

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD MARRIAGE IN CHICHAOUA (MAROC)

Coordinating association

Anaouat pour femme et enfant - Morocco

Partner association

Association for the Development & Enhancement of Women (ADEW) - Egypt

Targeted area

Chichaoua's province, Maroc

Context

In Chichaoua, especially in rural areas, 70 per cent of girls under the age of 18 and 29 per cent of girls under 16 drop out of school to marry, according to the « Child to Child » Programme of the Delegation of Education of the Province of Chichaoua. According to the same source, marriages in these areas are customary and are not registered to the civil authorities, which deprives wives of their rights to pension, in case of divorce, and to inheritance, in case of the spouse's death. In addition, children who are born as a result of these marriages are considered illegitimate and are not registered to the civil registry. The source adds that 80% of these girls are in a divorce situation. Moreover, marriages of young girls often have adverse effects on their health and well-being.

Objective

The campaign aims at reducing the number of marriages among girls under the age of 18 through targeting judges, religious leaders, local authorities and parents in three rural communities by raising their awareness of the consequences of child marriages. The campaign also aims to provide support and opportunities for young girls who have been married and those at risk of early marriage.

Activities

The campaign will consist of holding a press conference to obtain the media's support and realizing meetings with religious leaders, judges and local government's officials. In addition, awareness-raising activities will be carried out on weekly markets and in schools on education and income generating activities as alternatives to girls' early marriages.

Start date

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For more information

<http://www.anaouatasso.com/>

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