

UPSHIFT Bhutan — UNICEF's Schools-Based Youth Social-Innovation Programme

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Quality score: 90/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2022, UNICEF Bhutan and the Ministry of Education have scaled UPSHIFT from 65 to 264 schools nationwide, training 27,000+ youth in human-centred design, with 1,500+ youth-led solutions and near gender parity.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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