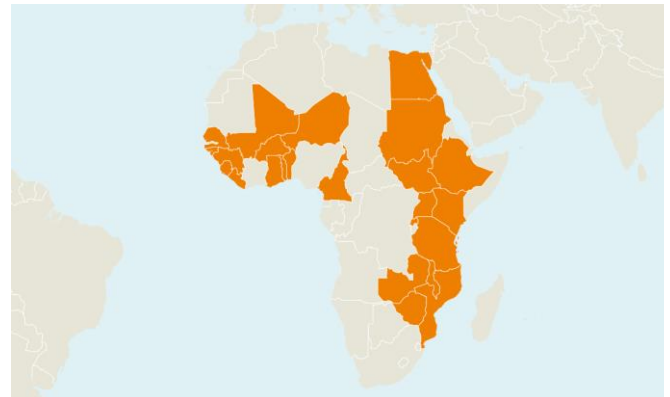


ANNUAL UPDATE

EGYPT

GIZA



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Giza. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

This year, girls, adolescents and young people in Giza acted as leaders and agents of change in their communities. The Girls Lead project empowered youth to raise awareness of gender equality, rights and climate change. In addition, parents learned how to support their children through positive parenting and child protection sessions. Young people improved their reading and writing skills, giving them pathways to staying in school. As a result of their advocacy, young people—and their families—have a brighter, more empowered future ahead.



1000

Women benefited from savings group training



1800

Youth raised awareness of climate change



288

Young people learned skills for employment

“GIRLS HAVE VITAL ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY. MY DREAM IS TO MAKE PROFOUND CHANGES IN MY COMMUNITY.”

Shrouk, 12-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: YASSMIN

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

**DREAMS TO BE: A
UNIVERSITY STUDENT**

“WE HAVE TO BE PERSISTENT BECAUSE OUR EDUCATION MEANS A BETTER FUTURE. I ENCOURAGE ALL GIRLS TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION.”

Meet Yassmin

Like the child you sponsor, Yassmin is making steps towards her goal and achieving lasting change. In the face of challenging circumstances and deep-seated cultural norms that do not prioritise education for girls, Yassmin has fought to go to school.

Facing Pressures at Home

Yassmin lives with her parents and three younger siblings, whom she helps care for. Her younger sister Basmala is four years old and has muscle atrophy.

Basmala’s treatment was expensive; as a result, the family did not have enough money for Yassmin’s education. In addition, Yassmin had to spend more time helping her mother care for Basmala. These circumstances impacted her performance at school. She was often absent and it seemed dropping out was the only way to manage the situation. Yet by being a sponsored child, Yassmin accessed the Elder Sister intervention project, which helps girls stay in school. Here, she learned techniques to study and efficiently manage time. Psychological support and monthly follow-ups at school helped Yassmin succeed.

An Advocate for Education

Yassmin has become more self-confident. She shared the importance of education with her parents, convincing them to let her stay in school. And now, she has become an active advocate of education for girls within her community.

Learning how to manage her time has given her the chance to make friends, practise her favourite hobbies and care for her sister while doing well at school.

Through her persistence, Yassmin will help create change in her community so that other girls can pursue their educational dreams.



Yassmin and her friend

OUR PROJECTS IN GIZA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Young women became leaders on climate action, learning about the damages resulting from climate change and promoting strategies for mitigating the effects.

GIRLS LEAD PROJECT



Harmful cultural norms mean that many girls in Giza face discrimination and lack access to leadership roles. Education and awareness are the keys to change.

Girls Lead is an inclusive empowerment programme with activities that teach youth about gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and climate change, while providing young people with leadership opportunities to create change and advocate for their right to a healthy future.

International Days play a major role in girls' participation in community and national levels. This year, 150 people participated in the World Women's Day, and 1,800 youth raised awareness on climate change risk reduction. Families and community members supported young people in their actions to improve opportunities for a healthier life and a more equitable future.



PROTECTION & EDUCATION

Children deserve to grow up in a healthy environment, free from violence and abuse. The Protection and Education Programme focuses on empowering children and youth with fundamental skills in reading and writing, as well as supporting families with positive parenting methods and child protective sessions.

Both adults and children learned the importance of children's rights. This year, 3,318 parents of children ages 2-7 learned positive parenting techniques. In addition, learning sessions helped 829 children increase their knowledge of their rights through art curricula. Literacy skills are foundational to school success, and 1,450 children enhanced their reading and writing skills—helping them to stay enrolled and continue their right to an education.

“I like my teacher Israa as she taught me how to write and read. Before participating in the reading and writing programme, I was too shy to reply to questions in class, but after participating I became better.” - **Mariam (11) from Egypt**



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Giza.

- Poverty is a key factor in early marriage. The Protection and Equality Programme raises awareness of the importance of education, especially for girls.
- The unemployment rate in Giza is 24% for women. Our economic empowerment projects help build marketable skills, knowledge and confidence among young people, especially women.
- 34% of women aged 20-24 have experienced psychological and physical violence. With the Girls Lead programme, adolescents and young people will learn about gender equality, sexual and reproductive health, and girls' rights.

Thank you for your continued support.



"On behalf of our Plan team in Giza and the communities, I would like to thank you for your support for the children, especially girls, and their communities."

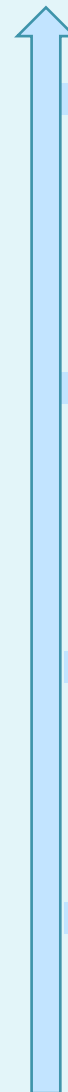
Emad Gad
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment is turned into effective long-term change – providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



OCTOBER

1450

Students improved their reading and writing skills



DECEMBER

829

Youth learned about children's rights



JANUARY

1542

Women learned about gender equality



JANUARY

1000

Women attended financial education training

