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It wasn't long ago that the only place Hadir could call home was the dangerous streets of Cairo. A far cry from the newly opened rehabilitation centre where the sixteen year old mother is now raising her baby son, Ahmed.

Soundbite : HADIR, STREET MOTHER

"I don't know what I would have done if there hadn't been this centre. The staff was so helpful before and during my delivery. I don't know what I would have done without them."

The centre is the first of its kind in Egypt. Set up by a local NGO using funds from UNICEF in Germany, it offers a protective environment for the most vulnerable, and most stigmatized of the youngsters driven by poverty and family breakdown onto the streets of Egypt's major cities.

It's also a place where pregnant girls and young mothers can learn new skills – like hairdressing, for example – that could one day provide them with an income, and the means to support their children.

The centre provides medical care, with a resident nurse, and regular checkups by a visiting doctor. Also provided are awareness raising sessions, during which the girls learn child-rearing skills, and about the various dangers that they face on the streets.

The centre can provide for up to 30 young mothers and their children. But there are many more like them who are desperately in need of such help.

Soundbite: SALMA WAHBA, ASSISTANT PROJECT OFFICER (ADOLESCENCE)

We need to do more projects and more programmes out in the streets, trying to reach those girls that feel that they have no other alternative, that feel they can't get out of what they're in. We need to reach out to these girls more before we begin establishing more of these types of homes.

Apart from anything else, this is a place where youngsters can be themselves – free of the dangers that confront them in their everyday environment. For some it could also represent the chance of a fresh start, a return into the mainstream society that once rejected them.

In Egypt, this is Simon Ingram reporting for UNICEF
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Shotlist:

1. Close up baby Ahmed crying in cot
2. Medium shot Hadir picking up her baby
3. SOUNDBITE: (Arabic) Hadir, young street mother
4. Wide shot external shot of the centre
5. Close up sign saying "Thanks to Mrs. Ann Kathrin Linsenhoff Germany"
6. Medium shot Nesrine arranging clothes in locker
7. Medium shot cooking and washing dishes inside the centre's kitchen
8. Various practicing hair skills
9. Close up nurse filling medicine in cabinet
10. Medium shot medical staff treating a girl's wounds inside the centre's clinic
11. Wide shot HIV/AIDS awareness session
12. Close up girl listening to awareness session
13. Medium shot social worker illustrates how HIV/AIDS is transmitted
14. Medium shot young street mother with her children playing a computer game
15. Close up mothers
16. Medium shot mothers with their children in the centre's reception
17. Wide shot two street mothers playing table tennis
18. Wide shot
19. young street mothers with their children singing and dancing
20. Close up child dancing
21. Zoom out child dancing