

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Advancing conversation about sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and improving economic status is vital for safeguarding Kalyoubya's future.

Programs like the SCREAM sessions and the Promotion of SRH programs are important in creating an environment of equality and safety for everyone in the community.

These programs have made it possible for 1,800 children to receive training on their rights and 3,100 individuals to participate in community-led initiative for child protection.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Kalyoubya.



160

People attended intergenerational dialogue sessions



440

People attended vocational training for employment



964

Individuals attended gender equality and youth sessions

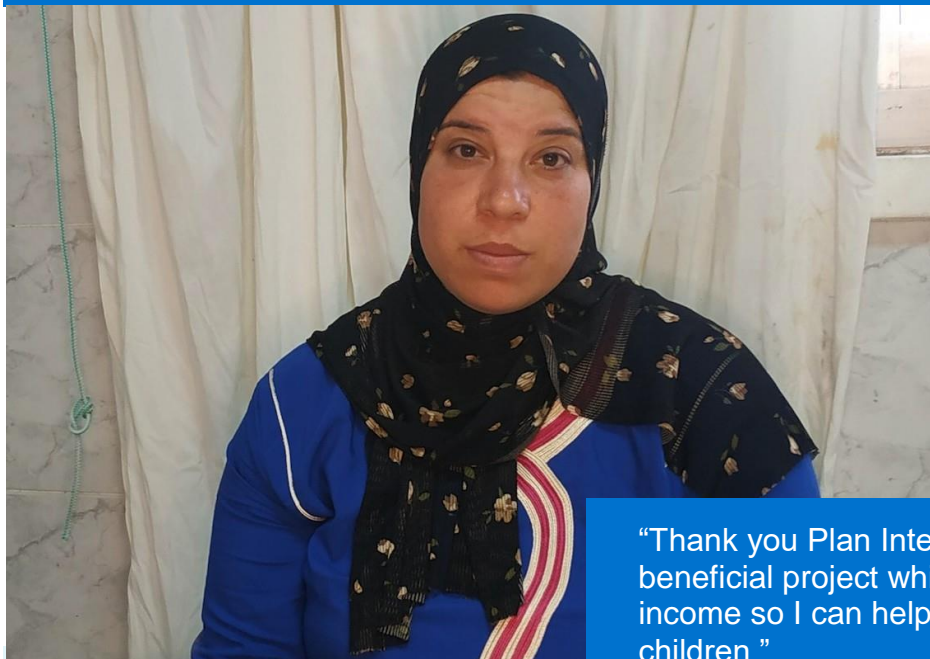


COVID-19'S IMPACT IN EGYPT

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

"During the pandemic, I couldn't go to school and I was afraid to get infected. But Plan helped ease my fears with their awareness messages and supplying us with hand sanitizers and face masks. They also taught us how to deal with the virus so we don't get sick."

CASE STORY: BASMA IS A SUPERWOMAN



NAME: BASMA

AGE: 37 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY

"Thank you Plan International for providing such a beneficial project which helped me to enhance my income so I can help my family survive and educate my children."

Meet Basma

Like your sponsored child, Basma has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Basma was married at 17 and unfortunately children has negatively impacted her current socio-economic status. Basma understands the importance of a education and wants to ensure her children get one.

Challenge

Basma has found it difficult to balance supporting her husband and playing an active role in the lives of her children. Basma's children are at various stages academically and have different needs. She constantly feels the pressure of providing for their education.

Finding work has been difficult for Basma and starting a business is not an easy task. Living in a rural town, the opportunities are quite limited.

The search for work has also been difficult because Basma never received any training or experience that she felt was necessary to qualify her to work.

Solution

Plan International works with local organisations to provide support and activities to both children and their families.

Basma attended the "Enterprise your Life" sessions which provided her with a role model in business that she could learn from. Basma has been able to start her own business of duck breeding. She has learned how to negotiate costs, communicate with suppliers and has been able to make enough to pay for living expenses. Through vocational training she has been empowered to even produce and sell her own object made from animals' horns from home.



Basma holding up an animal horn

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 5,252 CHILDREN IN KALYOUBYA

OUR PROJECTS IN KALYUBYA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



PROTECTION AND EDUCATION



1,200 individuals participated in awareness raising activities to promote SRH rights in the community

A community that lacks social infrastructure necessary for women to thrive needs institutional support to better protect the rights of the most vulnerable. Plan International wants to enhance children's capacities to express their protection and educational rights, make a positive change in their communities, and limit violence and marginalisation.

Programs such as SCREAM and positive discipline sessions were key in strengthening safety. The positive discipline sessions equipped young mothers with the tools to establish trust with their young children. SCREAM sessions informed children and adolescents of the world around them and the forms of abuse that are important to identify.

Elder sister sessions are also in place to enhance reading and writing skills for girls enrolled in school. The Games for Human Rights program further contributes to the children's knowledge of human rights and non-discrimination.

PROMOTION OF SRH RIGHTS



When there is a lack of awareness of SRH, women and girls are the ones who are affected. The aim of the project is to empower individuals and communities to be independent agents for change in advocating for SRH. The project provided training through the Champions of Change curriculum for kids, teachers, and religious leaders on topics like the value of encouraging community accountability and spreading SRH-positive messaging. These services not only give women physical protection but also have the potential to challenge the societal norms that justify the continued use of these practices.

In addition to the many positive outcomes from this project, 1,068 parents attended awareness sessions, 881 individuals participated in the international day of the girl celebrations and over 2,500 individuals participated in local initiatives supporting SRH rights.



"Because I attended the sexual and reproductive health sessions, I was able to stop one of my relatives from performing FGM on his daughter. I told him about the psychological, physical and social harms and I was able to convince him and the mother."

- Farha, 16, from Kalyoubya

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



8%

Of girls felt safe in public spaces



24%

Female labour force participation



15%

Only 15% parliamentarians are women



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

- There is a lack of social intervention and advocacy at the national level. With the influence and support of national actors we can reach many more surrounding communities
- We want to raise the level of national support for celebrations like the international day of the girl, international child day and 16 days of activism. We want to organise roundtables and webinars with government representatives who can influence and advocate against sexual and gender-based violence.
- We will do this by carrying out all of the activities and celebrations inside of the community development association and in public spaces.

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



“I would like to thank you for your support! We have been able to improve living conditions for your sponsored children and many others. With your continued support we can help you sponsored child and others realise their rights.”

Iman Ismail
Programme Area Manager, Kalyoubya

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