

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Codó. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted.

Through sports and traditional workshops, children in Codó, Brazil learned valuable lessons about gender equity, confidence, respect, and safety. Parents and educators participated in courses addressing non-violent education, youth pregnancy, and girls' rights. From our Leadership School for Girls to our soccer project, La League, we're taking an interdisciplinary approach to building safe, strong communities.

Young people, and particularly young women, received training in entrepreneurship, financial education, health, and menstrual hygiene.

We know the best is yet to come and your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Codó.



62

Educators trained about domestic violence



215

Parents received lessons in non-violent education



513

Students learned about self-protection



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN BRAZIL

Hear from Eline about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"The pandemic came in a way that no one expected. I lost my grandfather in 2020. I never thought that I would lose a person as dear as him to this virus. And then came the Champions of Change project: I learned more about personal hygiene, about gender equality, also about protection and rights of girls and boys and many other things."

CASE STORY: SAFETY IN THE CITY



NAME: VIVIAN

AGE: 10 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: PLAYING WITH HER SISTER

"It was the happiest day of my life, I received so much attention, everyone that was there talked with me and I learned that there was a place where people gather to talk about our education."

Meet Vivian

Like your sponsored child, Vivian has been empowered by Plan International to change her life.

Vivian lives in Teresina, a city in northeast Brazil. Vivian's mother, Rosinete, often worried about her children's safety – a common concern in Teresina.

Steps Toward Safer Lives

Vivian and Rosinete first discovered Plan through Infância Feliz ("Happy Childhood"), a participating project at Vivian's school. From there, Plan went on to develop the Espaço Brincar ("Play Space") at Vivian's school.

Rosinete is very happy with how Plan has supported her community, from checking in with local families during the pandemic to collaborating with educators at the local school.

International Day of the Girl

This year, Vivian participated in Plan's #Girlstakeover program on International Day of the Girl on 11 October.

With Plan's support, Vivian represented her community to Teresina's Secretariat of Education. In her role, Vivian delivered a letter about the state of public education in Teresina, which also advocated to provide greater digital literacy to local students.

Vivian's work on the #Girlstakeover day made her feel happy and celebrated. She learned that there are people in her community who care deeply about her education.



Vivian colours with her classmates during a Plan workshop.

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 7,511 CHILDREN IN CODÓ

OUR PROJECTS IN CODÓ ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Communities built awareness about gender inequality, sexual violence, safety, and respect. Hundreds of children and their parents explored new approaches to longstanding issues.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PROTECTION



Workshops offered community members of all ages valuable lessons about safety. Every hour, one in five children or teenagers in Brazil is a victim of sexual violence. 87% of those victims are girls.

Over the last year, 513 students aged 7 to 11 took part in workshops focusing on topics like Identifying risks and acting on them, and Rights of children and adolescents. Educators emphasised positive masculinity, gender equality, and building safe spaces for all students.

Meanwhile, parents and educators received training in subjects like Education Without Violence and Domestic Accident Prevention. Classes took place online and, eventually, in person, aided by safety measures like liquid soap, masks, and alcohol gel.

BREAKING BARRIERS



Brazil has the fifth highest number of child marriages in the world. These unions are proven to lead to early pregnancy, entrenched gender roles in the home, and lower education rates.

We're combatting these statistics through sports. A total of 1,321 girls and boys have participated in La League, our extracurricular soccer league with a focus on fighting sexism, building confidence, and addressing inequality.

Over the years, Codó has become home to ten different youth soccer leagues. Plan has created action steps to assist in two cases of child marriage, and hundreds of local parents have been reached with educational materials.



"In a generation where many people say that a woman's place is not on the courts, I say that we have to fight, follow our dream, seek, and be. We cannot let fear and criticism take away our hope; with focus and determination we can reach any goal."

- Hellen 17 from Codó

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



14%

Of children in Brazil do not have access to clean drinking water



34,200

Reported cases of sexual violence against youth in Brazil



12%

Of children in Brazil are not enrolled in school



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

- Women in Brazil earn on average, 75% less than men. We will continue our work building gender equity through strong communities and advocacy work.
- Close to 35 million people in Brazil do not have access to clean drinking water. We will offer educational resources about hygiene, the environment, and water use.
- With nearly 12% of young people in Brazil out of school, we will collaborate with local schools to improve their facilities and resources.
- Violence against children is on the rise in Brazil. We will resume working with community members and to train children about the rights assurance system.

We know the best is yet to come and we will continue to work with the children in Codó.



“Through your support, we can carry out transformative projects that impact the lives of children, adolescents, youth and their families. Together, we can transform the reality of the families in the communities where we operate. Thank you.”

Karla Fernandes
Programme Area Manager, Codó

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS