



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL COHESION

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SOCIAL COHESION

PERSONAL AGENCY

individuals' ability
and freedom to
make a positive
change.

POLARIZATION

relationships
across dividing
lines.

INSTITUTIONAL LEGITIMACY

relationships between individuals
and those who govern them.



CYBER GUARDIANS

Empowering Youth to Combat Online Hate Speech in Sri Lanka



Overarching goal

Social cohesion and reconciliation across dividing lines.



We invested in:

- 1) young people's skills to combat hate speech and to generate positive content.
- 2) opportunities for collaboration.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMS

INVEST IN PERSONAL AGENCY

enhancing digital literacy, responsible media consumption and conflict-sensitive use of online tools among young people.

INVEST IN HORIZONTAL COHESION

co-creating ways in which people from different backgrounds can use digital tools to combat misinformation, hate speech and share common online spaces.

INVEST VERTICAL COHESION, OR INSTITUTIONAL LEGITIMACY

fostering citizen-government exchanges.



THANK YOU

