

## YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Youth education and employment is a key focus of Plan. Many young people are still unable to attain employment after completing their studies. Our programmes focus on providing opportunities for young people, especially women, to gain practical and employable skills.

We are also working with local governments to strengthen existing child protection programmes. New training for officials and teachers, is helping to make support services more accessible and supportive for members of the community who may need to access resources and support.

**Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Piura.**



# 1279

Teachers trained from 428 schools



# 98

Young women received business training



# 211

Governors trained to protect & report violence against girls.



## COVID-19'S IMPACT IN PERU

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

“During the pandemic, my daughter Elisa should have entered first grade, but she studied virtually at home, which was very difficult. Last year, Plan International gave her a backpack and a desk so she could continue learning at home. This year, she entered grade 3 in person.”

# CASE STORY: AN AGENT OF CHANGE AGAINST VIOLENCE



**NAME: BRENDY**

**AGE: 12 YEARS OLD**

**HOBBY: MATHEMATICS**

"I would like girls and adolescents not to be left behind and, above all, not to remain silent in the face of any situation of violence, whether physical, psychological or even within their families."

## Meet Brendy

**Like the child you sponsor, Brendy has been empowered by Plan International to change her life.** Thanks to her participation in the Empowered Girls programme, promoted by the Project for Protection Against All Kinds of Violence, she understands the important role everyone must play to eradicate gender-based violence in her community.

## Effects of sexism in the community

During 2021 alone, the Peruvian Ministry of Women reported more than 163,000 cases of violence, where psychological, physical, and sexual violence stand out among the most normalised forms.

The high levels of sexism and misogyny within the community are also reflected in the division of domestic labour, with data from The National Statistics Institute's indicating that women dedicate 23 hours more than men to unpaid domestic work. This work includes both housework, as well as caring for children or the elderly.

These harmful attitudes and the stereotypes accompanying them limit the opportunities available to girls like Brendy from a young age.

## Standing up for her rights

Brendy attends the workshops of the Empowered Girls programme every Monday, to learn to recognise violence in all its forms, breakdown sexist stereotypes, and work with other children her age on projects to promote change within their community.

They created posters aimed at educating other young girls about their rights, how to recognise situations of violence, and where to find support and resources.

Brendy also shares what she learns with her family and classmates, so that more people can prevent and report violence in all its forms.



*Brendy studies her favourite subject, maths.*

**WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 14,438 CHILDREN IN PIURA**



# OUR PROJECTS IN PIURA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



## PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE



**In Piura, 8 out of 10 victims of human trafficking are women and out of them, 6 are underage.** One of the contributing factors to the high rates of human trafficking within the region is the weakness of the child protection system. Public officials have limited training in areas of children's rights and gender-based violence, and victims often mistrust the public protection system.

Through this project, Plan aims to strengthen the public protection system, and provide better support both to officials and victims. So far, 211 officials have been trained in the areas of children's rights, digital skills, and use of an app which is used to report and manage cases within the protection system.

The programme has also worked with teachers, parents, and children, to ensure that all members of the community are aware of the services available and are confident in accessing support should they require it.

120 officials have also received specific gender-focused training, to enable them to provide sensitive and appropriate protection services and support to victims of violence and abuse.

## YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



**Only 3 out of 100 young people in Piura have access to a good job.** One of the factors limiting access to sources of formal employment for young people is the low level of education they have - less than 10% of young people complete technical education or university.

This project seeks to provide teenagers and young people, especially young women, with the training and resources needed to exercise their economic autonomy. Activities also include training teachers, orientation and education programmes with parents to encourage them to support their children's employment ambitions, and advocating with local governments to allocate funds to promote youth employment.



"I feel very happy being benefitted by the educational programme I Decide my Future because I'm going to develop my entrepreneurship and social skills while I attend school. Now I know that I can achieve what I set out to do." **-Melissa (16) from Piura**

# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



## FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



**10%**

Of teenagers 15-19 are pregnant or have children.



**10.4%**

The illiteracy rate of women 15 years and older



**18%**

Of teenage girls say their parents do not support their education



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

· For 80% of children who experience abuse, their aggressor is a member of their family. Plan will continue to work with communities to question existing social norms around violence and develop violence prevention programs.

· Around 7000 students were forced to leave school as a consequence of the pandemic. Plan will continue to provide health and education resources to enable students to return to in-person learning.

· Youth employment levels remain low in Piura. Plan will continue to develop entrepreneurial skills and opportunities for young people, with an emphasis on young women.

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



“During the pandemic, violence, dropping out of school, teenage pregnancy, and poverty increased. We are working hard to ensure that your donations reach the thousands of girls and boys in Piura, so that they are cared for, protected, and fulfill their life

**Lilian Cabrera Villar**  
Programme Area Manager, Piura

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