



Happy holidays from Education For All Morocco!



As we close out the year and prepare to celebrate the holiday season, we want to reflect on some of the memorable moments of 2024 and look ahead to an exciting 2025. This year, Education For All Morocco (EFAM) achieved some incredible milestones, thanks to your unwavering support and belief in our mission.

Following the challenges of the 2023 earthquake, we successfully ran temporary operations and began planning to rebuild our lost capacity. These efforts ensured that our boarding houses could continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students.

We also celebrated the remarkable achievements of our graduates, many of whom are now pursuing their dreams at university. Additionally, we embarked on an exciting new collaboration, which you can read about below.

What's even more inspiring is that we now empower over 310 girls in Morocco with access to education—an extraordinary increase from before. This growth underscores the success of our mission to create pathways to brighter futures and transform lives through education.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to:

- Share the transformative stories of the girls whose lives you've helped change.
- Strengthen partnerships and launch new initiatives to further our mission.

None of these developments and progress would be possible without you. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and believing in the life-changing potential of education.

From all of us at EFAM, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season and a New Year filled with hope, joy, and shared purpose.

With gratitude,

The EFA Morocco Team

New partnership with ASJFR

In October's newsletter, we shared how the post-earthquake landscape in Morocco highlighted an operational risk for EFAM. Recognising this challenge, we set out to diversify our efforts in Morocco to reduce this risk while at the same increasing our impact and supporting more girls to access education.



We are proud to announce that EFAM has been able to diversify its impact through a new collaboration with Association Pour La Scolarisation De La Jeune Fille Rurale (ASJFR), an organisation dedicated to empowering girls from rural Morocco through education.

Founded by the inspiring Touria Binebine, ASJFR operates a boarding house in Sidi Youssef, Marrakech. This incredible facility provides safe housing and educational support for over 230 girls, many travelling up to five hours from remote regions to access secondary school education. Facing recent funding challenges, ASJFR was at risk of having to limit its capacity, leaving girls without the opportunity to continue their studies.

Through this collaboration with ASJFR, EFAM will provide operational support and funding for 120 girls, marking an exciting new chapter in our mission to provide increased access to education for marginalised girls from rural and underserved communities.

We are thrilled to embark on this journey with ASJFR, while continuing to be committed to AEFA. Look out for updates to our supporters and donors on our website or in the next newsletters!



Meet the AEFA team

Association Education For All (AEFA) has grown this year and we are excited to introduce you to the new Project Director and the Volunteer Coordinator, who work tirelessly to directly impact the work done on the ground in Morocco.



Nancy Crann - Programme Director

In 2023 Nancy arrived in Marrakech to work with several NGOs providing relief and rebuilding post-earthquake including work as Program Manager delivering critical shelter and water infrastructure projects in the High Atlas mountains.

In September 2024, Nancy joined AEFA as the in-country Program Director responsible for leading AEFA's operations in Morocco and directing rebuilding efforts. With an extensive business background, Nancy continues to strengthen the internal business processes and help AEFA continue to operate efficiently and effectively.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to guide AEFA through this challenging period of rebuilding and future growth. I am inspired every day by these bright, ambitious, strong young women and our dedicated team who have tackled every challenge this year with enthusiasm and determination. Their ability to see the last year as both a challenge and an opportunity for the future is admirable and a testament to our commitment to these girls, their families and Morocco."

Karima Targaoui - Volunteer Coordinator

Karima Targaoui was born and lives in France, with Moroccan and Berber origins. She has worked in IT for over 15 years and currently holds a part-time position as an IT business analyst in the healthcare sector in France.



Karima has been involved with AEFA since its early days and was one of its first volunteers. In 2009, she spent 18 months in Talat N'Yacoub, helping to establish AEFA's very first boarding house in this remote area. During this time, she worked on building awareness of the organization in the region and setting up the operations of the house to ensure its success.

As Volunteer Coordinator Karima plays a key role in the recruitment, onboarding, and coordination of our diverse team of volunteers. Karima ensures that volunteers are well-prepared and aligned with the organisation's values. She also fosters an environment of collaboration and inclusivity, allowing volunteers to maximise their impact and contribute meaningfully to AEFA's incredible programs.

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Announcing new scholarship programme

Education For All Morocco (EFAM) is delighted to announce that the Barzilai Foundation has generously granted four scholarships to EFAM students for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year. These scholarships will benefit two students from Association Education For All (AEFA) and two from the Association Pour La Scolarisation De La Jeune Fille Rurale (ASJFR).

EFAM is delighted to announce that the Barzilai Foundation has generously granted us four scholarships starting this academic year. The scholarships have been awarded to two students from AEFA and two from ASJFR.

The scholarships, which provide tuition and housing support for the full four-year duration of the student's degree programs at SIST (Associate College of Cardiff Metropolitan University, Morocco), represent a life-changing opportunity for these young women to pursue UK-accredited degrees.

The Barzilai Foundation believes that sometimes a person's future can be decided not by their effort or desire, but by circumstances beyond their control that derail their path forward. They aim to help people overcome those challenges and excel beyond.

We are deeply grateful to the Barzilai Foundation for their generosity and to SIST for providing an inspiring platform for our students to achieve their dreams. We look forward to celebrating the successes of our new scholars and sharing their journey with you.



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First aid and safety training



At the start of this month 12 dedicated team members from AEFA, including house mothers and other staff, completed their first aid and fire safety training at Kasbah du Toubkal.

The training focused on equipping AEFA staff with the skills and knowledge to handle emergencies and ensure the safety and well-being of their students. The training has significantly boosted their confidence in managing safety challenges in our boarding houses.

Well done to our incredible AEFA team!

AEFA shines at the Royal Mansour Christmas market



On the 14th of December, the Royal Mansour hosted their annual Christmas Market. Guests enjoyed festive stalls, specially designed menus, and the opportunity to support lots of brilliant causes, including AEFA.

As one of the four charities supported at this festive event, seven of the AEFA girls, three alumni, a housemother, and three staff members came together to sell goods, provide henna services, gift-wrap purchases, and share the AEFA story.



The atmosphere was festive and bright, and even Santa himself dropped by to say hello to the people! We are incredibly grateful to Royal Mansour Marrakech for hosting this wonderful event, and for choosing AEFA as one of the supported charities. Their support, and the enthusiasm of their guests, made this a brilliant day of community and celebration.

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