

Sanjana Sanghi

Actor and UNDP India's Youth Champion

UNDP India's Youth Champion, Sanjana Sanghi, began her journey of discovering the joy she experiences in giving back to her community when she started teaching underprivileged children in India as a young college student herself, over a decade ago. With the UNDP, she has championed initiatives such as the Youth Co:Lab to foster youth-led social entrepreneurship; Led mental health awareness campaigns; Empowered female health care workers back in India and been a leading advocate for the UN's #YouthForChange campaign. Sanjana's belief in the transformational power of education has guided much of her work and fueled her resolve to ensure that a respectable education is accessible to even the most marginalized. The young humanitarian has also gained immense recognition as a rising star in Hindi cinema, starting from when she captured audiences with her debut in "Dil Bechara", the official Hindi adaptation of John Green's best-selling young adult novel "The Fault In Our Stars". She has continued to deliver impactful performances and chosen films with positive social messages, such as her recent role in "DhakDhak", a Netflix hit that exhibits the strength in women being each other's allies. Today, Sanjana's determination and passion for youth-led development stands stronger than ever before, as is reflective in her unwavering commitment to make meaningful change both through her inspiring work with the UNDP and her choices in films.