



GREEN MANIFESTO









- Promote renewable energy sources instead of fossil fuelbased power plants.
- Establish rainwater harvesting process and ensure access to safe drinking water as a public service.
- Provide green skills and ensure green jobs.
- Stop plastic pollution.

- Build inclusive cyclone shelter for women, children, persons with disability and elderly communities.
- Ensure sustainable embankments and proper maintenance of the infrastructure.
- Ensure public service addressing salinity, and sexual and reproductive health rights.







- Implement effective and sustainable waste management system.
- Train the farmers on climate resilient, sustainable agriculture, and provide interest free loans.
- Stop deforestation and ensure conservation of nature.

- Adopt special initiatives for ensuring Inclusive and quality education post-disaster.
- Ensure sustainable and ecofriendly resettlement of internally displaced people.
- Ensure sustainable urbanisation.
- Ensure eco-friendly tourism.



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Background

ActionAid Bangladesh and Brighters organised a pre-COP conference titled 'Bangladesh Youth COP 2023', with the aim of declaring the demands of just transition by the young people of Bangladesh and the Global South through a Green Manifesto, that took place on 6-8 September 2023. On the eve of the upcoming 12th National Election in Bangladesh, the event presented an opportunity to position and prioritise renewable energy and advocate for its integration into the political agenda.

To capture the collective contextualised issue-based voice of young people, three regional pre-COP consultations at Sunamganj, Cox's Bazar and Satkhira were organised.







Methodology:

- Young people collected data from the community through IDI, FGDs and KII.
 Participants were selected from a diverse pool so that patterns of different vulnerability along with demands could be addressed.
- Data was analysed and compiled document was prepared focusing on the community's vulnerability and demands.
- Consultation workshops were held, where multi-level stakeholders for instance; influencer/CSOs, local level policy makers, representatives of local govt, youth organisations participated to validate the findings to finalise an effective demand charter.
- The demands were positioned to local political parties to incorporate the issue into their election manifesto.
- Group leaders of the local youth groups joined the national consultation and Bangladesh Youth COP to voice their demands.







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Green manifesto is an initiative to enhance youth voices from the grassroots to address the climate crisis, and position their demands in the national and global policymaking conversations for claiming justice.