





NEPAL HUB A LOOK BACK AT 2024









Dear young leaders,

As the holiday season approaches, we wanted to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We're so grateful for your support, and as we look ahead to 2025, we're excited to share some highlights from the past year with you.



GREENSHIFT

Last October, we completed the first year of the <u>GreenShift project</u>. GreenShift is an initiative where we collaborate with local youth organizations and schools in Nepal to promote climate change advocacy and cultivate a new generation of climate action leaders.

We are excited to share that we not only met our targets but exceeded them in significant ways. For example, GreenShift is a four-year project, and by the end of those four years, our goal is to reach 10,800 students through various activities. Remarkably, in just the first year, we reached 6,161 students—57% of our total target achieved in just one year!

Another impressive milestone was our aim for youth organizations to carry out 36 community campaigns over the entire four-year project. In the first year alone, these young leaders managed to complete 34 campaigns. This means that, technically, even if they only conducted two more campaigns in the remaining three years, we would still meet our goal. But let's be real—we're Restless, and we are going to accomplish far more because youth power is at our heart, youth power is our engine, and youth power knows no limits!

The GreenShift project is generously funded by the European Union, so we'd like to give a huge shoutout to them for their support. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our incredible consortium partners—CREASION and Youth Innovation Lab—for their invaluable collaboration. You can read the GreenShift Year One Impact Brief here!

THEYOUTHCAN.ORG

In Nepal, we are also leveraging technology and data-driven advocacy through the Youth Can. Org project. We have mobilized young digital volunteers from remote parts of Nepal to use a mobile app called TagMe. These volunteers have been mapping active landslides and identifying at-risk zones in landslide-prone areas through the TagMe app.

What's incredible is the dedication shown by these young people—they went above and beyond their duties, resulting in over 3,100 landslides being mapped. These volunteers are local residents of the areas they mapped, bringing invaluable local knowledge to the process. Their insights made the data far more accurate than if, for instance, an external organization had conducted the mapping without such context.

During the monsoons, these young volunteers were able to map and report active landslides in real-time. The data they've provided is like liquid gold—it's incredibly valuable and will be used to drive advocacy for better infrastructure and improved risk mitigation at the government level.

On December, we held a remarkable policy dialogue, bringing together government authorities, local leaders, and youth to tackle landslide risks. What made this moment truly special was seeing young volunteers take center stage, sharing data they gathered through the TagMe app – data that represents countless hours of dedication and local knowledge. Their work isn't just numbers; it's stories of resilience and action, showing the power of youth-driven solutions in shaping disaster policies. The dialogue ended with a shared commitment to turn these efforts into lasting change—proof that when young people lead, they inspire us all to do more.

Like GreenShift, this project is also funded by the European Union. So, a huge shoutout to the EU and our local partners for their support! We'd also like to acknowledge our consortium partners—Youth Innovation Lab, CREASION, and CDMS—for their collaboration and contributions to this impactful initiative.



INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUES

Additionally, this year, we conducted post-Intergenerational Dialogues, building on insights from the pilot project "Intergenerational Dialogue on Responding to Climate Change," which took place between November 2023 and January 2024. These dialogues brought together young and older people from both rural and urban areas of Madhesh Province, the most vulnerable to climate change in Nepal. The goal was to listen to diverse perspectives on climate change and adaptation while engaging government officials and policymakers to hear directly from those most affected by the crisis.

The findings of the intergenerational dialogues were fascinating, highlighting the unique insights of both generations into climate change. You can read the full report here.

This project was a pilot initiative supported by Helpage, Living Deltas, and Newcastle University, so we'd like to give a huge shoutout to them for their partnership. We also want to extend our gratitude to our local partner, SODCC, for their incredible support at the field level.

G2C2



This year, we also launched an exciting new project called G2C2, which stands for Global Girls Creating Change. Through this initiative, we aim to empower young girls to lead climate action in Madhesh Province of Nepal.

As part of this project, we onboarded 25 remarkable girl champions who are at the very heart of G2C2. These young girls are at the forefront of climate advocacy in Madhesh Province. They have already been leading impactful activities, conducting surveys, facilitating focus group discussions, and collecting critical data.

What's especially inspiring is how these girls are overcoming significant patriarchal barriers that exist in the Madhesh Province of Nepal. We are incredibly proud to share that two of these 25 girl champions will be participating in COP30, which is a remarkable opportunity for them to amplify their voices on the global stage.

This project is implemented in partnership with our global consortium partners. A big shoutout to Hivos, the project lead, as well as Humanis, Restless Development Uganda, and our local partner in Madhesh Province, SODCC. Lastly, a huge thank-you to the United States Government, our donor, for making this impactful work possible.



Thank you so much for your continued support. Wishing you a very happy holidays and a Happy New Year. Here's wishing 2025 is more amazing and truly Restless!

Warm regards,

Restless Development Nepal





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