

The Global Enterprise Experience for me was many things. It was a fantastic learning opportunity in which I got to interact with people having perspectives that were, quite literally, a world apart. It was an avenue for me to implement what I had learned through my academics and to enhance my knowledge on topics not so familiar to me. But more than anything GEE was a realization that to achieve something substantial and viable in today's competitive scenarios around the world is a formidable challenge. But this realization was accompanied by an assuring understanding that even the most formidable challenge can be overcome with the greatest of results if you have the right people around you. That is how I feel about my team and the proposal that we have come up with.

I was very excited to be a part of such a diverse team. This was my first such experience of interacting with international colleagues for a project. And getting to know my team mates was like getting to know what perspectives people have around the world. I remember one incident when I was trying to explain the problems a normal young Nepali like me has to my New Zealand leader Alanna. She was astounded to know that people here in Nepal don't get regular water and electricity supplies let alone privileges like internet. It was also good to relate with Kelvin from Rwanda on issues like lack of drinking water, unemployment and electricity which are also stifling the growth of his country.

The team decided that the focus of our project would be based in Nepal and would look to address the problem of prolonged power cuts. This issue is very relevant to me as I too am suffering from it. But once I got into understanding the true essence of the problem and how other people from poorer families cope with it, I realized that most people have a tendency to hold one-dimensional views on the problems at hand. Simple issues have deep repercussions and to resolve these issues one must understand those repercussions.

For example we, me and my country team mate, conducted a three day survey of a 100 people to understand what the people and children in particular are going through. There was that evident realization that the government would not address their energy needs but most of the families were constricted by their income levels to actually do something to about it. Therefore coming up with a sustainable and real solution for a problem that is affecting so many people around me was indeed fulfilling.

To conclude, GEE has helped me improve my own understanding of the world around me and that is perhaps the most important thing that I will take away from this year's competition. The experiences that I have had and the challenges that I have overcome during this competition has given me a sense of assurance over my own abilities and has encouraged me to be more ambitious with my dreams. I am thankful to GEE for providing me this opportunity and I look forward to participating in future events to further enhance my capabilities.