

SPIRiT – Sports for Protection, Resilience and Transformation



Project Summary

The SPIRiT project aims to strengthen the resilience, protection, and inclusion of **17,000** climate-affected children and youth (ages 12–24) in Dhaka, Kurigram, and Satkhira with joint support from Olympic Refugee Foundation, and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Through structured sport and psychosocial support, SPIRiT focuses on improving the inclusion and empowerment of children and youth affected by, or at risk of displacement due to climate change, contributing to their overall resilience and the development of essential life skills.

Outcome 1: Climate-affected vulnerable children and youth (12–24) experience improved psychosocial well-being and resilience through meaningful participation in MHPSS and safe sport activities.

- Output 1.1: Children and youth affected by climate change have increased participation in safe-sport and community activities and have received MHPSS support to improve their psychosocial well-being.
- Output 1.2: Coaches have enhanced knowledge and skills to deliver safe sport activities that promote the protection and well-being of climate-vulnerable children and youth.

Outcome 2: Climate affected vulnerable children and youth actively contribute to sustainable local solutions through participation in Sports for Protection (S4P) toolkit sessions and youth-led initiatives.

- Output 2.1: Children and youth have improved capacity in leadership, climate change adaptation, and mitigation of risks related to unsafe migration and displacement.

Outcome 3: Sports actors at local, district and national level contribute to creating an enabling environment for safe sports participation for climate-affected vulnerable children and youth in Dhaka, Kurigram and Satkhira.

- Output 3.1: National and district sports authorities participate in the Sports for Protection initiative by signing memoranda of understanding and taking part in planning and review processes.
- Output 3.2: Strengthened relationship and collaboration between local actors and community stakeholders with documented referral pathways to relevant social services.

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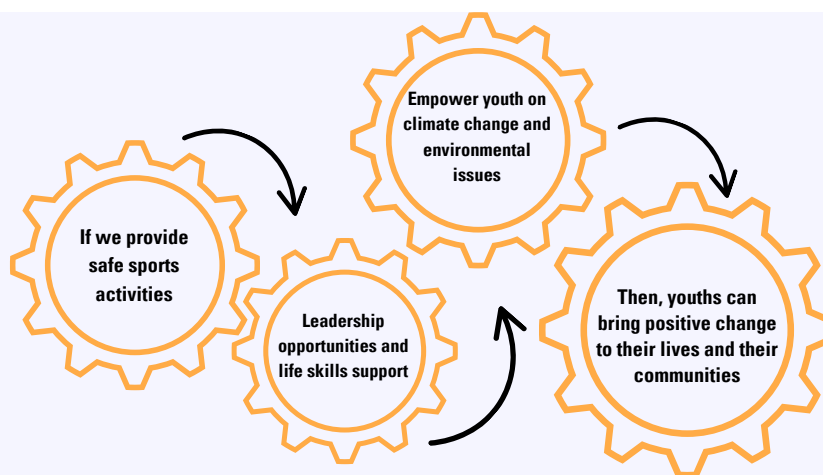
Geographic Focus: Dhaka, Kurigram, Satkhira

Duration: 48 months (July 2025 – June 2029)

Total Budget: \$2.65 million

Funding Organization: ORF and SDC





SPiRiT pathway of change

New activities for Phase II

- Advocacy for integration of S4P toolkit into the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) curriculum.
- Piloting the S4P toolkit and ENGAGE curriculum at 2 government schools in Dhaka's informal settlements.
- Formalize 02 partnerships with identified stakeholders including sports authorities to support the S4P planning and implementation.
- 01 research on climate change, children's rights and sports.
- 72 coordination meetings with local stakeholders to identify referral pathways and refer 1650 children and youth to identified referral pathways
- 1182 capacity strengthening meetings of local actors (including CBCPCs, UDMCs) on climate change and child protection issues.



Key achievements


- Perceived inclusion and empowerment among adolescents and youth increased significantly, rising from 17% at baseline to 64% at final evaluation.
- Enhanced physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being among displaced and at-risk youth, with access to safe sports rising from just 8% at baseline to 54% at final evaluation.
- 1,773 sessions were conducted with local actors (e.g., parents, guardians, religious leaders, sports teachers) to facilitate the participation of girls and boys in sports.
- During implementation, 120 youth champions and change-makers were identified to lead community actions.
- 137 meetings were held with sports actors and youth to discuss sustainability and exit strategies.
- 9,795 youth leaders participated in change initiatives and youth-led solutions addressing local issues.

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