

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

This past year, thousands of families received food and hygiene kits to help them through the challenges of COVID-19. And people learnt how to prevent and treat other diseases such as tuberculosis.

Girls and boys were also supported to continue their lessons and return to school with the help of tablets and much-needed supplies. And 30 early childhood centres now have water filters, giving young children and their mothers safe drinking water and improved health.

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



2,260

Families
received food
kits



3,033

Children
provided with
school supplies



3,483

Children and
mothers have
access to safe
water



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN INDIA

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

"I was afraid to take the COVID-19 vaccine because I thought I would get sick and die. Then Plan visited our community and shared information about the vaccine and the benefits. I decided to take the first dose and I was fine. I motivated my friends, and now I am fully vaccinated. Thank you Plan International."

CASE STORY: REACHING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



NAME: TARANNUM

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: READING



"I always wanted to go to a big school and do well for myself and my family, but my parents could not afford the fees and I didn't have the necessary identity papers. Plan International helped us get documents for admission, and now I am confident I can fulfil my dreams."

Meet Tarannum

Like your sponsored child, Tarannum has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Tarannum has top marks in her grade, and she's excited about what the future holds for her. She and her three siblings are all enrolled at good schools and can access government programmes, thanks to their new identity cards.

I Am Here

Tarannum's parents moved to Delhi in search of work. Her father was the only earner, and it was hard for him to make ends meet.

Government supports for income and food existed, but the family didn't have the proper identity cards. The documents were also needed for admission into secondary school.

After joining Plan International's child sponsorship program, Tarannum learned about the importance of having identity documents to claim her rights and access the supports she's entitled to.

Tarannum and her family now have their identity cards, and they can play an active role as full citizens in their community.

Family Support

COVID-19 has been hard on Tarannum. Her father lost his job, and it became a struggle to provide food for the family, even with government programmes.

While distributing face masks and hygiene kits to help keep children and families safe from the virus, Plan International also provided financial support. Through this support, Tarannum's parents were able to purchase nutritious food for her and her siblings.

Tarannum is dreaming big for her future, and her parents are giving her all the support she needs to reach her goals.



Tarannum on her way to school

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 2,710 CHILDREN IN HYDERABAD SOUTH

OUR PROJECTS IN HYDERABAD SOUTH ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



HEALTHY FAMILIES



Parents and children maintained good health and hygiene during the pandemic

Many families in Hyderabad South struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents lost their jobs and access to hygiene items was limited. Tuberculosis is also a constant threat in the area which can cause serious health issues.

More than 1,400 families received hygiene kits with face masks and soap to protect themselves from COVID-19. Kits also included sanitary pads, so girls could continue to manage their menstruation with dignity.

Through awareness events, families in 25 communities improved their knowledge on how to prevent and treat tuberculosis. Community health volunteers also visited families to check on their health and support them with referrals to local health centres for treatment.

And early childhood centres have new water filters, ensuring more than 3,400 children and mothers can access safe drinking water while they learn and play.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



More than one in three children drop out of secondary school. School closures during the pandemic meant many children missed out on their lessons, and families could not afford the needed devices for online learning.

We provided tablets to 764 children so they could access digital libraries and join online classes in the safety of their homes. And teachers also took part in training sessions on how to teach with digital technologies, helping to keep students engaged and learning while outside the classroom.

More than 3,000 children also received education kits with textbooks, reading materials, and workbooks. And through community outreach, 47 children who had dropped out rejoined their school lessons. Girls and boys can now continue their education and reach their full potential.



“Due to COVID-19, my father could not find any work and schools were closed. I found it difficult to attend online classes as my father could not afford a mobile device. At this time, Plan International supported me with a tablet that had all the lessons.”

- Sanjana (15) from Hyderabad South

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



37%

Of students drop out of school



10%

Of children are not fully immunized



27%

Of women cannot read or write



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

- School drop-out rates remain high. We will support girls and boys to return to school and raise awareness of the importance of girls' education.
- Early marriage continues to be a common practice, which is a violation of girls' rights. We will empower girls to stand up for their rights and promote gender equality.
- Young people lack access to sexual and reproductive health education. We will increase access to this knowledge so youth can make informed decisions about their lives, bodies, and futures.
- We will also support mothers with the knowledge they need to provide nutritious foods and give their children the best possible start in life.

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



“With your generous support during the difficult time of COVID-19, we were able to reach out to more than 3,000 children and families with life-saving essentials like food kits, tablets and education supplies, water filters, and awareness on tuberculosis.”

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