

Announcement

TEEN GIRLS IN MOROCCO SURGE FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT DURING COVID-19 WITH PROJECT SOAR



November 5, Marrakech, Morocco: Project Soar launches the kickoff to its fourth year of empowerment programming for Moroccan teen girls with rights education, team building activities, and meditation on Sunday, November 1. In the Project Soar headquarters safe space, new girls and program graduates gathered socially-distanced and masked to register for the 2020-2021 cohort, following all COVID-19 safety precautions upon arrival. A total of ___ Girl Squads will be established across Morocco for this extracurricular program led by local women Empowerment Facilitators 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 25 empowerment workshops and establishes 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 **43** sites across Morocco and **5** sites in Uganda, and has worked to empower **2,386** Moroccan girls and trained **174** female empowerment facilitators. **119,300** hours of empowerment 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.

With 20 million girls in secondary school across the globe threatened to permanently drop out of school due to the global pandemic according to the Malala Fund (April 2020), teen girl empowerment is crucial. Project Soar will train seven hundred more Moroccan teen girls this year through weekly empowerment workshops such as "I have the Right to Pursue an Education" and "I am as Valuable as a Boy".

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-« Maryam Montague, Founder and Executive Director, Project Soar »

"I had so much fun at the orientation. It was an opportunity for me to meet new girls who became my friends now. I also had the chance to gain some knowledge about things I didn't know or I am shy to talk about, such as period subjects. We

talked about Meditation that I didn't know about either, and it was very helpful and meaningful for me."

-« Fatima Ezzahra, 16 years old, Project Soar Girl ».

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For more information and high-resolution pictures or to organize visits to Project Soar, please contact: giveback@projectsoar.org



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About Project Soar: *Project Soar is a non-profit organization registered in Morocco. The organization provides 32 workshops to empower teen girls to be the leaders of today and tomorrow. The program is based on 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.*