Engaging children to protect nature

At World Vision, we envision a green, sustainable world for all children. With climate crises on the rise, GESI-friendly green schools will provide children and teachers with the knowledge and resources they need to tackle climate change and change how their communities approach the environment.

Why GESI-friendly Green Schools?

- Bangladesh is home to 171 million people, while also being highly vulnerable to climate change.
- Sixty percent of the population live in rural areas, of which 26 percent are children aged 14 and younger.
- The effects of climate change are already being felt as access to food and clean water is decreasing, leading to poor health and hygiene.

It has become crucial to educate children in classrooms about:

- The impact of global warming
- How they can adapt to climate change
- Instilling in them a desire to create a greener and more sustainable world.

World Vision Bangladesh has taken the initiative to establish Green Schools through the implementation of the Children Concern Climate Change (4C) approach. World Vision Bangladesh has further enhanced its green school model by integrating it with Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) components.

What is our goal?

We aim to create primary and secondary educational institutions that:

- Are in clean, healthy, protective and green environments
- Promote environment-friendly practices such as energy conservation
- Create inclusive environments for learners so that they have equal access free from any form of discrimination
World Vision Bangladesh is implementing the GESI-friendly Green School model across its 54 APs. We intend to ensure strong partnerships with:

- Children and families
- School Management Committees (SMCs)
- Ecovillage Development Committees (EVDCs)
- Village Development Committees (VDCs)
- The local community and other stakeholders

These stakeholders will help to introduce and incorporate the Green School curriculum through effective community mobilisation, capacity building, and practical application.

What have we achieved so far?

- **97 schools in our APs will be piloted** as GESI-friendly Green Schools by 2023

As an integral component of WVB's ecovillage programme, **the GESI-friendly Green Schools** will be certified such by a combined team consisting of WVB representatives and the Local Government Institute (LGI) of each respective area.
Green School Management Committees (GMSC) are formed to oversee the implementation of the programme.

Community-level Monitoring and evaluation activities are carried out for cross-cutting programme integration, advocacy for policy influence, documenting, best practices, and scaling up efforts.

Providing training and learning opportunities for selected school students, parents, teachers, and other community members to enhance their understanding of environmental stewardship, preservation, and healthy behaviour.

Integrating the school curriculum with learning materials related to climate change and action.

Our impact

“We are truly thankful to World Vision for supporting us develop a GESI Friendly Green School. We have an ideal organic vegetable garden with safe food production, and this interactive initiative is transforming students to be more sensible, and keeping them away from wasting time. It also sensitizes students on keeping school premises clean, and respecting gender equality and social inclusion.”

What can you do?
Join the Green School movement today!

What can we do for you?
If you want to know more about our programme, or have questions or feedback for us, please reach out to:

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