

Child-Centered Anticipatory Action for better preparedness of communities and institutions in Northern and coastal areas of Bangladesh

Youth-led Research Fellowship

Background

Bangladesh ranked the 7th most vulnerable to climate change globally, faces floods, cyclones, and landslides, worsening poverty cycles and affects vulnerable groups. Its subtropical climate brings seasonal variations and hazards like landslides and cyclones, disrupting income and displacing communities. Ranked 27th globally in disaster risk (INFORM Index), Bangladesh suffered significant human and economic losses from 2014 to 2020, including 1,053 deaths, 4.6 million damaged houses, and \$4.1 billion in economic damage. Save the Children Bangladesh, with local partners, launches an initiative to enhance the preparedness of vulnerable communities in northern and coastal Bangladesh for multi-hazards by focusing on impact-based forecasts.

Project Objectives

Promote and facilitate community-led anticipatory action, encompassing a child-centered gender-sensitive approach to safeguard lives and livelihoods from climate-induced hazards in northern and coastal regions in Bangladesh.

Preferred Themes

Interested applicants are invited to submit proposals on the following two topics-

1. **Developing a Localized school-based Child-Centered Risk Assessment and Action Plan for Cyclones in Patuakhali Sadar and Kalapara Upazila: Integrating Local Knowledge with Scientific Forecasting**
2. **Identifying the challenges for integrating anticipatory action into the national disaster management framework of Bangladesh: An evidence-based policy recommendation.**

Number of Fellowships Offered: 02

Timeline for Fellowship

The total duration of the fellowship is three months, during which fellows must complete their research and submit a draft report to JAGONARI within the stipulated timeframe.

Fellowship Benefits:

- A stipend of 60,000 BDT per fellow will be provided over the three-month fellowship period to support research-related activities and personal expenses. No additional travel allowance (TA/DA) or other forms of financial support will be provided.
- Opportunity to present the findings on a national platform, workshops and publish the research in a Q1 journal.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants:

- The applicant must be between 18 to 35 years of age.
- The applicant must be a current student in the final year of an undergraduate (Honors) program or enrolled in a postgraduate (Master's) program at a recognized university.
- **Previously appointed fellows in this project of JAGO NARI are not allowed to apply.**
- The candidate must independently arrange and confirm their supervisor to guide the research process after being selected for the fellowship.
- Applicants should demonstrate the ability to draft research proposals, write reports, and prepare professional presentations.

- An applicant may submit a proposal for only one thematic research area. Applications submitted under both themes will not be considered.
- Appointed fellows are required to maintain regular communication with the JAGO NARI project office throughout the fellowship period and must attend the office in person if requested.
- Any misrepresentation or false information provided in the application will result in disqualification.
- Selected fellows must complete their assigned research work and submit the final report within the required timeframe.
- Candidates with previous research experience will be prioritized during the selection process.
- Applicants must not have full-time jobs during the fellowship.
- Candidate should be fluent in both English and Bangla.
- Applicants must follow and continue research work within guidance of project team and other relevant expertise.

Judging Criteria:

- Innovation and Creativity (20%)
- Effective use of tools, data, and methodologies (40%)
- Feasibility and Practicality (20%)
- Presentation and Communication (20%)

Application Procedure/How to Apply:

Applicants must submit the following documents in a single PDF or ZIP file, titled with their full name (e.g., Full Name_YRF), to the following email address: recruitment@jagonari.org with the subject line: 'Application for Youth-led Research Fellowship – [Your Full Name]'.

- A brief research proposal outlining the intended research topic.
- An updated CV highlighting relevant research experience.
- Contact details of at least two academic or professional referees, including the supervisor of the research.
- All applicants must submit their research proposal within one theme and using the prescribed proposal template.
- Submission language must be in English

We will not accept submissions that do not follow the prescribed format.

Note: Applicants currently enrolled in any other fellowship are not eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: **10 September 2025** [Only short-listed candidates will be informed via email].

The final confirmation email for the selected candidate will be sent by 15 September 2025 All selected candidates are required to give a proposal presentation. The final two candidates will be selected based on the evaluation of these presentations.

Key Attributes

- Culturally sensitive and inclusive, with a strong commitment to gender equality, child rights, and community values.
- Adheres to ethical research standards, including confidentiality, responsible community engagement, and safeguarding.
- Effective communicator and adaptable, capable of conducting fieldwork in vulnerable areas and producing quality reports and presentations.

For more information, please contact:

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Youth-led Research Fellowship [Research Proposal Template]

Title: [Insert Research Title Here]

Formatting Guidelines

- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point, single-spaced
- **Margins:** 1 inch on all sides
- **Length:** Maximum 4 pages (including figures, tables, and references)
- **File Format:** PDF

1. Problem Statement

Briefly describe the problem your research aims to address, including its relevance to climate-induced hazards such as Cyclone risks in Patuakhali district. Explain why this research is important for vulnerable communities.

2. Objectives

List the key objectives of your research clearly and concisely. These should align with the fellowship themes and aim to promote anticipatory action and community preparedness.

3. Significance

Explain the potential impact of your research. Highlight how your findings can contribute to improved early warning systems, community resilience, or child-centered disaster preparedness in Bangladesh.

4. Methodology (Maximum 300-400 words)

- **Data Sources:** Describe the primary and secondary data sources you will use (e.g., local knowledge, satellite data, quantitative and qualitative data).
- **Tools and Techniques:** Specify any software, tools, or analytical techniques you will apply (e.g., GIS, statistical models, KAP surveys).
- **Research Design:** Outline the steps and methods you will follow to achieve your objectives, including data collection, processing, analysis, and visualization.

5. Expected Outcomes

Describe the expected results or deliverables of your research, such as reports, maps, models, or recommendations for policy and practice.

6. Workplan

Provide a brief timeline of activities and milestones over the three-month fellowship period, including research phases, fieldwork within field travel plan, data analysis, report writing, and presentation preparation.

7. References

List all datasets, tools, literature, and other resources cited in your proposal using a consistent citation style.