YES in Action

Changes possible but miles to go....

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FOR Bangladesh, the emerging youths, who are about one-third of the total population, are the biggest hope. When all the efforts fail, it is always the youth who light up the candles of hope. Youths can surely achieve anything they want and they have got all the potentials needed to fight evil powers as the history proudly portrays youth power in the field of social and national movements, liberation war etc.

YES (Youth Engagement and Support) started with the initiatives of TIB to create awareness among local people and establish transparency and accountability among the government officials and local representatives. Now early marriage has been prohibited, free primary education is ensured, annual budget of UP (Union Parishad) has been announced publicly and above all, people's representatives and government officials of different institutions are now more accountable to people than before.

Brief History

In the year 2006 with the slogan "Invincible Youth Will Surely Resist Corruption" TIB took up a programme named Youth Engagement and Support (YES), which consists of TIB's volunteers, theatre activists, working youths and students of different youth, cultural and sports organizations aged 13 to 30 years. As the name suggests, YES is an energetic team of youth volunteers who promised to say "YES" to the anti-corruption movement.

TIB arranged orientation to organize, inspire and motivate YES members for anti-corruption movement. They got training and orientation on YES movement which included youth leadership and planning for change, theatre for development, advice and information desk, anti-corruption debate orientation, success story writing skills and techniques etc.

To make the most out of the youths' potentials, TIB designed a very special procedure which will certainly help eradicate corruption. They organized a day-long YES orientation for 1165 volunteers of YES group from 36 CCCs in the year 2006-2007. The objective behind the workshop was quite evident; the decisive goal behind the workshop was to create awareness against corruption among the youth, increase their confidence level, build their leadership skills, develop their communicative skills and thus create a strong vocal force against corruption. And to do so, TIB included some interactive work in the workshop. It taught the volunteers some unique advocacy skills to motivate the masses against corruption by creating a sharp sense of awareness.

The volunteers then included some government institutions which according to them are the most corrupt organizations in their locality. Some voted to eradicate corruption in health sector, some wanted to improve the facilities of educational institutes, and some were interested to work to upgrade the amenities provided by the local government.



