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General **Director's** Message

Dear Partners:

Improving the quality of life of the poor and marginalized, empowering citizens economically, and providing opportunities for sustainable decent livelihoods for fellow citizens living in the most impoverished Egyptian special attention to smallholder farmers. villages and slum communities have been the working pillars of CEOSS since its foundation in the 1950s

CEOSS operates through setting executive plans for its various units and programs, with ensured relevance to the needs and demands of the work communities, in order to fulfill its mission practically on the ground. Throughout the last year, CEOSS has fulfilled a number of achievements that contributed to disseminating its to develop and serve the Egyptian Citizen, and in turn mission to more than two million Egyptian citizens living develop and serve our beloved Egypt to the best that in the poor villages, slum communities and impoverished can be. districts, regardless of their gender, religion or belief.

In accordance with the State's policy, that currently puts special focus on the development of education, training, environment, housing, health and People with Disabilities (PWDs), CEOSS managed, through and rehabilitation programs, to provide its services to over 300,000 citizens with the aim of improving Since the State encourages young entrepreneurs to establish micro-enterprises, contributing to reducing the unemployment phenomenon and promote local industry, CEOSS has provided more than 70,000 loans to youth to establish their new projects or to develop their existing ones. This is in addition to an array of local, national and international dialogue activities and programs conducted by CEOSS' Forum for Intercultural Dialogue (FID); and the publications

adopted by CEOSS' Dar El Thagafa (DET) publishing house, that contribute to enriching the Egyptian mentality; and CEOSS' Agricultural Programs that give

As we always do, we share our achievements and successes throughout the year, to showcases the volume of activities and programs that CEOSS has implemented; and the numbers of their beneficiaries. CEOSS will continue to strive for increasing the numbers of Egyptian citizens benefiting from its programs over the coming years with the aim of sustaining its mission

Finally, I am pleased to express my appreciation to all the ladies and gentlemen, chairperson and members of CEOSS' Board of Directors, for their continuous efforts and support to all CEOSS' staff and activities; as well as the members of CEOSS' general assembly; colleague CEOSS' staff: and volunteers across the various work

I would also like to express my special gratitude to their excellency the Ministers of Social Solidarity, Culture, Economics and International Collaboration; Education; Agriculture and Land Reclamation; Environment; Local Development; Man Power; Endowment; Interior; Governors of Cairo, Giza, Oalyoubia, Beni Sueif, Minia, Assiut, Luxor, and others; and to the various political, public and executive leaderships and figures; and all our partners from the private sector.

> Rev. Andrea 3ki, Ph.D President - CEOSS

Local Development

Education and Civic Education Program

10.523

2.003

2.340

28,970

12.693

56,529

Persons benefited from **Education and Civic**





- Concludede a number of contractual partnerships between the NGOs and the public and private sectors (i.e. General Authority for Adult Education, Ministry of Communication, Sisco Company, Nahdet Misr NGO, New Generation Schools and Heart to Heart Institution) to contribute to promoting educational level and develop the target schools.
- Developed the educational process of 48 governmental schools in Cairo, Beni Suef, Qalyoubia, and Sohag through the implementation of several interventions. These interventions included building the capacities of the staff, improving the students' participation in educational activities, developing the infrastructure, and linking the school to the community.
- In cooperation with Vodafone Egypt Foundation for Community Development, CEOSS continued to work in the "Education is Power" Schools' initiative in Sohag. This initiative targeted the development of 28 elementary schools as well as eliminating the literacy of others; during this year, the following key achievements too place:
- Geographical expansion through working in Tahta city to develop the the educational process in 13 elementary schools.
- Developing the main tools for the educational process which included establishing 25 computer labs with 107 computers, developing 25 resources rooms for PWDs, 25 libraries and 25 playground., as well as providing sport, musical and art tools required to activate the school activities.

5,722
Persons benefited from examination, testing and medication

I,178
Children
were cured of
malnutrition

335
Children benefited from the process of extracting health insurance cards

Health Program

1,268

Women had their awareness raised

Nomen benefited from pregnancy follow-up and family planning services

30,355
Perswons were empowered to obtain their health rights

Key Achievements

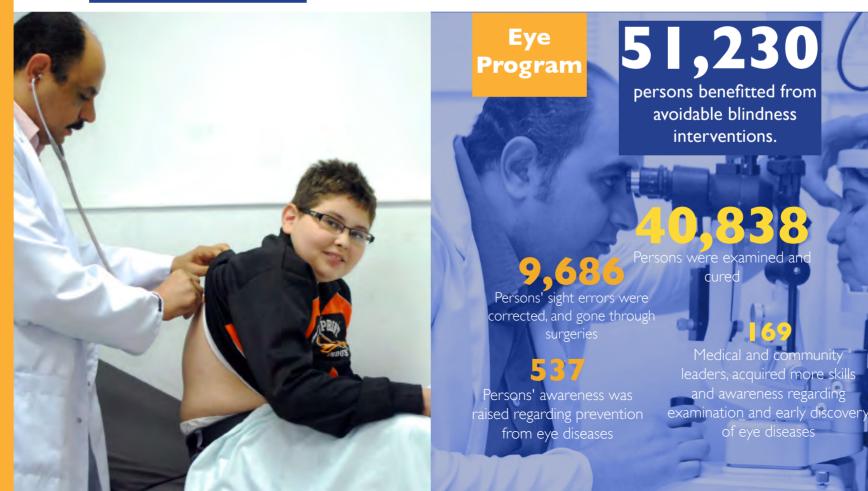
- Organized meetings for community dialogue with citizens and all concerned parties to discuss the comprehensive health insurance draft law. Consequently the citizens' opinion document was drafted; containing the proposed amendments of the law, with the participation of members of the Parliament, the Chairman of the Public Health Insurance Authority, and President of the General Federation of Associations and NGOs.
- Collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Population, and participated in the national campaign of the medical survey for Hepatitis C Virus. 1,100 citizens benefited and patients were referred to the specialized institutions.
- In collaboration with the National Program for the Elimination of Rheumatism affiliated with the

Ministry of Health and Population, a campaign for screening and raising awareness about rheumatic heart disease was carried out for 241 children (aged 5 to 15 years) in a number of villages in Minia. Activities included holding raising awareness meetings for the children families and building the capacity of the medical teams in health care units, in addition to providing the ECO radiotherapy device in the health care units.

Under the auspices of the Governor of Minia, an extensive campaign was launched to address the issues of female genital mutilation and sexual harassment in 50 communities in Minia in partnership with the National Council for Women and the Department of Violence against Women in the Directorate of Security, Women and Child departments, and Education

departments. The campaign's activities included raising the awareness of families, girls, university students, employees of health care units, and Muslim and Christian religious leaders.

In partnership with the National Program for Women's Health "breast cancer" and under the auspices of the Governors of Minia. Beni Suef. Cairo and Oalyoubia, the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month was celebrated under the slogan "Be Assured". Its activities included raising awareness of breast cancer, early detection and diagnosis of women of the 40s age and above. and free mammograms. This was conducted in partnership with the National Institutes of Oncology, the National Council for Women, university hospitals, health and population directorates and the sports' clubs.



Key Achievements

- of Health and Population in the implementation of specialized medical convoys for the treatment of eye diseases, which is in support of the efforts and plan of the Ministry in accordance with the National Population Strategy to provide integrated medical services to citizens in most needy areas
- Implemented medical convoys to reduce avoidable blindness for 14,186 children in 42 schools in Sohag, Minia, Beni Suef Cairo and Qalyoubia through screening detection and delivery of required interventions such as treatments surgeries, and correction of vision defects
- Developed two health institutions and support them with the necessary medical equipment to provide essential eye care services.





Persons with disabilities benefited from environmental, medical, mobility, speech therapy, academic and self-care rehabilitation services

Persons with disabilities were empowered and integrated in social and economic services and recreational activitie



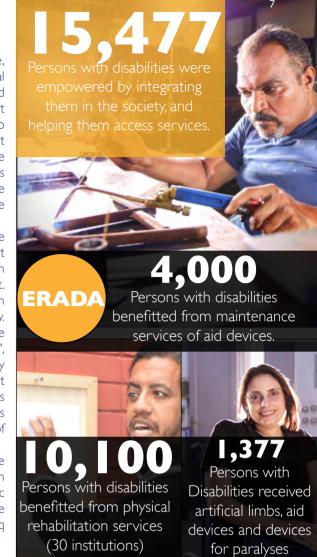
their families benefited from rehabilitation services



Key Achievements

- Embassy, an artificial limbs and paralysis devices was opened, This was in the light of expanding the services provided by ERADA factory, for manufacturing and providing maintenance services for mobility devices, in Obour City the Ambassador of lapan in Cairo. Chairman of the Health Committee in the Parliament, Head of National Council for Diability Affairs, media leaders and civil society organizations were present at the event.
- In partnership with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of Social Solidarity. construction adaptation work was done for (30) service, religious and cultural institutions and (12) civilsociety associations; this was done in partnership with private sector institutions in the framework of activating the Corporate social responsibility, using the Egyptian Engineering Standards and Accessibility Evaluation Criteria.
- In partnership with the Paralympic Committee for Sports Disability, convoys have been implemented to repair and maintain mobility devices for athletes to help them compete in official competitions.

- In partnership with the Japanese Launching the Assiut initiative, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Assiut Governorate, and launching the Inclusive Environment Initiative in Qalyoubia in partnership with the Urban Development Unit to activate the implementation of the Egyptian Code for buildings and roads and facilitate the accessibility of people with disabilities to public service institutions in the governorates.
 - Building a partnership with the University of Assiut aimed at transforming the University to an integrating university in Upper Egypt. Enhancing the accessibility started in hospitals and utilities of the university.
 - In partnership with "Friends of the Institute of Tumors in southern Egypt", the work of physical accessibility and adaptations was done for Assiut Cancer Hospital, which provides services to more than 40.000 patients annually from all governorates of southern Egypt.
 - In partnership with Cairo Governorate and the German Cooperation Organization (GIZ), aid and prosthetic devices have been distributed to the poor disabled people in Al-Warrag neighborhood.





Children at risk benefited from the

273

Key Achievements

- Continued to develop community awareness and strengthen its participation to support the issues of children at risk, especially groups and institutions concerned with the issues of children and their families, such as child protection committees, partner CSOs and institutions, officials of public institutions, media and others.
- In partnership with the National Council for Motherhood and Childhood, training workshops were held for members of the Child Protection Committees on the roles and responsibilities of the committees using the materials produced by the Council.
- Issued a decision that a resident doctor must be present at Herafyen Medical Center. This in addition to allocating a line for receiving complains within the framework of activating Article 24 of the Egyptian Child Act, which concerns the rights of health of children.
- A group of homeless children participated in a play entitled "Green Light" on the Hanager Theater at the Cairo Opera House in partnership with the Ministry of Cultural affairs, artists, directors, and writers who have developed the abilities and talents of children to express their rights through art. 300 children and their families and those interested in the case, as well as a group of young artists and media professionals attended the play.



Key Achievements

- Developed (98) houses for the families of the poorest of the poor and enabled them to live in safe and healthy housing and environment consistent with the standards of adequate housing, in partnership with civil society and the private sector.
- Implemented a series of environmental initiatives aimed at improving the environmental conditions in Al Warraq and Al-Nasr in Cairo and Giza and increasing their ability to adapt to climate change. These initiatives included the implementation of 20 environmental models in 11 public institutions, including the provision of solar heaters, roof plantation, provision of photovoltaic cells to rationalize electricity consumption, the implementation of models to rationalize the consumption of irrigation water, the cultivation of 1,050 trees. This was carried out in partnership with the EEAA, Basateen and Wrraq districts municipality, the Gardens Administration, Hygiene and Decorations Administration, Slums Development Administration, Social Affairs, the Health Department of Basateen, youth centers and schools.
- Building the capacities of 35 of the leaders of the partner committees of the housing program and enhancing their knowledge on housing rights and the identification of new methods used in the construction of low-cost houses.



Key Achievements

- Worked with women in the informal sector through the implementation of 30 local initiatives to improve their livelihood conditions in poor rural and urban areas in partnership with (30) partner CSOs in the governorates of Cairo, Qaliobya, Beni Suef and Minia.
- A youth employment fair was held to link youth to available job opportunities in the private sector companies. It is worth mentioning that 9 companies and 147 male and female youth seeking employment opportunities participated in the fair. 12 cooperation protocols were signed with governmental agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector aimed at enabling young people to benefit from the resources available to them.



5,698
Youth were trained

fouth were trained and employed



Women joined the formal sector and included in the social insurance umbrella

3,776



Women working in the informal sector benefited from legal, financial, technical, health and educational Services.



The Capacity Building Program

379
Leaders had their capacities built and were equipped with communication skills and monitoring of community

needs and problems

91

partner NGOs had their capacities built on resilience, and mobilization of community resources

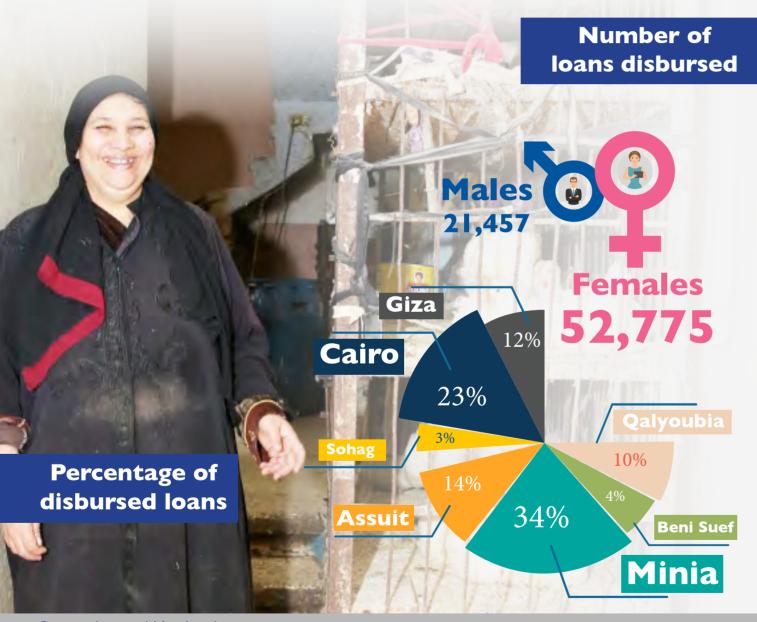
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religious institutions who have their capacities built on data and information analysis, participation

Key Achievements

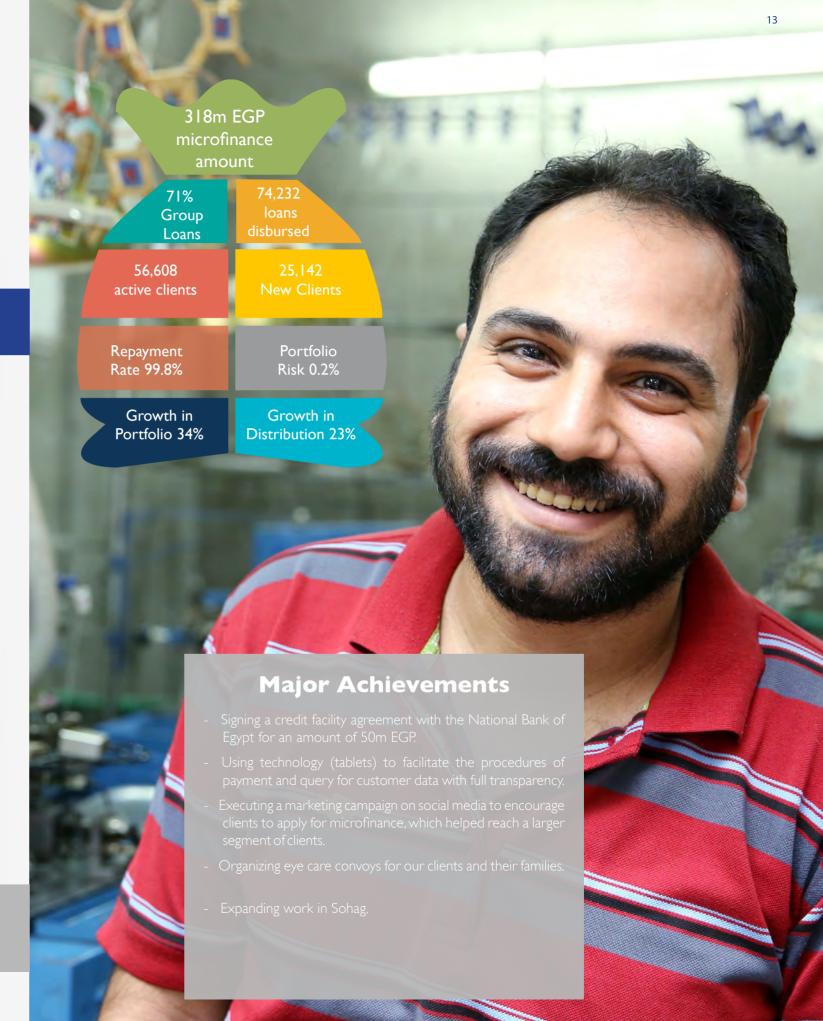
- Signing 57 protocols with governmental institutions, civil society organizations and universities aimed at providing all available resources to support marginalized citizens in poor areas.
- Holding 39 hearing sessions; where citizens, and decision-makers in the governmental entities participated in these sessions to listen to the citizen's demands and rights in order to improve public services and discuss their various problems.
- Introducing (43) internal, administrative and financial statutes within associations and NGOs.
- Participation of (5,312) citizens in awareness meetings regarding community participation.

The Unit works with the lowest income groups and those who are economically active, without regard to religion or sex, to improve their standard of living by providing financial and non-financial services, to help them in combating poverty and financial inclusion with transparency, credibility and ease in all procedures.



Partnerships and Memberships:

- Financial Regulatory Authority
- Sanabel Microfinance Network for Arab Countries
- Egyptian Microfinance Federation
- National Bank of Egypt



Forum for Intercultural Dialogue (FID)

The year 2017 has witnessed several changes, one of the most significant is violence. Therefore, the Forum has continued its role in strengthening intercultural dialogue, pluralism, diversity, equality, and co-existence among different society segments, It contributed to creating healthy atmosphere of interaction and understanding, promoting the enlightenment process, encouraging more participation in public life and consolidating the principles of democracy, citizenship and group work among society members. This resulted in enhancing positive coexistence and confronting extremism and isolation. This has been implemented through addressing issues directly related to cultural development.





Best practices:

"Nour El Eslam" Organization - Luxor:

Designed an artistic catalogue with drawings for targeted children and youth from the initiative, which reflect their understanding of the civic values as a tool to raise the awareness of other children and youth.



Key Achievements

(Firstly)
Working with categories that can disseminate FID message on

Civil Society Organizations:

"Maan" (Together) **Organization - Assuit:**

A local committee was established from the targeted leaders of the initiative. The committee comprises of members of local council, teachers, priests and sheikhs. The aim of this committee is the early detection of conflict situations prior to their occurrence and carrying out the appropriate interventions. London-based "Al Hayat" newspaper published some news about the committee's interventions and activities.







2) Public Meetings (2,500 Participants)

These public meetings are considered a continuation of the main FID target of the foru. It invests in its intellectuals, officials, and citizens in the local communities, as well as intermediary leaders (academics, religious leaders, media officials), to reach wider scope of targets through their educational, religious and media platforms.

Due to the ongoing violence and terrorism in Egypt, Forum held several meetings and conferences to shed light on the issue and suggest appropriate precautions. The Egyptian Ministry of Endowment, Ministry of Cultural Affairs Minia university, Minia governorate, with participation of ministers, governors, university directors, policy leaders, media professionals and academics have participated in

Most Important Meetings

- "Towards Social Coherence...Consolidating the pluralism values and Belief in Diversity".
- "The Role of Civil Society and Religious Institutions in Consolidating the Culture of Dialogue".
- "Egypt for all Egyptians".



Secondly

governmental and non-governmental, national and international, that are cable of disseminating culture of dialogue, tolerance and nondiscrimination. In 2017, FID succeeded to sign various partnerships on several levels:

1) Partnerships on local level:

- Partnership with (Egyptian Family House) in Assuit governorate.
- Partnerships with organizations and cultural palaces, youth centers, public libraries, schools, educational departments, local units, universities depending on work scope.
- Partnership with Aswan University, Community Development Organization and Consumer Protection.

This done with all concerned parties, 2) Partnerships on international levels:

Partnership with "Loccum" Academy: 25 Egyptian and German researchers attended the Egyptian-German Dialogue, entitled "secularity of puplic institutions and the advisory function of religions institutions". This dialogue is considered a continuation to promoting regional and international partnerships, through strengthening alliances and exchanging experiences to develop cultural interaction based on mutual trust to reach to a clear understanding of the real situations.



In order to expand the benefits of those working in the cultural filed; the Forum produced the following in participation with the target groups:

1) "Capacity Building Pathways for Coexistence" Manual

Thirdly

in production of useful

The manual aims to provide systematic framework to support the efforts of facilitators and trainers in managing and implementing capacity-building activities for main target groups, including media professionals, academics, religious leaders and civil society organizations.

2) "Citizenship" Document:

It includes a set of general and professional ethical principles and values, with the aim of contributing to the affirmation of citizenship values by controlling journalistic and media practices among various Egyptian media organizations through their coverage and treatment of events and related topics.



Women's **Parliament** to Promote the Values of Coexistence and Community **Cohesion in** Luxor

Best Practices

According to the protocol of cooperation between Aswan University, Community Development and Consumer Protection Association and the Forum Intercultural Dialogue, 25 young people representing four facult i es with in the university were trained to become cadres who are capable of disseminating dialogue Enlightenment and civic values inside and outside the university. These youth transferred what they have learned to 600 more students within the university, through workshops, camps, theater and different artistic activities. All these young people go together outside the walls of the university and head to the youth centers and cultural palaces in Aswan and the educational departments to carry out various artistic and educational activities, which raise awareness regarding the values of coexist ence and social cohesion. For Example, designing civic values panorama on the walls of the main tunnel that connects the regions of Aswan city in partnership with the governorate adminstration, CBO, CEOSS, Aswan University, the local unit, and some busines smen from the private sector. From the place where enlightenment emerges - from the University - four student groups have been formed called "Hamzet Wasl" that enable youth to continue working on the dissemination of civic values and promoting co-existence within and outside the walls of the University.

The Youth of Aswan University Leads the in Aswan



The culture of peace is disseminated among

graduates, as peace

builders and ambassadors,

through crisis management

trainings.

Minia's Cultural Open their Doors to Educate and **Marginalized** Children



Peacebuilding

our world today, given the on going violence. Therefore, we continue to promote knowledge, skills, beliefs and values that could contribute to changing ideas, thus helping society to avoid conflict and violence and resolve crises peacefully at personal, local levels, and between groups. This will take place using educational curricula, previously developed by specialists.

Training sessions

30 **CBOs**

75 Community **Leaders**

Religious Leaders

Best **Practices:** **Hayam Omar Abdelmoamen Community Development** organization - Qalyoubia

"I have started to apply the training on working

children between the ages of 12 and 18, because this

group has many problems, being subject to abuse.

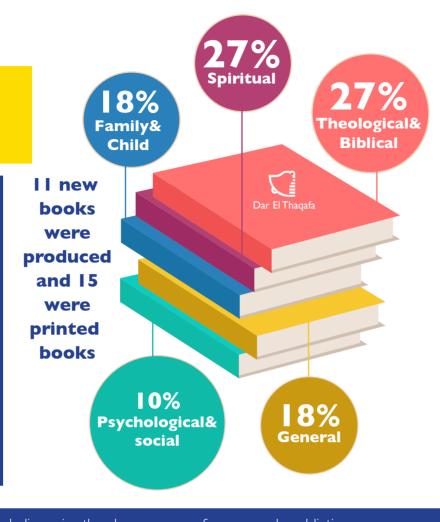
Internal psychological peace, and reducing violence

were tackled with children; in addition to helping them to express their inner feelings at first, then convincing them that violence does not solve problems and that

there are other alternatives for expressing anger."

Dar El Thaqafa (DET)

Over the course of 50 years, Dar El Thaqafa (DET) has been a pioneer in the field of Christian publishing through the adoption of an enlightening role. It has not stopped at theological, doctrinal and scriptural publications; DET has penetrated all areas such as society, family, children, youth, development, citizenship and others. Today, our vision to enriching the Arabic library is becoming clearer through addressing new issues in a rapid changing society. This is done through the translation of the best-selling books in the world, or the publications of prominent Arab writers in their fields.



Major Publications

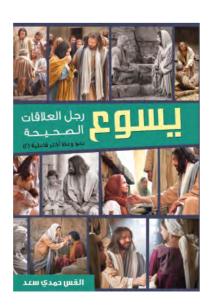
DET published a book discussing the phenomenon of pornography addiction "5 Steps to Breaking Free from Porn," by Joe Dallas,

"Jesus the Man of Righteous Relations," by Rev. Hamdi Saad, and

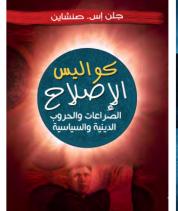
"52 Things Kids Need from a Mom," by Angela Thomas.







To mark the 500th anniversary of the Evangelical reform, DET published "A Brief Introduction to the Reformation," by Glenn Sunshine, "Martin Luther: The Great Reformer," by John A. Morrison, and "Confession and Creeds," by Rev. Abdul Masih Stefanos







Bookstores

107,000 Books were sold

Best Selling Publications





The Bible and today's world, by Rev. Suheil Saad and What Before Marriage, by Rev. Tharwat Thabet

Media Production

CEOPress

External Clients' Publications Publications Publications Publications Fig. 200 copies Dar El Thaqafa Publications 6 Produced films 7, I 00 CDs and DVDs 147 Recorded events

CEOMedia

Agricultural Projects

In light of CEOSS's vision to invest in the agricultural sector and rely on its local financial resources, while maintaining to achieve its mission; in addition to CEOSS's current opportunities and accumulated experience in this field, we continue to expand providing agricultural services to small farmers to increase their income. This is done through gathering them into groups with an economic dimension, based on competition, quality, and investment in relations with the private sector, Production and marketing are integrated and interdependent processes, starting from the selection of seeds and crops, cultivation, fertilization and pesticides, marketing the crop, and applying post-harvest processes. The provision of marketing information contributes to decision-making in production and trading of agricultural products in the market, which forms the base of a stable economic situation for farmers. This leads to increased incomes of producers and consumers and achieves the balance between supply and demand.

Key Achievements

- Inaugurated the sorting and packing station of agricultural crops in the village of El-Brianesat in Minia.
- Responded to the state policy to support the reclamation of new lands by working with large fruit farms in Western Desert and Eastern Minia.
- Scaled-up geographically in new working governorates (Sohag, Assiut), which was reflected in increasing the growth rates of the target population.

Ismailia Farm

- Drilled 2 groundwater wells
- Purchased equipment and generators for electricity
- Accomplished the farm infrastructure
- Set up a drip irrigation network for 6 acres
- Cultivated 4,400 palm trees
- Cultivated 8,000 buckwheat trees
- Cultivated barley for 6 acres
- Cultivated beans





The Nursery

Worked with various institutions and individuals represented in: youth centers/ conference centers/ industrial zones/ private villas/ major farms for landscaping, as follows:

- Established football fields
- Established fruit farms in the New Valley, Assiut, Western desert and Eastern Minia
- Implemented landscaping for villas and private institutions
- Implemented landscaping for new projects and investments for large construction companies such as: Arab Contractors, and new housing projects

Cooling stations and trucks

- Inaugurated sorting and packing station
- Started the pilot operation of the garlic and grapes season through a company for developing agricultural crops, which used the station to process its products while transferring their technical and administrative expertise to CEOSS through the processing of 400 tons of garlic and 200 tons of grapes



Agricultural Marketing

- Signed marketing contracts between farmers' cooperatives and private sector companies for 25 acres of potatoes owned by 12 farmers
- Set production partnership models to provide seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides of high quality at reasonable prices
- Provided seeds, fertilizers and bio-fertilizers for 12,000 farmers
- Implemented 20 seminars and a meeting with private sector companies in which 500 farmers participated
- Implemented pilot fields for maize and wheat of high productivity through partnership with private sector companies for 100 acres
- Implemented pilot fields for fertilizers, nutrient and pest compounds for 20 acres

Al Brinsat

- Developed agricultural methods and provided educational models to farmers by cultivating new high-production crops that can be exported
- Developed and improved the soil characteristics of 24 acres through:
- Providing a source of water
- Drilling an artesian well for use in irrigation when needed
- Lining the main irrigation canal in the farm's land
- Plowing under the soil
- Performing laser adjustment
- Cultivating 9 acres of soybean with productivity of 1,200 tons/acre
- Cultivating 5 acres of potato with productivity of 12 tons/acre
- Cultivating 4 acres of with productivity of 10 tons/acre
- Cultivating 6.5 acres of onion with productivity of 10 tons/acre
- Signed a marketing contract for 4 acres of potatoes and supplied 27 tons
 of potatoes to the company
- Signed a marketing contract for 2 acres of onions and supplied 21 tons of onions to the company



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Training Centers

ITSA Center 250 meetings 30,000 persons

+42% for the year 2016

Dahabya

115 meetings 16,000 persons

+38% for the year 2016

Nozha Restaurant and Talaat Harab center

85meetings5,000persons

- The Conference Centers Unit continues to assist the community groups in raising and building the abilities of the leaders, by equipping the halls with all training aids, as well as the accommodation room and playgrounds, and helping the CBOs to provide trainers and training materials. This is done within the

framework of the integration of the various units of CEOSS (Itsa Center, Dahabia, Al Nozha Restaurant and Talaat Harb Center)

- The conference centers welcome all people whether in training meetings and trainings, or providing family time, or sports activities, trips and public meetings









- This year witnessed a public meeting that was held In Itsa Center, under the leadership of Engineer Ibrahim Mahleb, Assistant to the President for the national projects. The meeting was hel in the framework of developing South Valley project and in the presence of Minister Fayza Abul-Naga, Major General Ahmed Jamal al-Din and Major General Essam Badawi Governor of Minia.
- This year also Dahabia witnessed visits and meetings of officials such as the visit of the Minister of Awqaf, the Minister of Culture, the President of Minia University and the Governor of Minia with the President of the Protestant Churches of Egypt. This in addition to Ramadan Iftar (breaking the fast) which was organized in Dahabeya.



- were converted to air-conditioned rooms with bathrooms. The total number of rooms in Itsa Center became 36 with a total of 180 beds
- Conducting swimming trainings, for the children in the pool, through specialized trainers at ITSA Center

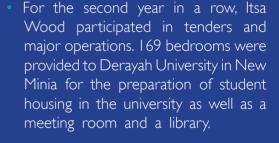
continuous development, the latest Italian paint cabin was installed, to enhance the finishing quality. Itsa Wood continues to contribute in maximizing CEOSS internal revenues to supports its mission and achievae financial sustainability.

Itsa Wood

Key Achievements

- 397 contracts were executed, an increase of
 7.3% compared to last year (136 bedrooms 58 dining rooms 55 living rooms 48 kitchens
- 100 miscellaneous).







Itsa Wood headquarter was renovated; and two seasonal exhibitions were held in Assiut and Cairo.





