

- **Shaban – session 4**
-
- **How business services were made more accessible through your programme?**
 1. **Our Alliance created a network of networks, and brought together young entrepreneurs mostly from small and medium enterprises together from across the Commonwealth Asia region.**
 2. **The Alliance provided them an opportunity to meet their counterparts from their areas of interest with like minded young entrepreneurs, and learn from each other, including new techniques/technologies in the respective businesses**
- **What challenges were overcome?**
 1. **Bringing down barriers and perceptions about regional alliances and their importance, and recognizing the cultures and similarities are far greater in surrounding regions**
 2. **The Alliance provided an opportunity to interact more comfortably with like minded and young entrepreneurs**
 3. **The Alliance also provided an opportunity to find mentors from within the Networks for hand holding through their entrepreneurial ventures**
- **For example, how has this helped the rural youth's aspiration? Did it change their perspective of agriculture?**
 1. **Through our programme many young entrepreneurs from across the network have learnt of new technologies in farming to improve yields and output**
 2. **Some of the Alliance members have conducted thorough workshops in rural and under privileged areas to help inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship, and in some cases with agricultural models**
- **How was the programme scaled up through SSC and TrC? What SSC mechanisms were considered? If none, how could utilizing SSC benefit your initiative?**
 1. **A program or an Alliance in SSC and TrC of the same nature may**
 - a. **Encourage the youth to seek entrepreneurial ventures, thus creating more jobs in the region,**
 - b. **Possible exchange of ideas, especially in the rural areas, and**
 - c. **Support innovative entrepreneurs to replicate their models in allowing them access to new markets and in turn helping other young entrepreneurs**