7.  What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

My jaw dropped as I processed his words. The girls in my class had erupted in indignation at his declaration that men gave women rights and were superior. Numerous accusatory looks were cast at him, and the rest is history.

In Indonesia, the issue of a lack of women as leaders who voice out their opinions still persists. Society has seemed to cling on to the idea that women should comply with traditional norms, so you rarely found women in leadership positions.

I was constantly surrounded with this stereotypical idea. When I was eight, some of my relatives had questioned why I strived to pursue a master’s degree and start up a company as a woman. I wanted to break free of these stereotypical chains and prove to society that females could lead and leave a lasting impact, as we’re all born with equal rights and opportunities. Therefore, when a friend I bonded with during summer camp overseas asked me if I wanted to collaborate on a project, my immediate answer was, “YES!”

Females BOLD began from the idea of female empowerment. It is a multinational female and student-run organization featuring a blog on female stories and topics relevant to our world today. As Managing Editor, I oversee the blog contents and edits to make sure the articles are at their best potential in encouraging women. As a writer, I was able to share my knowledge of the statistical benefits of having women in the workforce, such as a 35% increase in economic size in the U.S. if discriminatory laws were dropped, as well as share empowering tales.

With an international audience on our website, our team was further encouraged when Shayna Klee, a female artist, had shared one of our articles about her achievements to her followers, allowing us to reach an even wider audience. Through Females BOLD, I have helped create awareness on the importance of female voice and leadership, as well as led a multinational team in promoting female empowerment, which will enable young girls to attain equality and lead to the sustainable development of society.