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south and southeast asia ChangemakerXchange — Empowering young changemakers tackling education inequality



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Even for courageous changemakers, the quest to minimise education inequality can be overwhelming. Changemaker-Xchange empowers them with the skills and network they need to drive systemic change for equal opportunities in education.

With the project 'Changemakers for Education', ChangemakerXchange (CXC) and the Julius Baer Foundation aim to amplify initiatives across Asia that promote equal opportunities in education. The focus is on young social

entrepreneurs who are shaping tangible solutions for systemic change in their community and beyond. CXC selects 25 of them to form a community of like-minded innovators. By joining the greater CXC community with 1,200+ members globally, they benefit from a strong network and gain access to a broader ecosystem of partners and experts. Besides a 5-day summit focused on community building, peer-to-peer learning and collective action, the project provides customised capacity building and support to scale their ventures as well as small seed grants for collaborative crossborder initiatives.

Quick facts

- Countries in South and Southeast Asia
- Project support: 2024-2025
- Grant amount: CHF 167,000
- Identify, empower, and connect 25 social entrepreneurs, supporting them through training, collaboration funding, and a meaningful network.
- Goal: Creating a community of changemakers, boosting the impact of their solutions to tackle education inequality systemically.

From disconnected innovators ...

Many young people who believe in the need for systemic change are driving their projects alone, lacking support, specific know-how or the chance to join forces for greater impact.

... to a powerful community of changemakers.

The changemakers become empowered through tailored capacity building and collaboration funding. They benefit from collaborating with other organisations, adopt a more systemic, strategic approach and can sustain, deepen and scale their impact.





"I really appreciate this community, which is non-judgemental and always welcoming, and helped me prioritize my own wellbeing and that of my team as the basis for all the work I do."

Pin Qi Lee, Chief Operating Officer at Edm8ker and CXC Asia member

OUTPUT



25 changemakers and education innovators from across Asia participate in the programme, join the summits, capacity building sessions and become lifelong members of the ChangemakerXchange community.

OUTCOME



The overall **education ecosystem is more connected and collaborative.** Youth-led initiatives maximise their innovative potential and scale their approach, ultimately leading to reducing education inequality across Asia.

HIGHLIGHT



The aim is that the 25 changemakers who joined the community will collectively impact the lives of **10,000+ children** across Asia who struggle to **access education.**

Boosting a synergistic ecosystem for greater impact

- Many young changemakers working towards reducing education inequality lack access to a community where they can openly share the challenges and difficulties of the path they have chosen.
- Their appetite for collaboration is high but the opportunities and spaces to do so are limited.
- 94% of them expressed a need for skill development.
- 1 in 4 experience burnout and 78% expressed a need for help to avoid it.
- Without support, they run the risk of abandoning their invaluable projects and activism.
- The ChangemakerXchange provides hands-on support as well as upskilling in such areas as scaling impact, system change strategies, fundraising, project management and more.
- Young social entrepreneurs, innovators, activists and changemakers now have the space to connect, increase their know-how and collaborate, creating greater synergies and impact for them and their initiatives to improve access to education for underprivileged children.

About ChangemakerXchange

ChangemakerXchange is a global support network and community for young social entrepreneurs, innovators, activists and changemakers. Since 2012 it has been supporting and working with over 1,200 members in 130 countries globally across 3 strategic pillars: community, facilitators and support networks. The project focused on South and Southeast Asia was launched in February 2024.



More information about the ChangemakerXchange and their project in Asia: changemakersforeducation.org

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