hatchlings Protected

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT

- 142 Houses Renovated
- 1 Bridge Constructed
- 8 km Solar Lighting Installed



PERSEKUTUAN PENGAKAP NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Project Highlights



Kasih Busana Ramadan: Raya Clothing Drive

Organized by the National Rover Scout Council, this project redefined the traditional concept of a clothing drive going beyond simple distribution to focus on dignity and choice.



Kasih Busana Ramadan

NSO: Persekutuan Pengakap Negara Brunei Darussalam

Duration: 2 weeks

Initiated By: National Rover Scout Council

Involves: General Public



Organising committee members and volunteers of Kasih Busana Ramadan after a day of distribution.

The Impact

In the spirit of the holy month, the "Kasih Busana Ramadan" project **redefined the traditional concept of a clothing drive**. Initiated by the National Rover Scout Council, this project moved beyond simple distribution to focus on dignity and choice. Held in March 2024, the initiative transformed a community hall into a welcoming "shopping" environment where individuals and families in need were invited to choose festive wear for Hari Raya. **The impact was immediate and tangible:** hundreds of recipients were able to select clothing that suited their specific tastes and needs, ensuring they felt valued and respected during the festive season.

The Journey



The path to this success was paved with both overwhelming generosity and logistical hurdles. The public response was **heartwarming**, with a massive volume of donations arriving between the 21st and 24th of March in 2024. However, this generosity presented a challenge; the storage space was **quickly overwhelmed**, forcing the team to close donations earlier than anticipated. Furthermore, operating during Ramadan meant the team **had to balance heavy logistical work**—sorting thousands of items by age, gender, and condition—with fasting and nightly prayers. **The solution lay in community mobilization.** When the core team was stretched thin, additional volunteers stepped in, turning a daunting task into a triumph of collective resilience.



Spotlight

The core innovation of Kasih Busana Ramadan was its distribution model. Rather than handing out pre-packed bundles, **the organizers set up a dignified "shopping" experience.** Recipients could browse racks of organized clothing in a warm atmosphere. This seemingly small shift in methodology had a profound effect, turning a charitable act into an empowering interaction that promoted self-esteem alongside material aid.



Wisdom Shared

The team learned that in high-tempo initiatives like this, **early planning is required.** Setting **clear deadlines** for donations proved essential to prevent logistical bottlenecks. Moreover, **sorting items immediately upon receipt**—categorizing them by gender and age group right at the door—saved countless hours later in the process. Above all, the project proved that creating a respectful space is just as important as the goods being donated.

Looking Forward

Given the enthusiastic public response and the clear need within the community, there is strong potential for this project to become an annual tradition. The willingness of the public to give ensures that Kasih Busana Ramadan can continue to grow, spreading joy and sustainability in future festive seasons.



SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG

Project Highlights



GeoMaster - Sustainable Hiking Trail Maintenance Project

This project empowered hiking communities to become active stewards of the land, improving safety and sustainability of the trails through an innovative digital reporting system.



Photogether - Family Photography Service

An emotional impact was created through these professional family photo sessions for families battling cancer. Families were invited for a free photography session to capture their precious memories.



"Exploding Stress" Mental Health Card Game Service Programme

This project was gamified method to help young people explore mental wellness and brought about mental health awareness to middle and high schools in Hong Kong.



GeoMaster - Sustainable Hiking Trail Maintenance Project



Members developing reporting mechanisms for efficient hiking trail maintenance.

NSO: Scout Association of Hong Kong

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated by: Scouts of the World Award Members

Involves: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust
General Public

The Impact

Hong Kong is famous for its stunning hiking trails, but maintaining them is a monumental task usually falling solely on government agencies. The "GeoMaster – Sustainable Hiking Trail Maintenance Project" has changed this dynamic by empowering the hiking community to become active stewards of the land. **By bridging the gap between recreational hikers and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, this initiative has improved the safety and sustainability of the trails.** Through a simple digital reporting system, hikers can now flag obstructions and drainage issues, leading to faster response times and a better experience for all trail users.

This ongoing initiative, driven by Scout of the World Award members, faced a significant hurdle early on: the high cost of information technology required to create a reporting database. Determined to find a sustainable solution, **the team bypassed expensive software in favor of accessible tools, utilizing Google Forms and specific coding to create a functional, cost-free reporting system.** Supported by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the project has successfully recorded trail conditions across various locations, proving that resourcefulness can overcome budgetary constraints.

The Journey





Spotlight

The unique aspect of GeoMaster is its "citizen science" approach to maintenance. It transforms passive hikers into active participants. **By placing QR codes and reporting mechanisms directly in the hands of the public**, the project leverages the collective eyes and ears of the community. It is a prime example of how digital literacy can be applied to environmental conservation, reducing administrative burdens while increasing coverage.



Wisdom Shared

The team discovered that technical solutions must be paired with strong networking. Collaboration between the Scouts, the government, and the public was the engine of this project. Furthermore, they found that incentives matter; online promotion combined with the distribution of souvenirs proved effective in engaging the public. A key takeaway for future leaders is **the importance of digital literacy—not just for innovation, but for creating systems that are financially sustainable and administratively efficient.**

Looking Forward

The project aims to expand its technological integration by building a comprehensive database of drainage paths to share with the government. The long-term vision is ambitious: evolving into a fully integrated system where public reporting feeds directly into government maintenance schedules, ensuring the longevity of Hong Kong's country parks.

PHOTOGETHER – Family Photography Service

NSO: Scout Association of Hong Kong

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated By: Scouts of the World Award Members

Involves: Hong Kong AntiCancer Society



A stunning Christmas backdrop prepared for the best-quality family photography.

The Impact

For families battling cancer, time is often the most precious currency. "Photogether" is a photography service that provides professional family photo sessions to cancer patients, particularly during emotionally significant times like Easter and Christmas. Collaborating with the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, the project offers more than just images; it offers a sanctuary. Families are invited to a studio where, supported by volunteer makeup artists, they can celebrate their bond. The impact is deeply emotional, providing families with enduring keepsakes that preserve their joyful moments and underscore their strength.

The Journey



The operational challenges of this project are unique. The team coordinates with patients who have varying physical conditions, ensuring they feel comfortable and look their best. **However, the most profound challenge is emotional.**

The reality of mortality is ever-present, as some participants may pass away shortly after their sessions. The team has had to learn to grapple with this loss, continually reaffirming that their service provides dignity and joy in the final chapters of life, making the emotional toll worth the effort.



Spotlight

The heart of this project lies in its atmosphere. It is not merely a technical service; it is a human connection. The studio is managed by a dedicated scouter designed to foster a "warm, familial" environment. **This focus on the "user experience"—ensuring genuine smiles and heartfelt expressions—distinguishes it from a standard photo shoot.** It is about validating the family's journey and love, regardless of the medical prognosis.



Wisdom Shared

The project has taught the team that technical skill is secondary to empathy. The most challenging and critical task is helping participants feel at ease. A successful service project in this domain **requires members to interact deeply with participants, celebrating with them rather than just performing a task.** The team learned that the quality of the service is defined by the warmth and support the families feel during the process.

Looking Forward

"Photogether" is committed to broadening its horizon. The team plans to explore additional partnerships to extend these photography services to a wider array of vulnerable groups. The goal is to ensure that more individuals facing challenging circumstances can access this dignified, joy-filled experience.

“Exploding Stress” Mental Health Card Game Service Programme



A mental health card game with well-designed situations and scenarios.

NSO: Scout Association of Hong Kong

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated By: Scouts of the World Award Members

Involves: Local Service Centres Middle Schools and High Schools

The Impact

In a fast-paced society where mental health can often be stigmatized or overlooked, the "Exploding Stress" project introduces a disarming solution: play. **This service programme utilizes a custom-designed card game as an accessible entry point to discuss mental wellness with youth.**

By combining the fun of the "Exploding Stress" game with educational info-sessions, the project helps young people identify sources of anxiety and learn professional mitigation strategies. It has successfully brought mental health awareness to middle and high schools, fulfilling a critical need for sustainable health education in Hong Kong.

The development of this project was a year-long process of learning and refinement. The team did not just create a game; they first equipped themselves with knowledge through the "Mental Health Ambassador Program" and "Youth Mental Health First Aid" certification. Creating the game involved an iterative process, incorporating feedback from game experts and mental health professionals to ensure it was both fun and clinically sound. This rigorous preparation allowed them to successfully share complex concepts with youth, receiving professional endorsement for their work.

The Journey





Spotlight

Using a card game to break the ice on a serious topic is a masterstroke in youth engagement. Traditional lectures on mental health can be intimidating or dry, but "Exploding Stress" invites participation first and education second. **This methodology lowers the barrier to entry, allowing students to engage with their own mental health in a non-threatening, communal setting.**

Wisdom Shared

A vital lesson learned is that the **messenger matters as much as the message.** The team realized that to teach stress management, they had to understand their own mental health first. Furthermore, the project **validated the use of "gamification" in education.** The iterative design process—testing, getting expert advice, and refining—was proven to be the most effective way to make educational content accessible.

Looking Forward

With positive feedback from participants and professionals alike, the project has significant potential for scale. The model is highly replicable and could be adapted for different age groups, cultural settings, or educational contexts.

The team envisions "Exploding Stress" expanding its reach, proving that games can be a serious tool for sustainable development."



THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Project Highlights



Turtle Guardians

This project saw Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Rangers patrolling beaches and standing guard as turtle eggs hatched, becoming active stewards protecting marine biodiversity along their coastlines.



Seeding Hope - Go Green, Breathe Clean

This project saw 300,000 seed balls and 450,000 plants distributed by enlistng train loco pilots and truck drivers to spread seed balls into remote, drought-prone areas.



Aqua Force - Cleaning of Water Bodies

This project spanned two years, mobilising Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Rangers across multiple districts to reverse the effects of water pollution by physically cleaning lakes, ponds, and beaches.



Turtle Guardians

NSO: **The Bharat Scouts and Guides**

Duration: **3 Months**

Initiated By: **Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts, Guides of TTL Units, Rovers, Rangers and Adult Leaders involved**

Involves: **Volunteers of Sattvic Soul Foundation**



A project volunteer handling a newly hatched turtle.

The Impact

The Ganjam District coastline is a fragile nursery for sea turtles, but for hatchlings, the journey from nest to ocean is a deadly race against predators and pollution. The "Turtle Guardians" project intervened in this critical cycle of life.

For three months, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Rangers patrolled the beaches, standing guard as eggs hatched. Their impact was measured in lives saved: thousands of hatchlings were rescued from predators, untangled from "ghost nets," and freed from plastic debris like tetra packets. By ensuring these creatures reached the waves, the Scouts became active stewards championing marine biodiversity.

The Journey

The work was **physically demanding and emotionally charged**. The sheer vastness of the beach and the short, unpredictable window of hatching required immense manpower.

The team faced a constant battle against predators—crows, eagles, and dogs were quick to snatch the vulnerable hatchlings. Beyond the wildlife, the team faced human challenges in the Podompeta beach area, where educating the local community to avoid stepping on nests proved difficult.

Yet, **the volunteers found deep joy in their "freedom" mission, viewing the rescue not as an assignment, but as an act of love.**





Spotlight

The project effectively highlighted the specific threats of human induced pollution on wildlife. **It wasn't just about natural predators; the Scouts were releasing hatchlings stuck in plastic bags and cold drink cartons.** This reality check transformed the project from a simple conservation effort into a powerful commentary on waste management. The partnership with the Sattvic Soul Foundation further amplified their ability to manage the logistics of such a large-scale rescue operation.



Wisdom Shared

The team learned that **conservation requires a dual-phase approach:** protecting the eggs before hatching and guarding the hatchlings during their release. They realized that because the hatching process is rapid, having a surplus of manpower is essential to cover the area effectively. Furthermore, they found that **consistent "door-to-door" awareness campaigns** were the only way to gain the necessary public support to keep the beaches safe for the turtles.

Looking Forward

This initiative has evolved from a short-term project into a life lesson for the volunteers. The "Turtle Guardians" model has high potential for continuation, as it instills unconditional care for nature in the youth.

The experience has equipped the volunteers with the empathy and resilience needed for future community service, ensuring the project's spirit lives on.

Seeding Hope - Go Green, Breathe Clean



Volunteers distributing plant seedlings to the community.

NSO: **The Bharat Scouts and Guides**

Duration: **Ongoing**

Initiated By: **Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers and Adult Leaders of Odisha State BSG**

Involves: **Forest Department, General Public, Train Loco Pilots, Truck Drivers**

The Impact

In the face of deforestation and ecological imbalance, the "Seeding Hope – Go Green, Breathe Clean" project launched a massive counter-offensive using nature's own tools: seeds.

But this was not a typical tree-planting drive. **The project achieved a staggering distribution of 300,000 seed balls and 450,000 plants by leveraging an ingenious distribution network.**

By enlisting Train Loco Pilots and Truck Drivers, the Scouts managed to spread seed balls into remote, drought-prone areas that were otherwise inaccessible. Recognized with the "Green Revolution" and "Prakruti Mitra" awards, the project successfully turned a local initiative into a regional movement for climate action.

The path to planting nearly half a million greens was **fraught with environmental resistance**. The team **battled unpredictable climates**—ranging from intense heat waves to cyclones—which often disrupted planting schedules.

Water scarcity threatened the survival of saplings, and pests damaged young plants. Logistically, maintaining such a vast number of plants was difficult due to the volunteers' academic commitments.

However, the **team adapted by treating these failures as learning opportunities, developing strategies to mitigate risks and engaging local communities to help with the ongoing care of the plants.**

The Journey





Spotlight

The innovation of this project lies in its "logistical creativity." Recognizing they couldn't hike to every barren hill, the Scouts partnered with the transportation sector. **Asking railway station masters and truck drivers to throw seed balls during their journeys** turned everyday commuters into agents of reforestation. This approach allowed the project to scale its impact far beyond the physical reach of the Scout units themselves.



Wisdom Shared

The project instilled a strong sense of ethical labor and accountability in the participants. The team learned that **planting is only the first step; survival requires "quality of accountability"**, checking back, watering, and fencing. They discovered that admitting failure (when plants died due to weather) was part of the process, teaching them resilience. Ultimately, it taught them that environmental stewardship is a sustainable social responsibility, not a one-time event.

Looking Forward

With climate change remaining a global priority, "Seeding Hope" is set to continue indefinitely. The project has proven that working with nature fosters tolerance and care among youth.

The model's success suggests it will remain a core activity for the Odisha State Scouts, ensuring that the "lungs" of the region are restored for future generations.

Aqua Force - Cleaning of Water Bodies

NSO: The Bharat Scouts and Guides

Duration: 2 Years

Initiated By: Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers and Adult Leaders of Kalahandi, Ganjam, Kendrapara, Odisha

Involves: Local Residents, District Authorities of Odisha State Bharat Scouts and Guides



Scouts and Guides actively engaging at the ground level, cleaning a polluted water body.

The Impact

Water is the lifeblood of Odisha's communities, yet **many water bodies suffer from neglect and pollution**. The "Aqua Force" project, spanning two years, mobilized Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Rangers across the districts of Kalahandi, Ganjam, and Kendrapara to reverse this trend. Targeting SDG 6 (Clean Water) and SDG 14 (Life Below Water), the team took on the dirty work of physically cleaning lakes, ponds, and beaches. The result is **visibly cleaner water bodies, reduced plastic waste, and a safer environment for both aquatic life and local residents**. Their relentless efforts earned them Certificates of Appreciation from the Honorable Governor of Odisha.

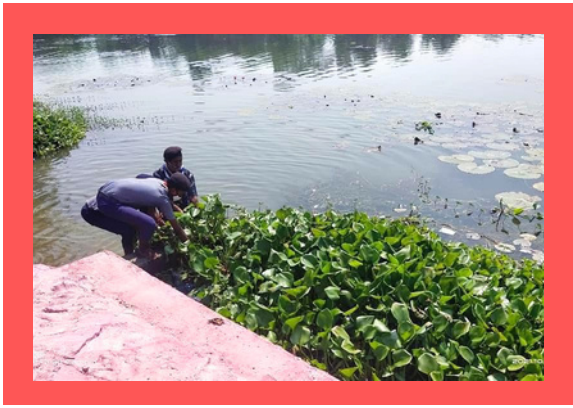
The Journey



Sustaining a high-intensity cleanup campaign for two years was the project's greatest test. While a single cleanup is easy to organize, **maintaining momentum over 24 months required a "rotation of responsibilities" strategy to prevent burnout.**

The team faced funding challenges, often struggling to provide basic service kits and refreshments for the hard-working volunteers.

Additionally, **convincing local residents to join hands was difficult** in certain spots, requiring persistent engagement. Despite these hurdles, the **Scouts persevered, turning dirty water bodies into pristine community assets.**



Spotlight

The core strength of Aqua Force was its "Learning by Doing" methodology. It moved beyond classroom lectures on pollution and placed youth directly in the ecosystem they were saving.

By physically removing waste, the Scouts gained a visceral understanding of the environmental crisis. This hands-on approach did more to educate the community than any pamphlet could; seeing uniformed youth knee-deep in water cleaning up trash set a powerful example that inspired public support.



Wisdom Shared

The project highlighted that collaboration enhances effectiveness. When the Scouts partnered with district authorities, their reach extended. They learned that **water conservation is not just about cleaning; it is about education.**

Promoting the use of clean water for livelihoods helped the community understand the economic value of their local water bodies. The experience proved that **long-term commitment, rather than sporadic action,** is required for true environmental restoration.

Looking Forward

"Aqua Force" has immense potential for expansion. Given the universal need for clean water, the project is designed to be replicated in other districts using the lessons learned in Odisha.

The framework—long-term rotation of teams and strong local partnership—can serve as a blueprint for a statewide, or even national water body restoration movements.



GERAKAN PRAMUKA

Project Highlights



Rover Care for Special Ones

This project dismantled barriers between the Scout Movement and youth with disabilities. A bi-directional impact was achieved with students gaining opportunities for social engagement and Scouts developing empathy.



House Renovation of Hope

Over a hundred Rover Scouts were mobilised to renovate 142 houses across East Java. The project did more than just repairs, it restored the safety and self-worth of many.



The Cirahong Bamboo Bridge Construction

In only 7 days, 780 Rover Scouts constructed a bridge for the residents of the Giri Makmur Village, providing safe, daily access for the village residents.



Rover Care for Special Ones

NSO: Gerakan Pramuka

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated By: Gerakan Pramuka (GPI) National Rover Council

Involves: Teachers and staff from Special Needs Schools (SLB) Parents and local community volunteers



Every young person deserves to be seen, valued, and included.

The Impact

"Rover Care for Special Ones" is a pioneering initiative that **dismantles barriers between the Scouting Movement and youth with disabilities**. Initiated by the National Rover Scout Council, this project facilitates organized visits to Special Needs Schools (SLB), where Scouts engage students through educational games, creative workshops, and cultural sharing.

The impact is bidirectional: students with special needs gain opportunities for social engagement beyond their usual circles, while Scouts develop crucial empathy and leadership skills. It is a **powerful statement that Scouting is truly for everyone**.

The Journey



Launching a project of this sensitivity required **overcoming both logistical and educational hurdles**. The team faced limited resources for materials and transportation, as well as technical constraints.

A significant challenge was **ensuring the interactions were safe and inclusive**, which required special training for volunteers—something that was not initially present.

Despite these obstacles, the project succeeded in creating a platform for meaningful connection. **Scouts reported increased confidence in engaging with diverse communities**, and the joy expressed by the SLB students validated the effort.



Spotlight

The distinctive feature of this project is its structural ambition. It is not a one-off local event but a **pilot designed for systemic replication**. Initiated at the national level, the project is built to cascade down to Regional Rover Scout Councils across Indonesia. This "train-the-trainer" style of replication **ensures that the values of inclusivity become embedded in the DNA of the national organization**, rather than remaining an isolated effort.



Wisdom Shared

The most critical lesson was the necessity of preparation. **Inclusivity cannot be improvised; Scouts needed proper training to tailor activities to different ability levels.** The team learned that a supportive partnership with teachers and parents was vital to adapt activities appropriately. Continuous dialogue with stakeholders proved to be the only way to ensure activities remained respectful and impactful.

Looking Forward

This project has a robust roadmap for the future. With a timeline extending to 2028, the initiative is set for nationwide replication through Regional Councils.

There are plans to link the project with global initiatives like Messengers of Peace and Health Allies.

Eventually, the team hopes to formalize this experience into structured training modules, permanently integrating special education awareness into the Scout curriculum.



House Renovation of Hope

NSO: Gerakan Pramuka

Duration: 11 Days

Initiated By: East Java Regional Rover Council

Involves: General Public Provincial Government of East Java and Local Authorities



Scouts doing roofing works on one of the houses.

The Impact

Shelter is more than just a roof; it is the foundation of dignity. The "House Renovation of Hope," led by the East Java Regional Rover Scout Council, recognized this fundamental truth and turned it into action.

Mobilizing over one hundred Rover Scouts, this youth-led humanitarian effort successfully renovated 142 houses across East Java. By targeting families living in unsafe conditions, the project did not merely repair structures—it restored the safety and self-worth of hundreds of individuals. The sight of Scouts working alongside government officials and professional builders created a powerful visual of solidarity, proving that the youth are capable of leading large-scale infrastructural change.

The Journey



The scale of this project presented immediate logistical hurdles. Managing the renovation of over a hundred homes required precise coordination between enthusiastic but inexperienced Scouts and professional builders.

The team faced the challenge of balancing the raw energy of youth volunteers with the strict technical requirements of construction to ensure safety.

However, these challenges transformed into a training ground for the Scouts, who learned to navigate complex project management and adapt to the rigorous demands of construction work under the mentorship of skilled experts.



Spotlight

The defining feature of this project was its **"collaborative ecosystem"**. It was not a solo mission by the Scouts; it was a **carefully orchestrated partnership**. By involving the Provincial Government of East Java, local authorities, and the neighbors of the beneficiaries, the project created a sense of shared ownership. This was not charity handed down from above; it was a community rebuilding itself from within, with the Scouts acting as the catalyst.



Wisdom Shared

The project leaders identified that a **"participatory approach" was the key to their success**. Conducting early needs assessments alongside village leaders ensured that aid reached those who truly needed it, building immediate trust. Additionally, the team learned that **pairing unskilled youth volunteers with professional tradespeople is a best practice for safety and skill transfer**. This mentorship model turned a renovation site into a classroom for practical life skills.

Looking Forward

With a proven framework and 142 successes to its name, this project is ripe for replication. The model of tripartite collaboration—Scouts, Government, and Community—is scalable to other regions facing housing crises.

The continued support from beneficiaries and local authorities suggests that this initiative can evolve into a recurring, sustainable program within the East Java Scout Movement.

The Cirahong Bamboo Bridge Construction



The Bridge Construction initiated and led by youth during the 2022 Regional Scout Community Development Camp.

NSO: Gerakan Pramuka

Duration: 1 month

Initiated By: West Java Regional Rover Council Rover Scouts Participants of West Java Regional Scout Community Service Camp (Perkemahan Wirakarya Daerah 2022)

Involves: Provincial Government of West Java and the Garut Regency Government Disaster Management Agencies (BPBD), Environmental Services, Forestry Department, Perhutani, Public Works and Spatial Planning Office (PUPR), Communication and Informatics Office (Diskominfo), BAZNAS, and the National Narcotics Board (BNN). GenRe youth community, reading ambassador networks, barista communities, local MSMEs, and volunteers from Giri Makmur village

The Impact

For years, the residents of Giri Makmur Village were divided by a deep ravine, severing access between hamlets and isolating families from essential services.

The "Cirahong Bamboo Bridge Construction" project bridged this gap—literally and metaphorically. In a remarkable feat of engineering and speed, **over 780 Rover Scouts constructed an 8-meter bridge in just seven days.**

This infrastructure now provides safe, daily access for children attending school, residents visiting markets, and the sick reaching health services. It **stands as a testament to how youth intervention can solve long-standing infrastructure deficits in rural areas.**

Building a bridge over a ravine is a daunting task, made harder by steep terrain and unpredictable weather. The team had a **strict one-week execution window** during the Regional Scout Community Service Camp.

They faced limited tools and logistical difficulties in moving materials to the site. Yet, **the collective spirit of nearly 800 youth volunteers, working in concert with the Public Works and Spatial Planning Office and local villagers, overcame the physical obstacles.**

The bridge was completed on time, transforming a hazardous crossing into a safe passage.

The Journey





Spotlight

The project's commitment to sustainability sets it apart. Rather than importing foreign materials, the team **utilized locally sourced bamboo**. This choice **reduced the environmental footprint and honored local craftsmanship, strengthening the cultural identity of the village**. It demonstrated that modern infrastructure solutions could be achieved through traditional, sustainable materials, aligning perfectly with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly regarding innovation and infrastructure.



Wisdom Shared

The primary lesson from Cirahong is the **power of "collaborative youth leadership."** The Scouts did not work in a vacuum; they engaged a massive network of stakeholders, from the Disaster Management Agencies to local coffee barista communities. This **intersectoral collaboration ensured the project was robust and well-supported**. The team also learned that community engagement is vital; involving the villagers in the construction fostered a deep sense of ownership, ensuring they would maintain the bridge long after the Scouts departed.

Looking Forward

The Cirahong bridge remains functional today, a daily reminder of the project's success. The initiative has already inspired similar efforts across West Java, with Scouts increasingly eager to tackle development challenges.

This project has established a replicable model for disaster-resilient, rural infrastructure that utilizes local resources and youth manpower.





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KOREA SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Project Highlights

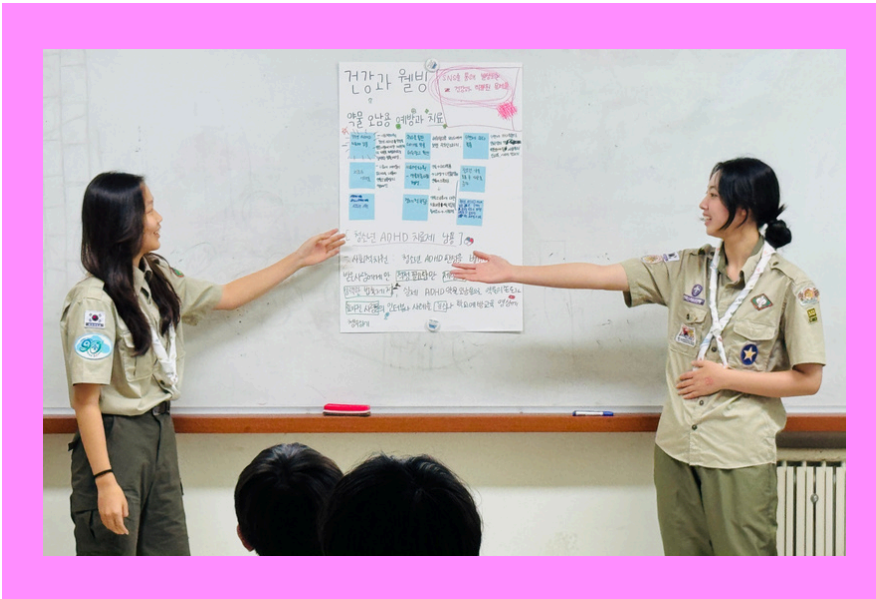


2025 Youth SDGs Forum

Led by the National Youth Committee, the project was motivated by a low awareness of SDGs by South Korean youth. The project served to tackle this knowledge gap over a 51-day period, going beyond just educating participants and transforming them into active thinkers.



2025 Youth SDGs Forum



Youth-led discussion on drug misuse prevention and treatment.

NSO: **Korea Scout Association**

Duration: **51 Days**

Initiated By: **National Youth Committee Organizations**

Involves: **Volunteers**

The Impact

In a world increasingly shaped by global challenges, youth awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in South Korea was identified as surprisingly low.

The "2025 Youth SDGs Forum", initiated by the National Youth Committee, tackled this gap head-on. Over a focused 51-day period, the forum did not just educate; it **transformed participants into active thinkers**.

Focusing specifically on Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), the forum addressed the pressing and controversial social issue of using diabetes medication (Wegovy) for cosmetic weight loss. The impact was clear: 83.4% of participants reported a significantly better understanding of the SDGs, moving from passive observers to informed advocates.

The journey of this forum was one of intellectual rigor and skill-building. The organizers **faced the challenge of taking a complex global framework—the SDGs—and making it relevant to the daily lives of Korean youth**. They achieved this by anchoring abstract goals to a concrete, trending social issue. Participants engaged in deep reflection, organized their thoughts, and practiced presenting their opinions in a public forum. This process was not without its hurdles; youth-led activities can sometimes appear "unpolished" or slow to adult observers. However, the team overcame this perception by proving that the very process of struggling through organization is where true growth lies.

The Journey





Spotlight

The core of this project's success was its topical relevance. By selecting a "hot button" issue like the misuse of weight-loss drugs, the forum made SDG 3 immediately tangible.

It moved the conversation from theoretical health goals to real-world ethical dilemmas facing young people today.

This strategy ensured high engagement and demonstrated that the SDGs are not just for policymakers, but relevant to the personal choices of the youth.



Wisdom Shared

The project reinforced a timeless truth: **autonomy breeds responsibility.** While adult intervention might have streamlined the process, the "slow" nature of youth leadership was a feature, not a bug.

It provided a safe space for young people to learn through trial and error. The key lesson is that providing youth with the independence to lead—even if it looks messy at first—results in deeper learning and stronger ownership of the outcome.

Looking Forward

With a successful pilot behind them, the potential for this forum is immense. By establishing a structured support system to back the youth leaders, the Korea Scout Association aims to make this an annual event.

The vision is for a self-sustaining cycle where experienced participants mentor new ones, cementing the Youth SDGs Forum as a permanent fixture in Korean youth development."



SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALDIVES

Project Highlights



Tiny Tales 2025

Designed as a Children's Day Celebration, this project engaged over 350 people with a day of workshops, games, and cultural exchange. The event introduced Scouting to the island of Alif Alif Maalhos, inspiring the formation of a local interest group.



Tiny Tales 2025



Organized by Rover Scouts in celebration of Children's Day, Tiny Tales 2025 created a joyful space for children and families.

NSO: Scout Association of Maldives

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated By: Hope Rover Scouts

Involves: Maldives National University Schools in Alifu Alifu Atoll AA Maalhohu Jamiyyathul Falaah

The Impact

Alif Alif Maalhos is a tight-knit island community, but it **lacked dedicated programs for its youngest citizens**. "Tiny Tales 2025," initiated by the Hope Rover Scouts, filled this void with a vibrant explosion of joy and learning. Designed as a Children's Day Celebration, the project engaged over 350 people—including children, parents, elders, and expatriates—in a day of workshops, games, and cultural exchange. But the **impact went far beyond a single day of fun. It successfully introduced Scouting to the island for the first time**, inspiring the formation of a local interest group and securing commitments from five adults to train as Scout Leaders.

Organizing a community-wide event on an island comes with specific challenges. The **team faced resource constraints, which they overcame through tenacious community fundraising and in-kind support**.

Inclusivity was a major hurdle; ensuring that expatriate families and non-digital natives were included required a "boots-on-the-ground" approach.

The team used **door-to-door outreach and printed flyers to bridge the digital divide**. Securing the support of the local NGO, AA Maalhohu Jamiyyathul Falaah (AMJF), took persistent dialogue, but once achieved, it turned a potential roadmap block into a powerful partnership.

The Journey





Spotlight

The "Spotlight" of this project is its **radical inclusivity**. It didn't just invite children; it **actively integrated the expatriate community**—a group often overlooked in local festivities. By using multilingual facilitation and culturally sensitive activities, the Scouts broke down social barriers. This approach transformed the event from a local party into a platform for social cohesion, **proving that Scouting can be a unifying language for diverse populations**.



Wisdom Shared

The team learned that **trust is the currency of community work**. By engaging elders and leaders from the very beginning, they fostered a sense of ownership that guaranteed success. They also discovered the power of "festive entry points"—**introducing Scouting through a celebration made it accessible and exciting, rather than bureaucratic**. The multi-channel outreach strategy (digital + physical) proved essential for true community coverage.

Looking Forward

The seeds planted by Tiny Tales are already sprouting. With 25 children ready to join and five adults stepping up to lead, a permanent Scout Group in Maalhos is on the horizon.

The partnership with AMJF ensures a sustainable support network for future activities. The model created here—inclusive, resource-light, and partnership-heavy—is perfectly poised to be replicated on neighboring islands, spreading the Scout movement across the atoll.



PERSEKUTUAN PENGAKAP MALAYSIA

Project Highlights



Waves of Change

Using the sea as a classroom for empathy and stewardship, this project bridges the urban youth of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with the coastal communities of Pulau Indah. The project has broken down urban-rural divides, positioning Scouts as genuine community connectors.



NSO: Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia

Duration: Ongoing

Initiated By: Rover Scouts

Involves: Malaysia Marine Department, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment Sustainability, Malaysian Civil Defence Force, Peninsular Sailing Club, General Public



Scouts and members of the public actively engaging in a beach cleanup, working together to restore the coastal environment.

The Impact

"Waves of Change" is more than a project; it is a bridge between the urban youth of Kuala Lumpur and the coastal communities of Pulau Indah. Initiated by the Rover Scouts, this ongoing initiative **uses the sea as a classroom for empathy and stewardship**. What began as sailing exposure has evolved into a comprehensive community engagement program involving sustainable fishing education, boat repair, and environmental restoration. The **Scouts have become trusted partners** to the local fishermen, organizing suhoor meals during Ramadan and participating in regattas. This **sustained presence has broken down urban-rural divides, positioning Scouts as genuine community connectors**.

The Journey



The path to trust was long. The primary challenge was the **logistical and cultural distance between the city-based Scouts and the coastal villagers**. Long commutes and the need to balance personal lives with consistent weekend visits tested the Rovers' commitment. However, they overcame this by **prioritizing presence over performance**. By simply showing up repeatedly—not just to "do a project" but to learn from local shipwrights and share meals—they **built organic relationships**. This patience paid off when they secured partnerships with the Marine Department and the Ministry of Natural Resources, expanding their scope from social visits to high-level environmental advocacy.



Spotlight

The unique aspect of this project is its **evolution from "service" to "exchange."** The Scouts did not go to Pulau Indah just to teach; they went to learn. They learned boat repair from local craftsmen and traditional fishing methods from the villagers. This reciprocal relationship—where the **Scouts offered energy and the community offered wisdom**—created a dignified exchange that is rare in youth service projects.



Wisdom Shared

The Rovers learned that **relationship-building must precede project implementation.** You cannot restore mangroves or repair boats without first restoring trust. They also discovered the **power of interdisciplinary partnerships;** linking their local activities to the national Biodiversity Badge opened doors to UN-level resources. Above all, they learned that **cultural sensitivity—listening before acting—**is the foundation of sustainable community development.

Looking Forward

The project is set for deep, long-term growth. Future plans include a "Biodiversity Kayak Expedition" and mangrove replanting, cementing the environmental pillar of the initiative.

The KL Charlie Rovers aim to document their model to help other units replicate this "Maritime Community Engagement" framework. As they integrate more Scouts for SDGs elements, the project is evolving into a permanent platform for youth leadership in coastal conservation."



NEPAL SCOUTS

Project Highlights



Dengue Prevention Search and Destroy Campaign

The project was a synchronized public health offensive where Scouts actively inspected homes, schools, and public areas to identify and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites.



Wastage Warrior

Transforming youth from passive observers into active environmental stewards, this project engaged Scouts by conducting a waste management service at a religious heritage site.



Project Kasero

This environmental initiative mobilised volunteers to hike with a purpose, and that is to reclaim the sanctity of Nepal's breathtaking nature trails. Scouts didn't just remove trash, they restored the natural beauty of their homeland.



Dengue Prevention Search and Destroy Campaign



Rally organized to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites.

NSO: Nepal Scouts

Duration: 2 Months and Ongoing

Initiated By: National Youth Council

Involves: NYMAT Nepal, WHO Nepal

The Impact

In Nepal, the monsoon season often brings a silent but deadly threat: dengue. The "Search and Destroy Campaign" spearheaded by the National Youth Council and Nepal Scouts, turned the tide against this outbreak by mobilizing hundreds of youth nationwide. Aligned with the government's declaration of Shrawan (July-August) as Dengue Prevention Month, the project was a synchronized public health offensive.

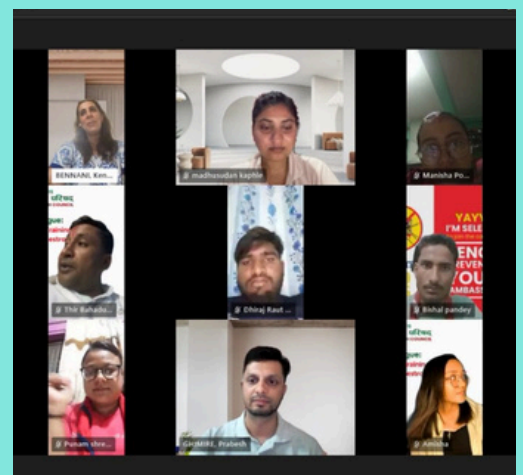
Scouts didn't just walk the streets; they actively inspected homes, schools, and public areas to identify and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites. By directly reaching thousands of households, the campaign **visibly reduced potential disease hotspots and saved lives** through proactive sanitation.

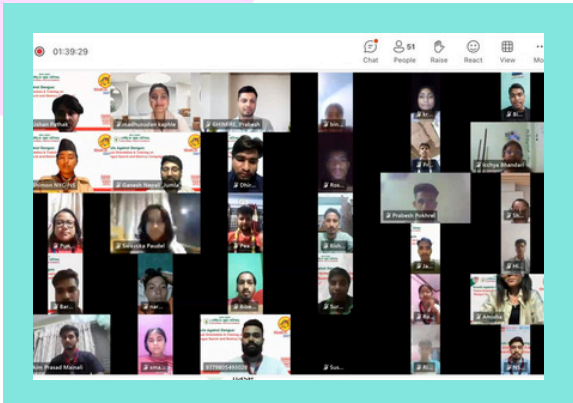
Combating a nationwide health risk required a standardized approach. The campaign began with a virtual orientation for nearly 200 scouts, **facilitated by experts from WHO Nepal and NYMAT Nepal**, ensuring every volunteer was armed with scientifically accurate information.

While the "Walk and Act" programs and clean-up drives generated strong momentum, the path was not easy. The team faced logistical hurdles in accessing remote areas and encountered resistance from communities reluctant to change long-standing habits.

However, by **combining on-ground action with a robust social media campaign**, the Scouts overcame these barriers, creating a "surround sound" of health messaging that built public trust.

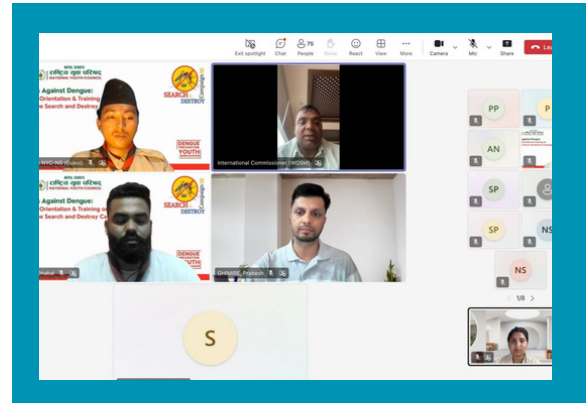
The Journey





Spotlight

The strength of this project lies in its strategic alignment. By coinciding perfectly with the government's national health calendar, the **Scouts amplified their impact**. They weren't working in isolation; they became the foot soldiers of a national priority. This partnership with high-level bodies like the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) gave the **youth volunteers immense credibility** when they knocked on doors, transforming them from mere volunteers into trusted community health advocates.



Wisdom Shared

The project validated the "hybrid model" of engagement. Virtual orientations proved to be a cost-effective way to train a national army of volunteers, while localized, face-to-face interaction was the key to changing behavior. The team learned that **while digital outreach increases breadth, only personal connection builds the trust necessary** for people to open their homes for inspection.

Looking Forward

This campaign is designed for the long haul. Future plans include scaling up to all provinces and establishing permanent "Community Dengue Prevention Task Forces".

The Scouts aim to make dengue prevention a recurring annual service project, ensuring that when the monsoon rains return, the "Search and Destroy" teams will be ready to protect their communities again.

Wastage Warrior

NSO: Nepal Scouts

Duration: 4 Months

Initiated By: Rover Scouts

Involves: Other Youth Organizations



Youth engaged in waste collection at religious sites.

The Impact

The "Wastage Warrior" project is a bold declaration by the Rover Rangers of Nepal that waste is not just a nuisance—it's a call to action. Rooted in the Scout of the World Award program, this 4-month initiative **transformed youth from passive observers into active environmental stewards.**

The project hit the ground running with sanitation drives and plantation programs, but its standout moment was a grueling three-day waste management service at a religious heritage site. Faced with high volumes of waste from devotees, the Scouts not only cleaned the site but engaged the public in responsible disposal. The result was a visibly cleaner heritage site and a **shift in public perception regarding the role of youth in civic maintenance.**

The Journey



Launching a waste management movement without official backing was a test of resilience. The team initially struggled to gain community participation due to a lack of awareness and the absence of official recognition, which made coordination difficult. Limited resources meant they had to rely on sheer grit and persuasion.

However, they turned these deficits into strengths by focusing on consistent communication and collaboration with local bodies.

By proving their **commitment through action rather than titles**, they eventually won the trust of the locals, turning skeptics into supporters.



Spotlight

The "Wastage Warrior" project distinguishes itself through its creative evolution. **It didn't stop at cleaning; it aimed to change mindsets.**

The team understood that picking up trash is a temporary fix, but changing how people view waste is a permanent solution. This philosophy drove them to engage directly with the community during cleanups, **ensuring that the act of cleaning was also an act of education.**



Wisdom Shared

The primary lesson learned was that **passion can bridge structural gaps.**

The Scouts proved that dedicated youth can lead meaningful change even without official frameworks or large budgets. They also discovered the **importance of field-based research;** knowing where and what the waste problems were before starting ensured their efforts were targeted and effective.

Looking Forward

"Wastage Warrior" is just getting started. The project is evolving from a cleanup crew into a creative movement.

Upcoming initiatives include a "Wastage Art Challenge" to turn trash into inspiration and "Youth Challenges" designed to spark eco-conscious habits through gamification.

The long-term goal is ambitious: to build a generation of everyday environmental heroes who don't just clean the mess, but prevent it.

Project Kasero



Youth bringing in the trash collected from one of the hike trail.

NSO: Nepal Scouts

Duration: 2 Years and Ongoing

Initiated By: Innovative Open Crew

Involves: Ward Offices Organizations

The Impact

Nepal's breathtaking nature trails are its pride, but increased footfall often leaves a trail of litter. "Project Kasero" stepped in to reclaim the sanctity of these paths. Initiated by Rover and Ranger Scouts, this environmental initiative **mobilized volunteers to hike with a purpose: cleaning up.**

Over two phases, the project targeted 24 hiking destinations, removing litter and—crucially—segregating waste for proper disposal. The project earned the prestigious Earth Tribe Award, a testament to its tangible impact on conservation. By cleaning the trails, the **Scouts didn't just remove trash; they restored the natural beauty that defines their homeland.**

Scaling an environmental project across 12 different locations annually is a logistical marathon. Phase 1 (2023–2024) set the baseline, but Phase 2 (launched June 2025) raised the bar by introducing strict waste segregation protocols.

The team **faced challenges with irregular volunteer turnout and the complexities of waste disposal** in remote areas. Public engagement was also tough to maintain over long periods. The solution lay in **better coordination and linking cleanup activities to larger events, which boosted participation.**

Through these efforts, the team managed to secure nationwide organizational support, expanding their reach significantly.

The Journey





Spotlight

The evolution from "collection" to "segregation" in Phase 2 highlights the project's maturity. It **moved beyond the simple optics of cleaning to the complex reality of waste management.** This shift ensures that the project is not just moving trash from the forest to a landfill, but actively participating in the recycling and waste processing ecosystem. It reflects a **deeper commitment to sustainability that goes beyond surface-level aesthetics.**



Wisdom Shared

Project Kasero taught the team that **consistency is key.** Regular community involvement creates a habit of care that sporadic events cannot match. They also learned that **clear communication and flexibility are essential** when dealing with the unpredictable nature of outdoor volunteering. Most importantly, they found that waste segregation—while more work upfront—dramatically improves the long-term sustainability of the cleanup efforts.

Looking Forward

The horizon for Project Kasero is vast. Currently focused on the Bagmati province, the project has the potential to scale nationwide.

With increased volunteer support and new partnerships, the Scouts aim to expand to hiking destinations across all regions of Nepal.

The vision is to create a national culture of "responsible tourism", where every hiker becomes a guardian of the trail.



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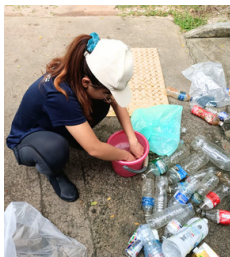
Camp Intertwined - Christmas Carnival

Ageing population remains as one of the most pressing issues in Singapore with a growing need for connection. The project broke down age barriers and facilitated meaningful interactions between the youth and the elderly.



Rovers X Mandai Wildlife Reserve

Collaborating with Bird Paradise, Rovers created an exhibition that raised awareness about the UN SDGs and facilitated discussion on sustainability and dialogue.



Project Beach Plog-Up

Initiated by Rover Scouts, the project fostered a culture of active responsibility and ownership of Singapore's coastlines as Scouts and members of the public committed to weekly cleanups of the island's parks and beaches.



Camp Intertwined - Christmas Carnival



Photo of the Camp Intertwined participants and the elderly from St. Luke's Eldercare at the end of the Christmas Carnival.

NSO: **The Singapore Scout Association**

Duration: **1 Day**

Initiated By: **National Rover Council**

Involves: **Girl Guides Singapore, St. Luke's Eldercare, SN Mission Home**

The Impact

Singapore faces a rapidly aging population, and with it, a **growing need for intergenerational connection**. "Camp Intertwined – Christmas Carnival" was a heartwarming response to this demographic shift. In a unique collaboration, the Venture and Rover Scouts joined forces with the Young Adults of Girl Guides Singapore to bring festive joy to the elderly.

Hosting carnivals at St. Luke's Eldercare and Sree Narayana Mission Home, the youth led caroling, Zumba, and memory games. The impact was emotional and immediate: the **project broke down age barriers, facilitating meaningful interactions** that allowed the elderly to age with grace and joy while teaching the youth the value of empathy.

The challenge of this project was twofold: **coordination between two different youth organizations (Scouts and Guides) and designing activities suitable for the elderly**.

The team had to ensure that games like "knot tying" and "nature walks" were accessible and enjoyable for seniors with varying physical abilities.

Through careful planning, they overcame these hurdles, achieving a **seamless execution where both organizations worked as one unit**. The sight of the elderly fully enjoying the carnival was the ultimate validation of their efforts.

The Journey





Spotlight

The "Spotlight" here is the **power of partnership**. It is rare to see two major youth organizations—Scouts and Girl Guides—collaborate so closely on a single execution.

This unity amplified their impact, allowing them to pool resources and volunteers.

It demonstrated that **when youth organisations align their objectives, they can address complex social issues** like elder care with greater force and creativity than they could alone.



Wisdom Shared

The key lesson was the importance of the planning phase. The team realized that for a collaboration to work, **all parties must be aligned on working styles and objectives** before the event starts.

Once expectations were synchronized, the execution flowed smoothly.

This project serves as a case study in effective organizational partnership, **proving that shared motives lead to shared success**.

Looking Forward

Given the success of the collaboration and the clear enjoyment of the elderly residents, this project has a strong foundation for continuity.

The model of joint festivities is easily replicable for other holidays, such as Lunar New Year or Deepavali.

Establishing this as a regular series would deepen the bond between the youth and the seniors, creating a sustained "active aging" support network.

Rovers X Mandai Wildlife Reserve

NSO: The Singapore Scout Association

Duration: 2 Weekends

Initiated By: Rover Scouts

Involves: Mandai Wildlife Reserve, General Public



The organising team among their exhibition booth where they shared about the UN SDGs and held conversations about dialogue.

The Impact

The Mandai Wildlife Reserve is one of Singapore's premier attractions, and for two weekends, it became a stage for Scouting values. "Rovers X Mandai Wildlife Reserve" was a strategic collaboration where Rover Scouts set up an interactive booth at Bird Paradise.

They didn't just hand out flyers; they created a mini-campsite and **engaged the public on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

Reaching over 500 visitors, the Scouts prompted discussions on sustainability and what "dialogue" means to the public. This initiative successfully **positioned the Scouts as active thought leaders in the conservation space, bridging the gap between recreational visitation and educational engagement.**

The Journey



For many Rovers, this was the first major external partnership since the COVID-19 pandemic. Stepping back into the public eye required shaking off the rust of isolation.

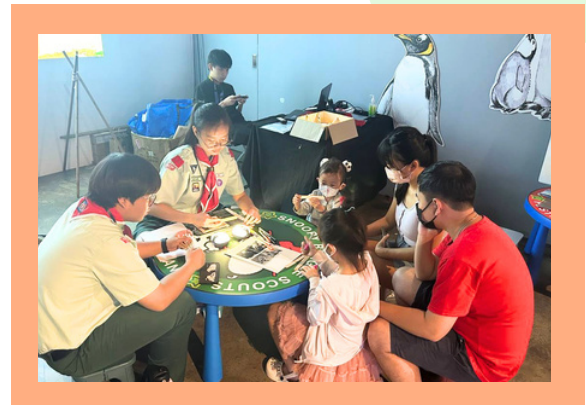
The team faced the **challenge of managing a professional relationship with a corporate partner** (Mandai), aligning expectations, and adapting to a new working style. It was a steep learning curve in corporate communications and event management.

Despite these initial uncertainties, **the team adapted quickly, building stronger communication skills** and paving the way for future professional collaborations.



Spotlight

The project's unique value lay in its "public interface." Often, Scouting activities happen in closed campsites or schools. By placing themselves in a high-traffic public venues like Bird Paradise, **the Rovers made Scouting visible and relevant to the general public.** The "dialogue board" activity was a clever engagement tool, turning passive visitors into active participants in a conversation about sustainability.



Wisdom Shared

The project was a crash course in external relations. The team learned that thorough planning must be balanced with flexibility to handle on-site surprises. They also rediscovered the **value of documenting their workflow**—recording what worked and what didn't—to ensure that future teams don't have to start from scratch. Most importantly, it reminded them that **reviving partnerships takes effort, but the payoff in public engagement is worth the work.**

Looking Forward

The success of engaging 500 visitors suggests a high potential for this to become a recurring partnership. The Mandai Wildlife Reserve offers a perfect backdrop for Scouting's nature-based education. Future iterations could expand the booth to include hands-on workshops or guided nature trails led by Scouts, deepening the educational impact and solidifying the Scouts' role as ambassadors for nature.

Project Beach Plog-Up



Scouts and members of the public posing with their "haul" after a successful weekly edition of Project Beach Plog-Up.

NSO: The Singapore Scout Association

Duration: 6 Months

Initiated By: Rover Scouts

Involves: General Public, Keat Hong Community Club

The Impact

In a bustling island nation like Singapore, maintaining the coastline is a constant battle against marine litter. "Project Beach Plog-Up," initiated by the Rover Scouts, introduced a dynamic solution to this environmental challenge: "plogging"—a combination of jogging and picking up litter.

Over a span of six months, this initiative engaged nearly 200 Scouts and members of the public, transforming a solitary exercise into a communal act of stewardship. The project did not just clean beaches; it **fostered a culture of active responsibility**.

By physically removing waste while engaging in fitness, the participants sent a strong visual message that **caring for the environment can be integrated into a healthy lifestyle**.

The project utilized a "two-pronged approach" of education and action. Regular beach clean-ups kept the momentum going, but the team injected excitement with a "Plogathon"—a four-hour race where Venture and Rover Scouts competed to collect the most trash. **This gamification turned a chore into a challenge.** The initiative culminated in a day-long roadshow at the Keat Hong Community Club. Here, the team showcased the recyclables collected and engaged children in upcycling workshops, turning plastic waste into flowers. The roadshow was a "roaring success," significantly expanding their **outreach beyond the Scouting community to families and general residents**.

The Journey





Spotlight

The unique element of this project was its ability to **bridge the gap between "hard" service and "soft" education.** The Plogathon provided the physical impact, removing substantial litter from the coast. However, the roadshow provided educational depth. By teaching children to upcycle waste into art, the Scouts demonstrated that trash is a resource if viewed creatively. This combination ensured that the project addressed both the symptoms of pollution (litter on the beach) and the root cause (lack of awareness).



Wisdom Shared

The success of the roadshow highlighted the **value of visibility.** The team learned that environmental **projects achieve maximum impact when they are brought out of the field and into the heart of the community.** Engaging the public at a Community Club allowed the Scouts to reach people who might not volunteer for a beach cleanup but are willing to learn about sustainability in a family-friendly setting.

Looking Forward

With the positive reception of the upcycling activities and the successful engagement of almost 200 participants, the project has laid a solid foundation. The enthusiasm shown by the public at the roadshow suggests a readiness for more community-integrated sustainability efforts, paving the way for future initiatives that combine fitness, creativity, and environmental care.



PATHFINDER SCOUTS VIETNAM

Project Highlights



Better World Camp 2 - Lighting K'Long

Residents of the K'Long village received support from the Scouts to light up their village and improve safety at night while education about sustainable, clean energy.



Note Footprint

The project was a creative response to the daily problem of paper wastage. Scouts were taught how to recycle old paper into new notebooks, innovating environmental education.



Scouts Ecobrick Vietnam

Scouts created durable building blocks capable of becoming furniture or walls by stuffing plastic waste into bottle, mobilising 400 participants and creating over 400 bricks.



Lighting K'Long



Two Scouts are carefully adjusting the base of a solar-powered light, preparing it to be mounted onto an electric pole.

NSO: Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam

Duration: 4-5 Months

Initiated By: PSV Youth Advisors & PSV Youth Force 2

Involves: K'Long Village People's Committee, K'Long Parish

The Impact

For the K'Ho ethnic minority people in K'Long village, located in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, nightfall often meant danger. The **lack of street lighting contributed to accidents and theft, impacting the safety of daily life.**

The "Lighting K'Long" project, part of the Better World Camp 2, illuminated these shadows. In a remarkable display of solidarity, 63 Scouts nationwide raised over 14.8 million VND, exceeding their initial estimates to **install 23 sets of solar lights along 8 kilometers of village roads.**

Today, residents in clusters L'Long A, B, and C can commute safely at night, and an entire community introduced to the benefits of sustainable, clean energy.

This project was a test of physical endurance and logistical grit. The village's remote geography made information transmission difficult, and the terrain was unforgiving.

Because cars could not access the narrow village roads, the **Scouts had to carry the solar lights and heavy equipment by hand, walking more than 10 kilometers to the installation sites.**

Furthermore, installing lights 5-6 meters above the ground required technical ingenuity with limited tools. Despite these hardships, the "Scout Spirit" prevailed. Working hand-in-hand with the K'Long Parish and local authorities, the **youth completed the installation, proving that determination can overcome infrastructure deficits.**

The Journey





Spotlight

A defining feature of this project was its application of "**Intergenerational Reflection**", one of the Youth Leadership in Decision Making (YLIDM) strategies.

It was not a project run solely by youth in isolation; they **actively sought advice and support from experienced leaders and the Village People's Committee.**

This bridged the generation gap, allowing the **youth to lead with the wisdom of their elders backing them.** It ensured the project was culturally respectful and technically sound.



Wisdom Shared

The core lesson was empathy over assumption. The team learned that **true community service means "giving them what they need, not what we think is good for them".**

By listening to the **villagers' specific needs for safety and light, the project achieved deep relevance.** Additionally, the Scouts learned that connecting with communities outside the movement nurtures compassion and creates a "safe environment" for youth to practice decision-making.

Looking Forward

The potential for replication is vast, as Vietnam is home to 54 ethnic groups, many in remote areas. **The project aims to inspire Scouts to venture into new lands, building sustainable infrastructure that improves lives while educating indigenous communities about green energy.** Future ambitions include expanding the scope to address clean water shortages, continuing the mission of bringing essential services to the most vulnerable.



NSO: Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam

Duration: 5 Months and Ongoing

Initiated By: National Rover Scout Council

Involves: Rover Scouts High School Students



A group of Scouts and middle school students are actively participating in a hands-on recycled paper-making workshop.

The Impact

"Note Footprint" is a creative response to the everyday problem of paper waste. Initiated by a group of Rover Scouts in Bien Hoa City, this project targets the younger generation, specifically ages 11 to 18, **to rethink how they use resources**. Through interactive workshops, the team taught over 100 Scouts how to recycle old paper into brand-new notebooks manually.

This hands-on process did more than produce stationery; it transformed the participants' understanding of the material cycle, **turning environmental education from merely an abstract concept into a tangible, fun reality**.

The Journey



The project began with a classic youth leadership challenge: **zero budget**. However, the team did not let a lack of funds stop them. They **secured support from Scout leaders and utilized free educational resources**, watching YouTube videos and conducting small experiments to master the paper recycling process. Geographic distance between team members meant planning had to be done online, requiring discipline and digital coordination. Despite these hurdles, they successfully ran two trial workshops and created a comprehensive step-by-step guide, **proving that knowledge and effort are more valuable than capital**.



Spotlight

The "Spotlight" of Note Footprint is its **focus on replication**. The team didn't just want to run a workshop; they wanted to create a system. By documenting their process and creating a guide, they have **empowered other Scout units to run the same activity**. This "open-source" approach to community service **allows the impact to scale exponentially, far beyond what the original team could achieve alone**.



Wisdom Shared

The project **reinforced the value of self-education and adaptability**. When they lacked technical knowledge, they researched and experimented until they found a solution. The team learned that small actions like recycling a single sheet of paper carry deep value when multiplied by a community. They discovered that **environmental lessons become truly meaningful only when experienced firsthand** through the labor of creating something new from the old.

Looking Forward

Currently, Note Footprint is a small part of a larger journey of innovation. The team sees potential to **expand beyond notebooks into creating plant pots, keychains, and other items** from paper waste.

They aim to disseminate their recycling curriculum to Rover units across the country and eventually take the workshops outside of Scouting to schools and social clubs. The ultimate goal is to build a self-sustaining movement of youth-led recycling that continuously brings new value to waste.

Scouts Ecobrick Vietnam



Cub Scouts are sorting plastic bags and compacting them into a plastic bottle with a stick to create an eco-brick.

NSO: Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam

Duration: 6 Months

Initiated By: Rover Scouts

Involves: Tu Hanh Pagoda Command, Tan Binh District Military Command, Sylvan English Learning Center, Decathlon, Hong Bang International University

The Impact

Plastic nylon is one of the most difficult materials to decompose, often ending up in landfills after only a few days of use. "Scouts Ecobrick Vietnam" challenged this linear lifespan by introducing a circular solution: the Ecobrick. By stuffing plastic waste tightly into bottles, Rover Scouts **created durable building blocks capable of becoming furniture or walls**. Operating from June to December 2022, the project mobilized between 300 and 400 participants and collected over 400 plastic bricks. It demonstrated that what we consider **"trash" can actually be the foundation of something useful and lasting**.

The primary challenge was **skepticism**. When the team first introduced the concept, many people did not believe that plastic bottles could be linked together to create sturdy constructions. The team had to prove the concept through real-world examples and images. Additionally, the core team was small and lacked experience in managing a long-term, multi-month project. They faced a shortage of human resources midway through, forcing the remaining members to take on double the workload. Yet, this **adversity became a crucible for growth, as members rapidly developed the necessary skills** to keep the project afloat.

The Journey





Spotlight

The project is notable for its **diverse coalition of partners**. It brought together entities that rarely collaborate: a Buddhist Pagoda (Tu Hanh), a Military Command (Tan Binh District), an English Learning Center, a university, and a multinational retailer (Decathlon). This eclectic mix of supporters **highlights the universal appeal of practical environmental solutions**. It proved that sustainability is a common language that can unite religious, military, educational, and corporate sectors.



Wisdom Shared

The project served as an intense leadership boot camp. The shortage of manpower taught the team that in youth-led initiatives, every member must be a generalist, ready to step into any role. The key lesson was that **"doing more" leads to "learning more"**. The struggle to maintain the project with a small team directly resulted in accelerated skill development for everyone involved.

Looking Forward

Due to its scalable nature, Ecobrick Vietnam has strong potential for continuation. The activity is simple enough for Cub Scouts, making it an excellent tool for early environmental education. Simultaneously, Venture and Rover Scouts can coordinate complex workshops with external organizations. Having already proved the concept in orphanages and businesses, the project is ready to be integrated into regular unit activities, ensuring that the fight against plastic waste becomes a standard part of the Scout curriculum.

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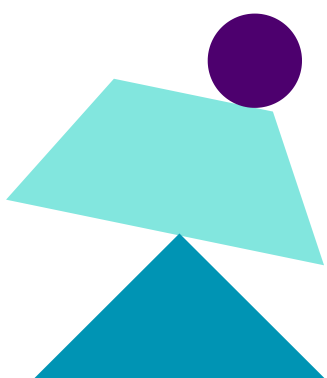
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