International Child Development Initiatives

MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION (MYP)

Children have the right to express an opinion, be heard and given due weight. Participation is about having the opportunity to express a view, influence decision making and achieve change.

Children participate better when it is their own initiative!

ICDI's approach to child and youth participation

→ Children-led research

GOALS

1. Support girls and boys in understanding the world they live in.
2. Give children the necessary skills to make decisions.
3. Support children to become agents of change in their communities.

BENEFITS

For children

Improved capacity to make choices, reflect and think critically.

Better writing, communication and organizational skills.

More confidence to contribute to improving children's lives in their communities.

Children's contributions also benefit research because they

Bring valuable insights and original contributions to knowledge.

Observe with different eyes, ask different questions, have different concerns.