



64%
of women
in Bangladesh
aged
20-24 years
were married
before
18 years*

* Demographic and Healthy Survey, Bangladesh (2011)

Stopping
Child Marriage:
Engaging with
Youth as
Leaders in
Communities

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For over 30 years ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB) has been working to strengthen the capacities of individuals and collectives in the most vulnerable and poorest regions. With increased prioritisation on adolescents and focus on youth empowerment, young partners of AA approached the organisation to support their ongoing work on stopping child marriage.

Supported by the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI), the project focused on empowering young women and men, to act in partnership as catalysts with their families, communities and duty bearers to end child marriage in Kurigram and Pabna districts. Overall 310 young people consisting of 145 women and 164 men directly engaged in the project activities. The project impacted 5,676 individuals through:

- 7 advocacy and lobbying training sessions by and for youth
- 14 Theatre for Development performances in 9 schools bringing together over 4000 participants from 7 unions
- 2 roundtable dialogues with local government
- 24 articles on child marriage published in local newspapers
- 3 messages on stopping child marriage disseminated via community radio

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