Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%.

BETTERING A NATION’S YOUTH AND FUTURE

Navigating childhood isn’t easy. Developing socially, emotionally, and intellectually – and facing challenges at home, in school, and from peers – can overwhelm youngsters. Fortunately, like nearly 20 million students and teachers worldwide, 12,000 Bangladeshi children and educators recently completed Lions Quest, the signature youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Familiar with LCIF’s world-renowned social and emotional learning program, researchers from Australian and German universities were eager to implement Lions Quest in four rural, impoverished Bangladesh areas and evaluate its impact on early childhood development. However, they lacked funds to translate the Skills for Growing curriculum into Bengali, conduct teacher workshops, and deliver the program to students.

Keeping the children’s welfare in mind, LCIF stepped in, providing US$85,000+ in grant funding to make a 12-month pilot implementation possible. Researchers are now analyzing students’ enhanced ability to manage emotions, achieve goals, and build positive relationships.

With heightened government interest, Lions hope to expand Lions Quest in Bangladesh to include the Skills for Adolescence curriculum. Said one Lion, “We must do everything possible to help children be confident, productive members of society.”
For the Children

Not all children have access to education. Still fewer are enriched by SEL programs like Lions Quest, which provide invaluable life skills and help youth create more promising futures.

**LCIF AND LIONS**

**Funding Service, Delivering Solutions**

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety⁹. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

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**Sources/Note:**

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**That's This Part of the World. Globally, the Situation Looks Like This:**

- **1 in 3 students** reports being cyberbullied; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence⁵.
- **2 in 3 students** in 160 countries worry about violence in and around schools⁶.
- **91%** of 4th and 5th graders are more accepting of others after Lions Quest in Lebanon⁹.
- **35M** 6-14-year-olds are out-of-school in India⁸.

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**LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.**

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