

POST-ASSIGNMENT REPORT

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My Assignment with UNDP Youth Team

I worked as a part of the Youth Empowerment in Climate
Action Platform (YECAP), which was established by UNDP
Asia-Pacific and UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for
Asia-Pacific, RCC Bangkok, in collaboration with UNICEF East
Asia and the Pacific, UNICEF South Asia, British Council,
YOUNGO, Movers Programme and 2030 Youth Force as a safe
and inclusive space for youth across Asia and the Pacific to
meaningfully engage in climate action.



At the beginning..

I embarked on the assignment with a mix of excitement, nervousness, and a hint of worry, as I realized the fact that I knew little about UNDP's key projects in the Asia-Pacific region. However, I was lucky to have a very supportive and open-minded supervisor, along with a team of colleagues who were nice and encouraging. I was able to catch up on most of the things in a short period of time.

About work



One of my duties was to assist with refining the climate change organisations or networks mapping on the YECAP website. In this task, I played a key role in recruiting and managing online volunteers from various countries to collect data on climate change organizations or networks in the Asia-Pacific region.

Once the volunteers completed their tasks, I took charge of reviewing and analyzing the gathered data. At the same time, to validate the information, I conducted surveys and communicated with the respective organizations or networks, ensuring the correctness of the data attributed to them.

About work



Environmental Human Rights Defenders Toolkit

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Additionally, I was involved in rolling out the Young Environmental Human Right Defenders (YEHRDs)

Training. To begin, I did extensive research on different topics based on the existing EHRDs toolkit. After getting feedback from my supervisor, I modified the content and transformed it into engaging PowerPoint slides suitable for both online and in-person training sessions. I also discussed and did rehearsals with several colleagues before delivering the training.



Work Hard PLAY HARDER !!!



Weekend trip to Koh Tao



Weekend trip to Pattaya



Temple visit

Reflection

Throughout my time spent working in the team, I had the opportunity to contribute to two significant projects that not only enriched my skill set but also broadened my understanding of climate change, environmental justice, and environmental human rights. These experiences also provided me with valuable insights into the operations and procedures of a large international organization and allowed me to establish meaningful connections with colleagues.

Beyond the professional growth I experienced, my time with the team allowed me to connect with a diverse group of individuals. Collaborating with colleagues from different backgrounds and cultures enriched my understanding of the globe. Establishing these personal connections fostered a supportive and inclusive work environment, allowing me to learn from others' experiences and build meaningful connections.