

GENNEXT FELLOWS GO THE *Extra Mile*



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In their own words, GenNext Fellows, Angelina Conforti and Elizabeth Bolarinwa share their incredible journey to Bangkok, Thailand with their host organization, Save the Children, for their in-person Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Workshop.

In the closing months of 2023, we were presented with the amazing opportunity to participate in the inaugural Save the Children Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Workshop (SGBV) in Bangkok, Thailand!

Throughout the week, we engaged in interesting cross-collaborations and stimulating brainstorming sessions, delving into intricate topics such as sexual and gender-based violence in emergencies, child protection, gender norms policy, climate change, and maternal and reproductive health. Representatives from different



Angelina collaborates with colleagues on developing a theory of change for gender-based violence in emergencies.

sectors, across regional and country offices, shared contextual experiences, knowledge, and research and program evidence. Furthermore, we were given a front-row seat to the process of workshoping a theory of change for the organization—a highlight among the many experiences in the program that has challenged us and provided an opportunity to grow our skillsets.

Collectively, our contributions spanned various workstreams. On the programmatic side, we played a pivotal role in the visa approval process, participated in strategy building, and assisted in coordination efforts.



Workshop attendees from across the globe gather for a group photo.

Simultaneously, on the content side, we took a central role in drafting presentation materials and co-leading insightful learning sessions—all of which significantly enriched our professional development. Throughout the workshop, we acted



Elizabeth engages with colleagues during a group mapping activity.

as meeting reporters and after, developed a report discussing key takeaways, action items and lessons learnt to be shared with attendees and relevant stakeholders. This role allowed us to work with facilitators to capture important themes and group discussions and increased our knowledge in core SGBV concepts.

Ultimately, the ability to collaborate with such incredible colleagues from across the globe and explore Bangkok was truly an enriching and unforgettable experience!