

Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%¹

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,

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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.

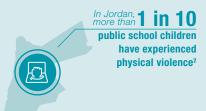
With heightened government interest, Lions hope to expand Lions Quest in Bangladesh to include the *Skills for Adolescence* curriculum. Said one Lion, "We must do everything possible to help children be confident, productive members of society."





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.







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



Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated⁷ Schools with **positive school climate practices** like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying⁸

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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.

LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS develop/expand the program

> UP TO US\$150,000

LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

launch/reactivate the program

UP TO US\$15,000 LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS

introduce the program to a community

UP TO US\$1,500 DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

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