

Project Update - June 2018

▶ Super Girls

- ▶ The Super Girls have been learning about food and nutrition. In preparation for Eid they made ma'amoul, a cookie made from semolina flour and various fruits and nuts, and often made and eaten around holidays. The group also made a trip to the super market, and each Super Girl was given a small amount of money to purchase their healthy snack for the day.
- ▶ One of the most impactful lessons this month focused on forgiveness of self, and how to accept traumatic events as things that occurred outside of their control. This lesson was especially relevant as many of the Super Girls left behind friends and family, and experience different forms of survivor guilt.

▶ ICDL Technical Training

- ▶ The current group of students has been studying Microsoft PowerPoint, using the ICDL textbooks purchased earlier this year. The students are progressing faster than the first group and the instructor expects more of them to be able to pass the certification exam at the end of the course.
- ▶ Word of mouth has increased interest in this class to the point where there is now a waitlist of 30 women. Participants are sharing how useful the class is, and specifically how great Iven is as a teacher.

▶ Hair and Beauty Training

- ▶ The women in Hair and Beauty Training continued to study different hairstyling techniques, with a focus on how to cut hair. This program is so popular that the waitlist now has 80 women on it, ready and waiting for the next course to start.

▶ Women's Empowerment Training

- ▶ The courses for both Women's Empowerment 101 and Gender Based Violence Awareness and Advocacy (for Teenage Boys) are nearing the end of their 3 month terms.
- ▶ The course for Teenage Boys has had difficulty sustaining the attendance target of 20 participants, with attendance varying between 5-15 participants each session. Over the course of the term, the GBV instructor and program coordinator have worked on several different strategies to address attendance issues including adjusting the schedule, providing transportation, and offering food. The instructor also restructured the course to be more interactive and interesting for the age group. The 5 individuals who attended consistently will be recognized at the graduation ceremony in July.

▶ Project Finances (through June 2018):

