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Ruwwad Egypt expanded its operations and outreach programs in

2016.

The number of people **youth, children and mothers** benefiting from and volunteering at Ruwwad Egypt reached



1260

the first Ruwwad graduation ceremony, the first micro-venture fund that financed 20 small businesses in the area, the first large projects for the Ruwwad Kitchen. So many other firsts in the personal stories of the Ruwwad community. In five years of hard work, Ruwwad Lebanon's scholars have volunteered more than a thousand hours of their time every week, and Ruwwad is ready to explore new initiatives that will build on its deep knowledge of the community and its strong relationships with all the local stakeholders. Exploring and testing new projects that will have an even further impact on our community is at the heart of Ruwwad's entrepreneurial spirit. In 2016, everyone involved in Ruwwad was an entrepreneur at heart.

Chairwoman's Note,
Samer Gharaebh



THE
YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT
PROGRAM





Many youth centric activities were conducted in **2016**:

59 received scholarships and attended **47** cultural enrichment sessions

2 groups of youth also graduated from the business skills training program;

10 capacity-building workshops were held;

and the social entrepreneurship program was launched, benefiting **9** young people.

59

new youth scholars

39

graduates

45

youth scholars received business skills training

9

youth scholars received social

47

cultural enrichment sessions (Dardashat) were held

10

capacity-building workshops were held



THE **YOUTH** EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Eslam Ali

“There was a shift in the way I see things. Before joining Ruwwad, I used to spend all my time between my faculty and my home. Now, I dedicate my time to volunteering at Ruwwad. I realized I have a great passion for volunteering and I felt I have the opportunity to work on developing myself. Take animation: I was given the opportunity to learn it, and I am finding that this skill is very helpful in a very competitive marketplace.”

CHILD

DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM



A group of children are playing outdoors on a dirt field, throwing and catching colored powder. The powder is in shades of pink, yellow, and green. The children are wearing white t-shirts and dark pants. The background shows a fence and some trees.

Under the theme of
**“Healthy Food and
Personal Hygiene,”**

200 children participated in the winter club and **120** children in the summer club, both of which focused on helping the children to express their opinions and views through art.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

200 repeat children

646 outreach children

1000 academic support sessions

420 art sessions (drawing, story-telling, music and clay work)

SPECIAL THANKS

go to our Child Development Program partners, who helped us accomplish so much this year:

Fun and Art



Elforsan Club



The Feeding Program

60,000 meals were offered over the course of 10 months

Heya Misr For Girls Empowerment

10 girls

attended sessions on healthy nutrition, self-defense and character-building



Misriyati

Ruwwad staff were trained on how to work with children and solve any problems they face

Adef Camp



Yohka Anna

15 children took part in sessions on reading and story-telling



Safari Program

30 children participated in the Safari Program and received information on different cultures and countries



Shireen Kareem

"We dream big, and we work on making our dreams come true. On the day Ruwwad started work in Ezbet Khairallah, I knew I will learn a lot, from reading and writing, to managing my time and priorities, to helping the children learn and grow. It all uplifts me."



Omar Fawzy:

"I love learning new skills and discovering new passions. In Ruwwad, I learned videography using the simplest means. Today I can capture videos on my mobile, and edit them like an expert. My friend in Izzbet Khairallah has a band and sings on important matters. With my new passion, I will create a film to support his new band."



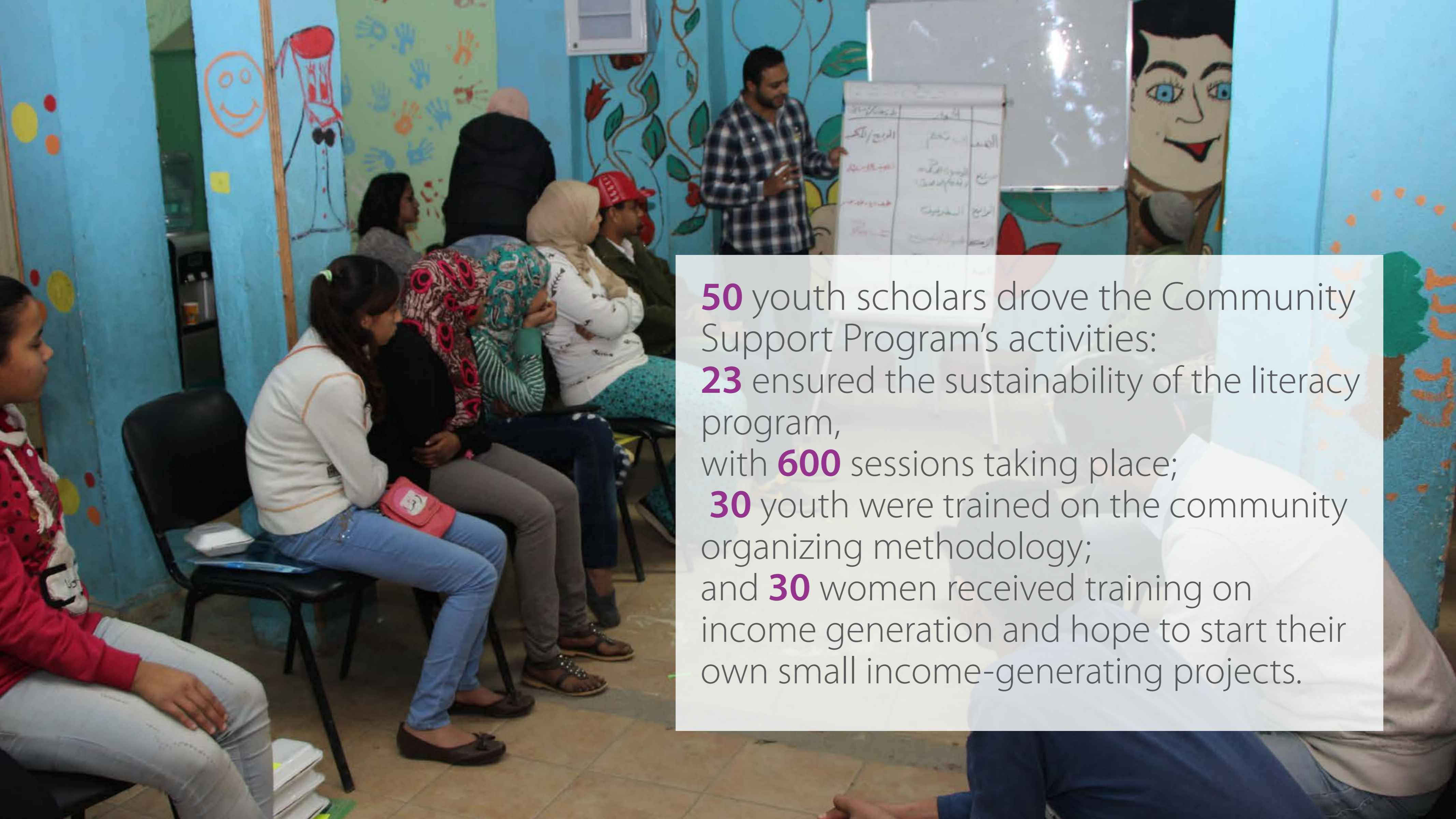
Aya Kareem

"As a girl, I am treated as an equal at Ruwwad. I have always known my rights, but it is very encouraging to be able to practice them: to go out, travel, learn and play. I'd like to think—I dream, in fact—that one day I am able to establish my own Ruwwad and give support to the community the way I have been trained to do since becoming a scholar/volunteer at Ruwwad.»



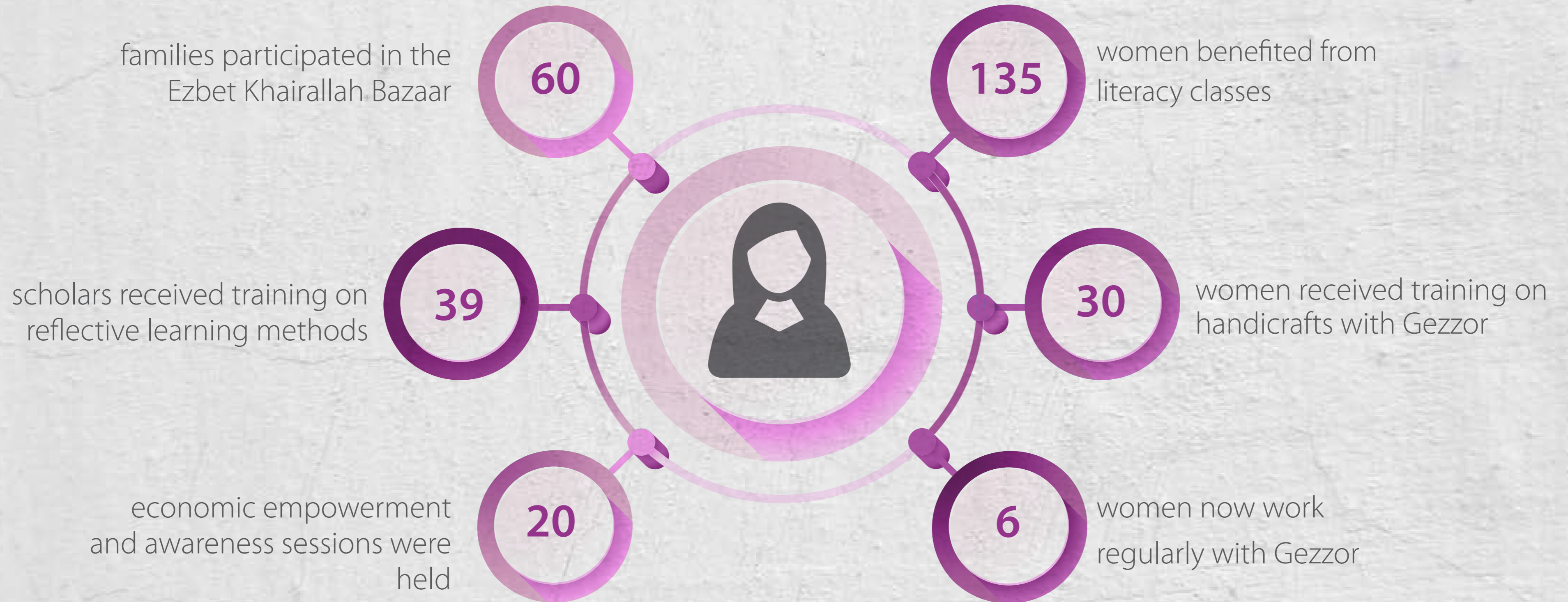
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT
PROGRAM





50 youth scholars drove the Community Support Program's activities:
23 ensured the sustainability of the literacy program,
with **600** sessions taking place;
30 youth were trained on the community organizing methodology;
and **30** women received training on income generation and hope to start their own small income-generating projects.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM



SPECIAL THANKS

to our Community
Support **partners**
during **2016**

- Arab Digital Expression Foundation
- Mesaha for Development
- Tawasol
- Takween
- Gezzor
- Ambassadors for Dialogue
- Adult Education Authority



COMMUNITY
**INITIATIVES
AND CAMPAIGNS**



Youth Empowerment



12 sessions were organized by the New Youth Scholars to support the youth who were not accepted as part of the scholarship fund. These sessions covered the importance of dialogue, negotiations, CV writing, interview tips and computer skills.

Asmaa Abdelsalam

“We don’t always realize what we are capable of, until we are given different opportunities. I got used to sitting next to my husband in front of the TV, and asking him to read the subtitles for me. Things have changed after I joined the literacy program in Ruwwad. Today, I can read on my own. As small as it may sound, but I feel stronger... I feel independent.”



Sportive Youth

Space was created for youth from Ezbeh and other areas to play sports; **16** sessions were held with **90** youth participating in the initiative.

I Learn



Through this initiative, **13** sessions were held, aiming at improving English language communication skills for **25** beneficiaries

I Learn



14 sessions about health and sexual awareness for adolescents were held, benefiting **40** children and youth.

Road Improvement



**Rasha
Shaban**

“There’s a special feeling associated with success and independence that stem from self-exploration. In Ruwwad, I learned that I am valuable, that I can do things to help my family. I work on embroidery and knitting, and this makes me feel successful and productive.»