

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Plan is focused on improving educational outcomes for students in Yunnan at all stages of their schooling journey.

In primary schools, teachers and parents have undertaken training courses to learn new ways of engaging young children with reading. Students have participated in a range of activities including pair reading, which have improved reading comprehension and encouraged students to enjoy reading.

High school students are focused on improving their career prospects and life skills, to help them transition from school to adulthood more smoothly. Career guidance workshops are helping girls to see the range of career possibilities available to them.



29601

Young people participated in career planning activities



1286

Children participated in reading activities



860

Students participated in technology courses



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN CHINA

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

“Our school has strict prevention and control measures, but the uncertainty of the pandemic still restricts us from doing a lot of things, such as going out to exchange and learn, and getting together to carry out activities. We hope the pandemic will end soon, so that our study and life can return to normal.”

CASE STORY: CAREER CONFIDENCE



NAME: XIAOXIN

AGE: 14 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: DRAWING

"I really like the project classes and activities that my school offers. We take one class every week. I have learnt a lot under the guidance of the teachers. These activities help me change my introverted and shy personality, and find my future study goals and life direction."

Meet Xiaoxin

Like the child you sponsor, Xiaoxin has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Xiaoxin, a secondary school student, lives in a minority village in a border county of Yunnan Province. In her village, it is common for young adults to leave their hometown in search of work, rather than completing further study.

Adolescent children generally lack self-confidence, easily lose interest in academics, and are short of soft skills in life. Gender stereotypes can present additional barriers to young girls, limiting their opportunities and ambitions.

Learning important life skills

Plan is working with local education departments to provide training and support for secondary school students, including guidance on important life skills and career planning.

Students participate in activities including career planning and financial management, which equip them with practical life skills, build their self-confidence and fully prepare them for the transition from school to future learning and social life.

Gaining confidence and ambition

Through her participation in these activities, Xiaoxin has gained confidence, participating in activities and taking a leadership role amongst her peers. Career counselling has also helped her determine her future life goals. After graduating from lower secondary school, she will continue her study in higher secondary school and work hard to get into a good university. She hopes to become an excellent teacher in the future.

Xiaoxin's parents, motivated by her positive performance, are very supportive of her and hope that she can live the life she wants in the future.



Xiaoxin has gained confidence and ambition.

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 7,788 CHILDREN IN YUNNAN

OUR PROJECTS IN YUNNAN ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



PROMOTING GIRLS' EDUCATION



Although data has shown a 7% improvement in reading skills amongst primary school students in Yunnan since 2020, they are still below the national average.

As part of this program 29 teachers from 9 schools participated in training on a range of techniques to engage children in reading exercises, with a focus on gender equity to ensure girls are given equal opportunities to succeed.

The project also encouraged girls to be leaders amongst their peers, with 200 girls aged 10-12 involved in the operation and management of the school library.

Activities such as pair reading encourage students to engage with their peers in discussions about the stories, which increases engagement and also increases peer-to-peer learning, where students assist one another to solve problems.

Students are also encouraged to read from a wide variety of genres, with an emphasis that boys and girls can both enjoy diverse stories including adventure, fantasy and handcraft.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS



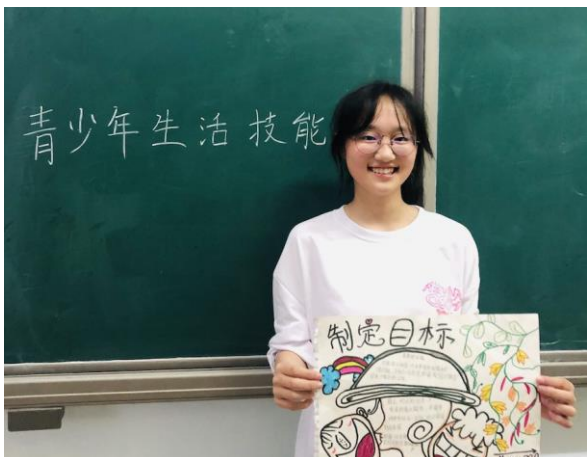
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Young people in Yunnan often lack the soft skills needed to transition from school to employment and independent living. When surveyed, only 15% of girls and 20% of boys said they knew their career and life goals.

As part of this program, professional women from various careers and fields were invited to take part in presentations and Q&A panels with students. These sessions enabled young people to explore a diverse range of careers and industries.

Gender stereotypes can also present additional barriers for young girls when considered their future careers. By showcasing professional women, these sessions also helped girls to overcome gender prejudices and explore the full range of possibilities for their future careers.



"I now understand that the scope of employment in the future is very wide. I have to choose a career that I like according to my interests and hobbies, and don't give up because of gender differences."
- Wenzhen (15) from Yunnan

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



53%

Enrolment rate in higher education



55%

Households in rural areas with access to safe toilets



84%

of students have experienced a form of bullying



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

- Plan will continue to work with local education departments to prevent bullying, through teacher training and class activities.
- Plan will conduct training activities on technology and gender equality for teachers and continue to work with education departments to boost reading and STEM.
- Plan will train teachers to carry out peer education activities in schools on menstrual health for girls.
- Plan will work with local education departments and schools to support school youth, especially girls, with access to life skills, financial education and career development guidance.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Yunnan.



“With your help, we have partnered with local governments to help young people learn about life skills, financial management, reading and STEM. They are now more confident about their futures. Your kind deeds allow children to have better lives!”

Qi Tao

Deputy Programme Area Manager, Yunnan

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