TECH Girls

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, Yemen

Connecting People, Creating Understanding

TechGirls is an international exchange that empowers teenage girls from the Middle East and North Africa to pursue careers in science and technology. This program builds on the U.S. global commitment to advance the rights of women and girls around the world.

Empowerment

Each year, more than 25 TechGirls engage with their American counterparts in the classroom and the community, working on their technical and leadership skills. The girls participate in iD TechCamp, an interactive technology and computer camp. Top technology company leaders mentor the girls, expanding their networks and helping them prepare to compete in an often male-dominated field. The girls also take part in community service activities.

Community

Once the TechGirls return home, they present their ideas, experiences, and action plans to their schools and communities. Monthly webinars take place with the girls to reinforce skills learned during the exchange and encourage progress on individual projects. Alumnae of TechGirls have organized conferences, workshops and clubs. In-person and through social media, they influence hundreds more students to become TechGirls and promote a positive vision for their countries and the region.

Network

A network is emerging from Morocco to Jordan, Egypt to Yemen of TechGirls and the people they influence through technology.

Yara from Egypt, #TG2012 Since being part of the inaugural TechGirls class in 2012, Yara has been teaching grade school youth 3D modeling and mobile app development. Yara credits TechGirls with helping her gain admission to a United States college.

Sondos from Jordan, #TG2013 Before Sondos came to TechGirls, she had already been developing a mobile phone baby monitor—an idea other TechGirls continue to advance. Since TechGirls, Sondos pioneered a program to teach girls how to code when they have limited access to computers.

Khadija and Radia from Morocco, #TG2012 and #TG2013 Khadija and Radia live on opposite ends of Morocco. Two years after her time in TechGirls, Khadija designed a TedX event called "The Power of Ideas" with the help of the U.S. Embassy in Rabat. She reached out to Radia, a 2013 alumna, to present on TechGirls.

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