Youth Involvement in Implementing SDGs

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Outline

• General understanding
  - Youth population
  - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & role of youth

• Experience

• Lesson learned

• Ways forward

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Youth Population of the World

- 721 million in 1950
- 2.5 billion total population
- 1.8 billion in 2015
- 7.3 billion total population
- Young people in developing countries: almost 1.6 billion
- Young people in developed countries: 212 million

Source: UN DESA, 2015 estimates
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Photos:
Three Decades Story

The success of this conservation work had been recognised by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in 2001.

Pledge not to eat turtle egg – save 5000 green & 101 hawksbill eggs

Released 350,000 of green & 7000 of hawksbill hatchlings in 20 years

Almost 100 STOP - turtle camps from 1998 – 2016 involved 3000 students mainly from local schools & universities; volunteers camp since 1998

Supports from corporate bodies and government in term of funding for research & development

Plastic waste inputs from land into the ocean

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Plastic waste is all at sea

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Lesson Learned

• Education empower youth to become tomorrow’s leaders.

• Acknowledgement from government and supports from NGOs that actively advocating for youth empowerment are essence in succeeding environmental education programs.

• Every stakeholders within the community should be considered as an asset.
Ways Forward

• In monitoring & implementing SDGs, we have to simplify the language, make the communications more effective & translating the goals into programmes & projects - it has to be suitable for as early as 10 years old.

• Increase funding for projects & provides capacity building for youth-led implementing agencies.

• “Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, we will help. Only if we help, we shall be saved” ~ Jane Goodall
thank you