

Announcement

## PROJECT SOAR & THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH + SPORTS PARTNER TO EMPOWER MOROCCAN TEEN GIRLS



**June 1, Rabat, Morocco: Project Soar and the Moroccan Ministry of Youth and Sports have launched a partnership to empower Moroccan teen girls across Morocco.** Together, they will establish Girl Power Centers in 32 Dar Chebabs (government-supported youth centers) to help keep teen girls in school and prepare them for more productive futures. Project Soar is a Moroccan non-profit organization. It provides teen girls with 35 empowerment workshops and sets up Girl Leader Clubs for girls to practice leadership skills, become advocates for girls' rights, and plan for futures as contributors to the Moroccan economy.

Project Soar is present in **29** sites across Morocco and has worked to empower **700+** Moroccan girls and trained **72** female empowerment facilitators. **2290** hours of empowerment workshops have been provided. The New York Times called aspects of the program "extraordinary." The CNN documentary, We will Rise, featuring Michelle Obama, referenced Project Soar's work.

**The new partnership with the Moroccan Ministry of Youth and Sports Project will double the number of sites where Project Soar works, training 600 hundred more Moroccan teen girls. The program will launch on June 25 and 26 with an orientation for Directors of Dar Chebabs from across the country.**

*"We imagine a future where Project Soar has reached every village in Morocco and where confident girls are the norm. Empowered girls become empowered women, ready to lift up their families, communities and the nation".*

- Maryam Montague, Founder and Director of Project Soar Morocco

*"With Project Soar, the girls have improved their performance in school. They are getting higher grades, and their parents are noticing these positive changes. Project Soar really makes a difference."*

- Zeinab, Project Soar Facilitator, El Henchane

*"The Project Soar program emphasizes that girls and boys are equal players. The program really helps build girls into future leaders. With more programs like this maybe soon we will see more women in leadership roles in government."*

Rihame, Project Soar Girl, Akka

For more information and high-resolution pictures or to organize visits to Project Soar, please contact: [giveback@projectsoarmorocco.org](mailto:giveback@projectsoarmorocco.org)



**About Project Soar:** Project Soar is non-profit organization registered in Morocco. The organization provides 35 workshops to empower teen girls to be the leaders of today and tomorrow. The program is based off the 5 Pillars of Empowerment, which embody the belief that every girl should have the opportunity to know her Value, Voice, Body, Rights and Path. Only girls who stay in school can participate in Project Soar.



**About MYS:** The Ministry of Youth and Sports in Morocco is dedicated to improving the status of youth, childhood and women's affairs by supporting and coordinating the activities of child and youth organisations. MYS also contributes to the development of educational programs for children in summer camps and sports. They also implement government policy in the areas of youth, sports, childhood, and women's rehabilitation. MYS has been supporting Project Soar since December 2019, and works to fund Project Soar in a Box Satellite sites in Dar Chebabs across Morocco.