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Aim:

About 1 billion children live in poverty, according to UNICEF. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 17 percent of households with students and 80 percent of low-income families worldwide were affected. Furthermore, more than 1.6 billion children and youth were affected by the pandemic, with 214 million children (or 1 in 7) losing more than a few months of in-person schooling and 188 countries imposing school closures. This has had an especially negative impact on children in poorer countries.

As a result, our team created the IISHRAQ youth initiative to achieve our goal of providing underprivileged children around the world with the opportunity to hone their skills and to acquire new abilities during this difficult time in their lives. In addition, through our creative funding program, which offers access to our development program, we raise the funds required to make a difference in the lives of the children in the communities we serve. Workshops in art, environmental science, and fitness are available through the education program. The workshops are geared to help them develop their ideal skills while also inspiring them to explore new ones.

UNSDG Goals:

Our team, the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT), addresses the following Sustainable Development Goals: Quality Education, Good Health and Well-Being, Climate Action, and Partnerships for the goals. We do, however, reflect other SDGs as well since our goal is a broad concept that guides perceptions of the learning situation of many impoverished children around the world. Our plan is sustainable as it is self funded and self sufficient, and in addition, during the whole process we saw a tremendous number of students interested to work with us and to help promote our initiative.

THE GLOBAL GOALS



Figure 1: IISHRAQ's SCGs that we fight for

-  <https://www.iishraqinitiative.com>
-  www.instagram.com/iishraqorg
-  [iishraq initiative](https://www.youtube.com/iishraq)
-  www.tiktok.com/@iishraq

Recognitions

- Dr. Dikshya Bhatta
- (SNL trust) Organization in India
- Ms. Aurora Brillantes
- Dr. Noore Zahra
- Ms. Kariman Haroun

Testimonials

"Loved it!! Such a great cause! Helping others and spreading information that will help others with their externals is such a great experience that I'd love to do again and again"

Aseel Shehab (SAT Math Tutor)

"I am very fortunate to be the part of such young and bright organization, where they come up with various developmental workshops. I am glad I was able to take forward their health program."

Dr. Dikshya Bhatta

"being a part of IISHRAQ has been a great experience for me. I loved working with my students, as I not only got to teach but learnt from them as well. The team was also very lovely and cooperative, and I'll definitely take such an opportunity again!"

Malaz (Arabic Tutor)

On our journey, we had a few losses. However, by deliberately assessing and making slight alterations to our strategy, we were able to get through difficult scenarios. FAILURE into SUCCESS

Initially, our plan was to establish our development program solely in Saudi Arabia, but we needed support from some local organizations that were already working with underprivileged children. However, we didn't receive a positive response from them, so we proceeded to initiate our project internationally. Additionally, we had planned to hold an educational and art workshop in Congo, but we were unable to do so due to a shortage of finances, time, and the pandemic. Despite the circumstances, it is part of our future plan to conduct the workshops in Congo.

1. Creative Funding Strategy:

Nonetheless, we completed four out of five of our initial five ventures: we arranged a bake sale, sold drawings, tutored individuals, and held paid workshops. We completed 19 projects from these categories. As a result, nine tutoring sessions, five workshops, one art exhibition, one art day, and three bake sales were hosted. Through Creative funding we were able to raise total amount of 1090sr.

2. Development Program: The Start

Our group has agreed to make a few enhancements to our strategy. And this includes holding development workshops not only in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia but also in other countries. There were five different countries included in our international workshops:

- Art workshops in *India, Egypt, and the Philippines*
- Health workshop in *Australia*
- Environmental workshop in *Saudi Arabia*

IISHRAQ means sunrise and we believe that just like the dawn education brings light and color in one's life, hence we named our initiative after it.

Our Gained Skills and Knowledge:

This experience has provided us with a variety of skills and knowledge. Communication, time management, project management, organization, networking, and task management, as well as computer skills and problem-solving, were among the skills we learned. This is because our team meticulously prepared, observed, and effectively communicated our vision in order to deliver the intended goals. To do so, we reached out to a significant number of people who generously provided their time and efforts. Also, we carefully organized and encouraged each member of our team so that they would successfully perform their tasks, resolve conflicts, and report their progress. We collected funds, kept track of our expenditures, and obtained hands-on experience in technology.



Figure 2: IISHRAQ's Creative Fundraising Categories

Involvement/ Implication:

- Volunteering team has assisted us in our creative funding program
- International Volunteers from over 10 countries
- Many more applicants have applied to volunteer

LIVES IMPACTED: 628+

Highlights:

- Our bake sale, which lasted three days in Al-Nakhlah Tower
- IISHRAQ's Art Exhibition and Painting Day, hosted at Princess Nourah University in Riyadh
- Officially launched our website, which includes our online painting store
- Volunteers gifted art supplies to the underprivileged children in Ismalia, Egypt (On March 25, 2021)
- Volunteers conducted our art workshop in Uttar Pradesh India (On March 26, 2021)
- We established our workshop in Bataan, Philippines (On April 5, 2021)
- Special Health Workshop led by Dr. Dikshya Bhatta in Darwin, Australia (On April 18, 2021)
- Our team organized an environmental workshop for children in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (April 22, 2021-April 23, 2021)

Aftermath/ Impact:

- Underprivileged kids in the Philippines
- Underprivileged kids participated in India
- Underprivileged kids participated in Egypt
- Kids of early learning center participated in Australia
- Primary class kids participated in Riyadh

HOURS SPENT: +1,300 hrs as a team +325 hrs individually

