



# PROJECT SOAR

Empowering Teenage Girls to be Leaders of Tomorrow

781

Moroccan girl beneficiaries

1341 hours of academic  
programming and support

553 girls

participating in  
Project Soar in a Box

51 Female facilitators

1517 hours of empowerment  
workshops

313 Volunteers

## The Problem

Although education is obligatory in Morocco until age 16, socio-economic barriers often get in the way of making education equal and accessible for girls. Public schools in Morocco lack resources and still suffer from gender disparity. According to the World Bank, in 2012 the net enrollment rate in lower secondary school was 79% for boys in urban areas but only 26% for girls in rural areas. When girls drop out of school, they become vulnerable to early marriage and early motherhood. Of concern, the rate of girl marriages in Morocco is increasing, not decreasing.

## The Solution

Project Soar provides a 40 workshop empowerment curriculum in many sites across Morocco, reaching over 240 girls, as well as academic support courses. Additionally at the headquarters in Marrakech, Project Soar offers critical after-school programming to develop a strong sense of self and increase their chances of academic success. There are also a range of activities available such as sports, a reading club, and a safe space for the girls to complete homework, play games, and spend time with friends.

## About Project Soar

Project Soar is non-profit 501(c)3 organization, registered in the U.S. and Morocco. The organization was founded in 2013 by Morocco-based American social entrepreneurs, Maryam Montague and Chris Redecke. The Flagship location is based in a semi-rural village on the outskirts of Marrakech. Through our expansion program, Project Soar in a Box, we aim to empower more of the world's underserved adolescent girls. Project Soar in a Box is based off the Project Soar 5 Pillars of Empowerment, which embody our beliefs that every girl should have the opportunity to know her Value, Voice, Body, Rights and Path.

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# Project Soar in a Box

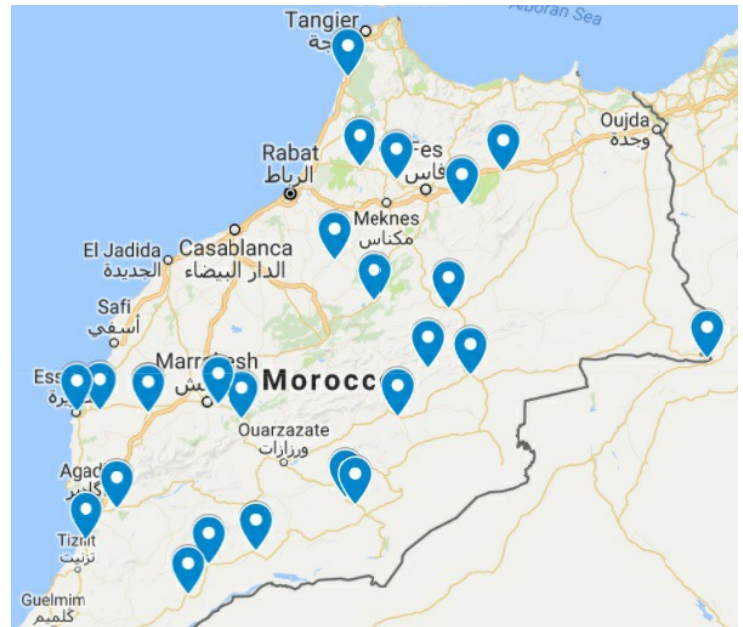
Project Soar provides 40 workshops to empower teenage girls in the developing world.

## A Project Soar Girl...

1. **Knows her Value.** She is confident, has high self-esteem, and respects her own worth and potential.
2. **Knows her Voice.** She communicates her thoughts clearly, resolves conflict effectively and advocates for herself productively.
3. **Knows her Body.** She understands changes in her body and values her own health and wellness.
4. **Knows her Rights.** She embraces her right to an education and understands her right to be free from exploitation, violence and forced marriage.
5. **Knows her Path.** She has tools to envision her future, sets goals assertively and conducts action planning with ease.

## Project Soar in a Box Sites:

Aghbalou, Ait IsHaq, Akka, Amellago, Douar Laadam, Essaouira, Figuig, Henchane, El Menzel, Khemis Sahel, Medeghra, Midelt, N'zalat Bni Amar, Oulad Teima, Ouled Yahya Lagrayer, Sebt Ait Rehou, Sidi Bouzid, Sidi Slimane, Taghzoute N'Ait Atta, Tata, Taza, Tighdouine, Tissint, and Zagora



## Quotes from Project Soar Girls

"The most important thing I learned was that I have value that I know and appreciate. I am confident, have potential, and am capable and determined. I can achieve all my dreams. Nothing will stop me."  
- Hind Eldagari, 16

"I want to be a Project Soar Girl because I want to confront my fears, I want to feel strong and capable of expressing my own views. I want to learn from my mistakes and have a voice."  
- Khadija Satour, 14

"I learned that self-confidence is the basis of everything I want to achieve. I learned how to give myself value, how to respect myself, trust in my abilities, be collaborative, social, and how to believe in my abilities."  
- Maryam El Joundi, 16

## Project Soar Partners

Project Soar has been awarded a grant from the U.S. - Middle East Partnership Initiative which supports the Project Soar in a Box expansion. There is also a collaboration with the U.S. Peace Corps in Morocco. Peace Corps volunteers and their counterparts are facilitating the Project Soar in a Box empowerment workshops in their semi-rural and rural sites around Morocco. Be Girl partners with Project Soar through the donation of Be Girl Pads, which the girls receive during the empowerment curriculum.

## Project Soar in a Box and MEPI Upcoming Events

- Project Soar in a Box Implementation, begins October 1, 2017
- Academic Support Courses, begin October 1, 2017
- Training of Trainers with 25 facilitators, November 7 - 13, 2017
- Project Soar Empowered Girls Club, April 2018
- Project Soar Leadership Camp, May 2018
- *What is an Empowered Girl Film*, September 2018

