

A Neighborhood Kiosk

Abeer Moussad is a 28-year-old widow who lives in Sharona, a remote village in Upper Egypt. Abeer married Walid Monier in 2013. Their lodging is a single room in Walid's family home. Walid's was as a day laborer, working at odd jobs. His earnings were barely enough to feed the family. In 2015, Walid suffered a heatstroke and passed away.

Abeer's in-laws allowed the family to keep their room. Her only income was a 300 EGP (\$20) monthly widow's pension. The income was not enough to cover food. Abeer did send Samuel and Monier to a government school where the quality of the education is poor. She could not pay for tutoring which is the principal schooling track due to the collapse of the Egyptian educational system.

In dire need to earn a living, Abeer enrolled in a hair styling course and opened a small salon. Sadly, she was unsuccessful. Undeterred, Abeer then opened a small home-based food kiosk, but could not afford to keep the store stocked. These failures devastated Abeer's motivation and entrepreneurial spirit. She became frustrated and depressed. Abeer's confidence was further stripped as her community treated her as an outcast.

Finding Freedom through Friendship (FFF) and the ***Council of Services and Development (CSD)*** met Abeer in July. After discussing project options, it was decided that reopening the food kiosk would be the best choice.

FFF & CSD believe in the holistic approach to instill independence and confidence at both the emotional and physical state so the individual can live to their utmost potential. This was achieved with the regular visits of Marian, the team facilitator. Gently, Marian walked with Abeer to successfully overcome her emotional battles.

Abeer excitedly says, "FFF taught me how to manage money and how to use it to earn more. Before, I used to think about today's meal only. I never had any plan for the future. In fact, the word 'future' didn't exist in my life." In addition to improving her economic status, her social acceptance was also a key triumph.



*Beauty is in the eye
of the beholder
And like a butterfly,
Abeer's transformation
is beautiful!*

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