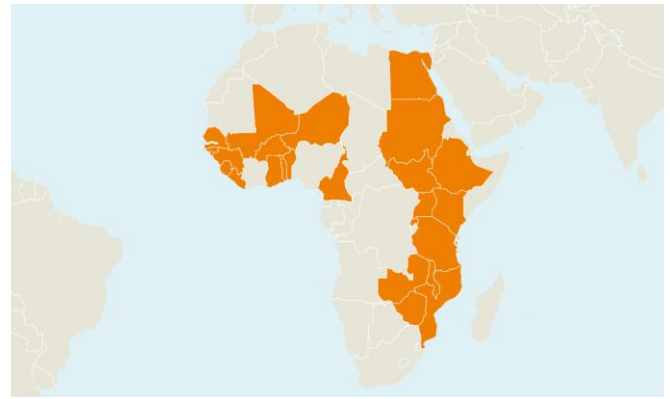


ANNUAL UPDATE

EGYPT

KALYOUBYA



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

This year, young people advocated for their health and rights. They gained valuable information and resources needed to challenge gender-based violence like early marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Youth also had leadership opportunities through vocational training and sessions on employment and entrepreneurship, helping them learn the skills they need to achieve economic independence. As a result of their advocacy, young people—and their families—have a brighter, more empowered future ahead.



1454

Parents learned about child protection



1000

People attended awareness seminars on climate change



186

Youth learned digital marketing skills

“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 KALYOUBYA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



READY FOR WORK SESSIONS



Unemployment in Kalyoubya is high, with a 64% youth unemployment rate. Many young people lack opportunities for work or self-employment. For women, obstacles include a limited access to financial services and education, as well as discriminatory social norms. The Youth Economic Empowerment project supports young people—especially women—with greater access to resources for economic independence. Through this programme, young people can learn the skills they need to achieve self-reliance and make informed decisions.

More than 190 young people attended events for brainstorming and coaching sessions.

This year, Ready for Work sessions provided resources for 180 young people wanting to seek employment, while self-employment sessions supported 166 young entrepreneurs. In addition, young people learned vocational skills such as sewing, computers, and electricity. Through these initiatives, youth are better able to achieve financial independence and act as leaders in the community.



PROMOTION OF SRHR RIGHTS



Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is practiced in Kalyoubya. In fact, 60% of females between 0-19 years old have undergone this practice, or are expected to.

Knowledge and awareness are key to empowering people—especially girls—to advocate for their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). This project aims to support all youth with information and resources to challenge harmful cultural practices such as early marriage and FGM.

Through nine youth initiatives, young people became agents of change. The Champions of Change project, brought 1,600 girls and boys together to challenge discrimination, meet with community and religious leaders, and advocate for gender equality and an end to gender-based violence.

“My family wanted me to get engaged, but I wanted to enter secondary school. I spoke to my mother, and I was able to convince her. Because of the things I learned, my dream will come true.” - **Amira (18) from Kalyoubya**



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 Kalyoubya.

- The unemployment rate among women is 21%. Through our Ready for Work sessions, vocational training and Economic Empowerment projects, we will continue supporting women with resources to achieve economic independence.
- The percentage of married women ages 15-49 who have experienced physical violence is 33%. We will continue our campaigns to increase understanding of women's and girls' rights and eliminate gender-based violence.
- The female illiteracy rate is 28%. Our commitment to reading and writing classes will support young people, especially girls, with improved literacy skills.

Thank you for your continued support.



"I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for what you have provided for children, families and communities."

Iman Ismail
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes 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



SEPTEMBER

200

Children improved their reading and writing



SEPTEMBER

1358

Adults learned positive parenting methods



MARCH

115

Youth attended vocational training



OCTOBER

201

Girls benefited from Elder Sister sessions

