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It can be estranging and tough to handle so much personal accountability in the overwhelming and confusing challenges that the world is facing. Increased environmental degradation is threatening the lives of people inhabiting developing countries while exacerbating the risk of political tension associated with the shortage of natural resources. 85% of the world's population consists of young people living in developing countries, and they lack access to livelihood opportunities thereby turning to crime (International Pediatric Association, 2014). Moreover, humanitarian agencies are experiencing significant obstacles to their endeavors due to inaccessibility of regions and the threat of brutal militia. The World Bank has a potential role in resolving these issues by empowering change and financing different initiatives aimed at improving the situation. Still, in the face of all these matters, it is vital that one takes whatever actions possible. I have the firm belief that small efforts can escalate into big ones and there is no underestimating the power of an individual

One step I have taken in contributing to the betterment of the current scenario is actively participating in sustainability projects. College based or community based, these initiatives have not only helped me to acquire the knowledge required but to gain the necessary practical skills in combatting climate change. On the weekends and after classes, accompanied by a team of fellow change activists, I approach local enterprises and urge them to embrace green business. We do this by encouraging the owners of these ventures to utilize the power of clean energy by adopting solar energy and using light sources that do not consume much electricity. More than 25 business owners agreed with our explanation that using solar panels could significantly reduce their power bills and decided to embrace the initiative. Additionally, we conduct seminars in the community to demonstrate to people the ways through which they could make an actual impact in reducing

the carbon footprint. This is done by applying an engaging approach to educating the community on the small decisions they could make to restore the environment.

Furthermore, I am part of a training program called the Change Makers that ensures that young people with no employment are provided with the right entrepreneurial skills to provide themselves with livelihoods. This program integrates young people that do not have high school diplomas and fresh graduates that are struggling to find opportunity in the job market. The essential lesson that the participants learn is that a change of mind is necessary to thrive in this rapidly changing world. The initiative also includes mentors that are an actual embodiment of creating opportunities rather than finding them. These mentors, high school dropouts, are successful businesspeople that provide the young people with the right attitude to tackling the economic challenges in the country. 55% of the participants proceed to launch their own ventures and start on their path to financial freedom and independence. Although my contributions may not have an impression in the larger picture, they are my own way of making the world a better place.

Indeed, the World Bank has a potential role in finding solutions to these challenges. First of all, it is possible for it to ensure grassroots assessment of the utilization of funds. This will assist in curbing the misuse of its financing by developing countries (Ghana) where needy populations are the one that suffer from the inflation of project costs. A report revealed that $1 trillion worth of funding to African projects vanished through utter theft and corruption-riddled projects (Durden, 2015). Secondly, the World Bank could reaffirm its support for the youth in developing countries by providing adequate funding and proper frameworks for ensuring that their funds effect actual change. Lastly, the organization could increase the funding it commits to research and development in the mitigation of climate change. This may lead to significant

breakthroughs in the practices that are effective in preventing further damage to the environment. All in all, World Bank should not be an agent of poverty but an agent of development in the different problems that are plaguing the world.

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