

Project Update - August 2019

Education Support Programs: Super Girls

- This month the final cohort of Super Girls wrapped up, and the 38 girls participating were proud and excited as they showed their families what they had learned in the program during the graduation party at the end of the month. The graduation included song and dance performances, demonstrations of yoga and breathing exercises, as well as a gallery showing. We are always amazed by the progress that the girls make over the course of this six-month program.

Technical Training for Women and Girls

- Unfortunately at the start of the month, there was a break-in at CRP during which all of the computers in our computer lab were stolen. After returning from the Eid Break mid-August, we have fortified the security system and have been working to source and install new computers. Due to this, the ICDL and coding classes have been on hold, and they will resume at the beginning of September.

Women's Economic Empowerment Program

- In August, the Beauty program featured trainings in keratin treatments and hair dying techniques. Participants were able to practice on volunteers and each other to learn the careful steps for both chemical-based processes. Beauty also had henna sessions during which experienced participants taught their peers how to design and apply henna.

Women's Empowerment 101 and GBV Awareness and Advocacy

- The final four groups of these two courses have continued with strong attendance throughout the month. They have covered topics such as the meaning of gender, conflict management, human rights, and self care. The coordinator for the program at the new Downtown Center reports that she has especially appreciated seeing the women support each other. One participant said that when the trainer asked her to give a presentation for the class, she was nervous, but after encouragement she followed through and feels more confident in her abilities to express herself.

Leadership in Action

- The participants in our community advocacy program focused on planning their community events, which will be held in September. The two groups will implement projects to benefit the elderly and children with disabilities. In addition to weekly meetings, participants have organized ad hoc sessions in order to have adequate time to plan. In conversations they have had with other local organizations to coordinate, they even caught the attention of a local news station and will be featured on their morning news broadcast soon.

Project Finances (through July):

