



# Youth Leadership Academy for Gender and Climate Action

## About Project

Climate change is a social, intergenerational, gender, and racial injustice that deepens existing inequalities and rolls back progress made towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Young people, particularly girls and young women, are at the forefront of climate vulnerability and activism. While these groups are the hardest hit by climate change, their voices are not adequately represented in climate discussions, resulting in policies that do not address their specific needs.

Plan International is committed to working with girls and young people to promote climate action and justice. **The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) for Climate Action** project funded by The Rockefeller Foundation, is designed as a strategic platform to support young people, particularly young women, to become leaders and influencers in gender-responsive climate change adaptation.

## Target Participants

**Young People**

18-24 years old

**40**

**YLA Members**

70% girls & 30% boys

**10 Youths/ Countries**

Indonesia, Vietnam, India

**5 Youths/ Countries**

Thailand, Philippines

## Location



**Indonesia**



**India**



**Philippines**



**Thailand**



**Vietnam**

The YLA members will actively influence and represent the voice of young people in

**APMCDRR 2024**

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction - Philippines

**COP 29 COP 30**

Conference of Parties - Azerbaijan

Conference of Parties - Brazil

## Duration

**May 2024 – December 2025**

## Funded

**350K USD by The Rockefeller Foundation**

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## Goal

Young people, particularly young women, become leaders and influencers in gender-responsive climate change adaptation.

## Outcome

1. Young people, particularly young women, become youth leaders and influencers in collective action(s) on gender and climate change, including influencing decision-making at regional and global level.
2. Increased awareness of communities and the public on the impact of climate change through youth collective action.

## Outputs and Deliverables

- An active and vibrant Regional Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) on Climate Action comprising 40 youth is formed and engaged.
- Intensive 3 months YLA academy for capacity-strengthening of YLA members is conducted.
- 8 of Youth-led initiatives for climate action implemented in the five countries.
- 6 of Youth representatives of YLA who meaningfully participated in regional and global climate decision-making forums such as COP 29/30 and the APMCDRR 2024.
- Youth-led social media campaigns on climate action in five selected countries conducted.
- Increased engagement in climate discussions and exchange learning of wider youth in the Asia Pacific through the Regional Youth Action Platform (YAP).
- One Youth Leadership Summit conducted in Indonesia with the participation of a significant number of participants and outreach.

## Activities

- Initiating a Regional Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) for Gender and Climate Action with participants from Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines.
- Youth-led Initiative for Gender-Responsive Climate Action
- Youth Voice on Climate Action and Climate Solutions
- A Joint Youth-Led Campaign through Social Media and the Youth Action Platform
- Youth Leadership Summit on Gender and Climate Action

## Youth Action Platform



[youthactionplatform.org](https://youthactionplatform.org)

A digital platform focused on bringing youth activists across the region together, sharing available opportunities, and taking collective actions toward the world's issues particularly climate change and child marriage.

[youthactionplatform.org](https://youthactionplatform.org) was officially launched in November 2023