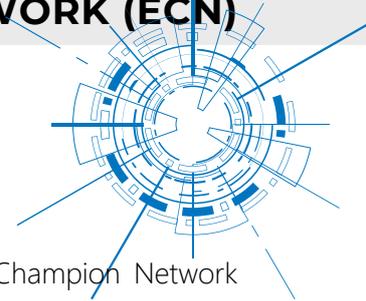# Bridging the Digital Divide for Girls in Nikli Upazila
EDUCATION CHAMPION NETWORK (ECN)

Implementation Period: 2022 – Present
Geographical Coverage: 5 Unions, Nikli Upazila, Kishoreganj District
Funding Partner: Malala Fund
Focus Outcome: Promoting Digital Inclusion for Girls (reduce digital divide)

Launched in 2022 with the generous support of the Malala Fund, the Education Champion Network initiative began its journey across five unions of Nikli Upazila—an outreach and climate-vulnerable area of Kishoreganj district. The project operates in eight secondary schools and thirty-one government primary schools. Recognizing the stark digital divide faced by adolescent girls in such rural settings, the initiative prioritized access to digital tools, skills, and learning opportunities to enhance their inclusion and educational advancement.

Digital Literacy & Foundational Skills	Digital Learning, Communication & Collaboration	Responsible Digital Citizenship & Online Safety	Thematic & Future-Oriented Digital Engagement
These skill interventions build the basic digital competencies girls need to confidently navigate technology.	This group focuses on enhancing learning through technology and enabling digital collaboration across schools.	Equipping girls to use technology safely, ethically, and with awareness of emerging digital challenges.	Using digital tools to explore real-world issues, innovation, and leadership opportunities.
- Digital Literacy Training on MS Word and PowerPoint - Skill-building on Google Applications (Gmail, Drive, Docs, Slides) - Workshops on Email Etiquette and Digital Form Submission - Orientation on Basic Digital Media Creation - Training on Digital Content Creation and Cloud Storage Solutions - Training on Cloud-Based Storage Platforms (Google Drive, Dropbox)	- Interactive Multimedia Classes - Educational Media Demonstrations (animations, videos) - Sessions on Open-Source Learning Resources - Familiarization with Online Learning Platforms (Shikho, 10 Minute School, Muktopaath) - Practical Sessions on Online Communication Tools (Zoom, Google Meet) - Establishment of Inter-school Digital Networks and Hosting Virtual Meetings	- Internet Navigation Workshops (safe browsing) - Training on Search Engines and Responsible Information Sourcing (Google, YouTube, Wikipedia) - Cyber Security Awareness Programs (gender-sensitive focus) - Training on Online Privacy and Secure Profile Management - Workshops Promoting Digital Safety and Responsible Use - Introduction to Digital Currency Concepts and Online Financial Literacy	- Workshops on Emerging Technologies (AI, frontier tech) - Climate Education Sessions with digital tools and local presentations - Provision of Free Internet and Access to Digital Devices in Schools

Impact

Girls with little to no digital exposure are now confidently using technology for learning and self-expression. They're leading online campaigns, engaging in forums, and overcoming educational barriers through platforms like 10 Minute School. With increased awareness of online safety, and growing support from families and schools, their digital skills were powerfully showcased at local climate summits through innovative tech-enabled presentations.

Why It Matters

The Education Champion Network is transforming digital equity in Nikli—empowering girls not just as users of technology, but as leaders, innovators, and change agents in a fast-evolving digital world. With the right support, we can expand this impact and ensure no girl is left behind in the digital future.

Join Us

Partner with us to scale this proven model and help unlock the full potential of girls through digital empowerment.

> " With a laptop in my hand and courage in my heart, I'm not just learning the future—I'm building it.
> Tasfiya Tasnim Toba
> Clsass 10