## EMPOWERED GIRLS INFLUENCING DECISION-MAKERS

Category: Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating

## Global

The 'Girls Advocacy Alliance' fights for the rights of girls and women against violence and for their economic empowerment through providing capacity building to young girls. The youth advocates are trained in empowering and educating their peers to influence decision-makers for the implementation of legislation and policies on girls' and young women's rights by national and local governments.

The GAA Programme ran from 2016-2020 through Asia and Africa: Specifically, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Uganda. Their goal was to end gender-based violence (commercial sexual exploitation of children, sexual violence and abuse, female genital mutilation, child trafficking, and child marriage), eliminate economic exclusion (by promoting access to post-primary education, technical vocational education and training, decent work, and female entrepreneurship), and train and empower young girls to stand up for their rights.

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