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Advancing Women's Leadership

It comes as no surprise that women around the world have faced great challenges in regard to meaningfully participating in society. Disparities exist amongst leadership, uneven opportunities for advancement, and unbalanced representation in decision-making, to name a few. The COVID-19 pandemic has only propelled gender disparities.

In light of the COVID-19 situation, the Women Leaders Project, supported by the EU-funded AHA! project, was developed to bring awareness to gender disparities and empower women in marginalized areas of Bangladesh by increasing their capacity and confidence to serve as a leader within their community.



Through a Peace Ambassador component, 50 young women participated in seminars and workshops that supported knowledge exchange and increased their skill set in leadership and peace-building components. The Peace Ambassadors are comprised of young female students at the University and College level who represent diverse backgrounds and cultures.

“Women at every level of society are still being left out of key decision-making roles and opportunities within their communities. Violence against women is also continuing to increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to raise awareness on these issues and empower women to overcome these barriers.



By serving as Peace Ambassadors, the female youth leaders will conduct initiatives in their community to support social cohesion, reduce hate speech on digital and offline platforms, and further understand components of intercultural and religious conflicts and peacebuilding. The women will also support in bringing awareness to the COVID-19 virus and sharing potential response and recovery mechanisms, such as practicing good hygiene. The Women Leadership Project will continue its programming in the country and seek to increase its engagement with youth and women in advancing their role and capacity as a leader.



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