

Littoral Guinea

Positive changes are happening in Littoral. Learn more about how we're supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

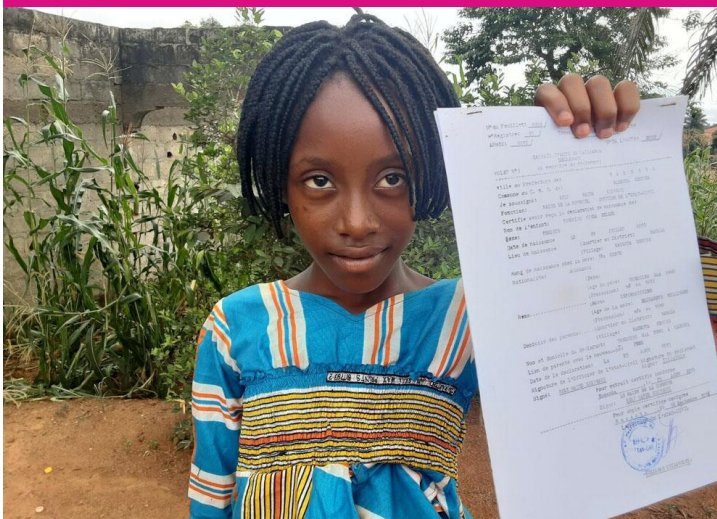
Hundreds of children now have their birth certificates which help them access services and be more secure about future opportunities. Moreover, different stakeholders from the communities, such as parents, teachers, religious leaders, and formal institutions, are coming together to support young girls in accessing opportunities like school education, sexual health and rights, trade learning etc.

Hundreds of families in Littoral continue to be affected by floods, landslides and other natural disasters. This puts them at high risk of water-borne diseases, and vulnerable to food insecurity. Families are building disaster resilience by participating in vaccination drives and receiving food and monetary support to mitigate this challenge.



Fatoumata (13) has improved latrines at home.

"Many children in our community do not have birth certificates. But during the awareness raising, the project identified and gave me one, as well as many other children." - Helene (9)



Impact in Numbers

567

children received school kits and equipment

13

families receive food and cash after floods

8

groups supported with income making activities

Education for Empowerment



NAME:

Clarice

AGE:

16 Years Old

DREAMS TO BE:

A Seamstress

“Thanks to this training, I will be a good seamstress, and take care of me and my family without relying on the income of a future husband.”



Meet Clarice

Like many girls in Guinea, Clarice is optimistic about achieving her goals and building a strong future.

Clarice started school at 6 and dreamt of becoming a doctor or a public health worker. However, over time due to the strenuous financial situation in her family, she had to discontinue her education and her dreams were squashed. Subsequently, Clarice started supporting her family with farm work and house chores. Like Clarice, numerous girls in local communities come from families with high rates of poverty and illiteracy. The basic survival needs, like food and health, require that all family members have employment or caregiving roles. This also isolates the youth from fostering a sense of community with their peers and leads to isolation and helplessness.

Informal learnings

A local non-formal learning centre NAFA, is supported by Plan International to promote learning of trades among the youth - especially for young women - so they can specialise in income-generating professions and be financially independent. In the face of her hardships, Clarice joined the learning centre to train in sewing.

A stitch in time

Clarice now has a community of peers who come from similar circumstances as her, who distribute their time between familial responsibilities and learning a new trade. They feel empowered to exercise and express their needs and rights in their family.

Their trade learning is accompanied by literary activities, like reading, math and noting basic measurements, which enable them to support the learning of their trade and also pave the way to re-enter formal schooling in the future.



Clarice and her friends practice sewing at the learning centre.

We Work With 3,702 Sponsored Children in Littoral

Projects That Support Lasting Change

Equality in Education

In Littoral, access to education is a major issue for girls and children with disabilities. High illiteracy, lack of teachers, poor school infrastructure, poverty, and physical and gender-based violence are some of the main causes.

Plans school project focuses on the participation of girls and children with disabilities in decision-making processes that affect them. Additionally, we offer alternative education and career opportunities for adolescents and out-of-school youth. The project also supports the teaching management in improving their practices, ensuring school supplies are replenished, and pupils feel safe and secure in their classrooms.

Together with 40 primary school teachers, we have implemented successful classroom practices for the students. Moreover, youth groups have opportunities for trade training which improves their access to socio-professional integration so that they and their families' financial needs are secure.



Children received school kits.

567

pupils benefited from school kits



Women received phytosanitary products to build resilience against climate crises.



21 children like Fatoumata (10) received relief support in the wake of floods.

Improving Family Health

Due to its coastal placement and climate changes, Littoral is vulnerable to floods. In its wake, these floods affect food insecurity, cause water-borne diseases, and significant material damage in the communities. This year, 670 children in 131 households were affected.

To mitigate the effects of this climate disaster, together with local institutions and communities, we are improving food security through the distribution of rice bags. Additionally, cash transfers to affected households support them in buying necessities like clothes and ensure care for victims of diarrhoea. Young girls and women also received sanitary products so that they could manage their menstrual health.

We are continually working with communities to improve their resilience, knowledge and practices on the prevention and management of epidemics during natural disasters.

"After the flood in June, Plan International, along with the local committee, supported us. They provided us with food and money to support repairing the damages."

- Fatoumata (10)

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Sponsored families receive rice and oil to curb food insecurity after being affected by floods.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

This year, we will continue raising awareness in the communities about the disadvantages of early pregnancy. We will work towards strengthening the community's knowledge on harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, and child marriage through the "My Health, My Rights" project.

To improve school enrolment rates, we will organise revision courses for exams, and remedial learning, and raise awareness among the communities about the importance of education. We will ramp up the school supplies provision so that it is not financially strenuous for families to send their children to school.

Message from Plan Staff

"Your contributions have supported many children, families and communities to meet their basic needs and reduce disparities. This year, we implemented our programs and reached 567 children including 350 girls."



Faya Albert Kamano, Programme Unit Manager

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

30 girls are enrolled in trade learning activities

2 youth centres supplied with equipments

3 community water points were rehabilitated

5 youth gain skills for employment to join workforce