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75 Years
in Obedience
to God and
Service to Humanity.



Message by CEOSS President



Dear Partners:

In this exceptional year, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS), we proudly and faithfully look back on a long journey of dedicated development work, a journey that from the very beginning has been seeking to build stronger, fairer, and more inclusive communities. Throughout this year, CEOSS has continued to strengthen its developmental mission to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable and marginalized groups- particularly: youth, women, children, and persons with disabilities- within a framework of sustainable and equitable development that embraces diversity and promotes inclusion across all developmental fields.

Amid the rapid global changes of our time, CEOSS has remained flexibly and effectively responsive, while ensuring alignment with national policies and development priorities. The past year witnessed active participation, significant achievements, and partnerships that we deeply value. Among the highlights:

- Participation in the regional conference in the Kingdom of Bahrain on building networks for learning and exchanging experiences in the field of sexual and reproductive health for persons with disabilities, under the patronage and presence of the Bahraini Minister of Social Development, and with the participation of representatives of national councils, parliamentarians, and persons with disabilities from six Arab countries.
- Engagement in community dialogue sessions on the amendment of the Disability Law, with the aim of making it more inclusive and more responsive to the needs, aspirations, and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Continuing CEOSS' active role in presidential initiatives and national projects, including the implementation of the third phase of the Cultivate "Ezraa" initiative in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Social Solidarity, which resulted in the cultivation of 15,064 feddans of wheat across fifteen governorates: Beheira, Dakahlia, Menoufia,

Qalyubia, Giza, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, Sohag, Fayoum, Qena, Aswan, Luxor, New Valley, and Ismailia.

- In fulfilment of its national and humanitarian role, CEOSS contributed to supporting our brothers and sisters in Gaza by dispatching two trucks carrying 52 tons of food supplies as part of the ninth relief convoy of the National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW), in response to the unprecedented humanitarian crisis- affirming the steadfast commitment by CEOSS to social and humanitarian responsibility.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this annual report, which documents the most notable achievements across CEOSS' various units, reflecting the scale of activities and the number of beneficiaries. We look forward to expanding the impact year after year, as we continue together to serve the Egyptian people and uphold the values of justice and dignity.

Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Directors, the members of the General Assembly, and all colleagues- staff and volunteers alike. I would also like to express special thanks to Their Excellencies the Ministers of Social Solidarity, Investment and International Cooperation, Education, Higher Education, Local Development, Environment, Manpower, Endowments, Interior, Culture, Health, Information, Youth and Sports, Water Resources and Irrigation, Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and Justice, as well as to the Governors of Cairo, Giza, Qalyubia, Beheira, Dakahlia, Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, Sohag, Luxor, and Aswan. We also extend thanks to our partner civil society organizations, political, community, and executive leaders, universities, and private sector partners, along with all our partners at local and international levels, whose continuous support has been instrumental in sustaining our journey.

Rev. Andrea Zaki Stephanous, PhD

The President of Evangelical Churches in Egypt
The President of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)

Local Development



The Local Development Unit aims to reduce poverty and enhance quality of life for the most vulnerable groups- particularly women, youth, children at risk, and persons with disabilities (PWDs)- in poor rural and urban areas. LDU implements development models that empower communities, institutions, and individuals to become more resilient, thereby strengthening their capacity and readiness to confront current and anticipated economic, social, and climate-related risks and threats. The ultimate goal is to achieve sustainable, equitable, and inclusive development for all, in alignment with the state's public policies, development agenda, and Egypt Vision 2030.

LDU significant accomplishments ,events, and partnerships:



- **The Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) honoured the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) during the "Ahl El-Kheir 2025" competition**, organized in cooperation with the Fund for Supporting the Projects of Associations and NGOs, to select the most impactful Ramadan feeding campaigns. In a related context, the Governor of Minya honored CEOSS for its proactive role in community development and its tangible efforts in carrying out development interventions.
- A cooperation protocol was signed with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS), the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), and the **National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW)** to launch the fourth phase of the "Cultivate" "Ezra" initiative. This extends prior successes of three previous wheat planting seasons and supports state and civil society efforts to advance food security and support Egyptian farmers.
- CEOSS also signed a partnership protocol with the Fund for Supporting the Projects of Associations and NGOs (under MoSS) to implement the "**Strengthening Citizenship Values and Practices**" project in Minya Governorate.
- A cooperation protocol was signed with the **Arab Network for Creativity and Innovation**, in partnership with the **Global Innovation Institute (GINI)**, aiming to bolster collaboration in innovation, support entrepreneurs and startup ventures, and foster creative solutions to societal challenges.
- A protocol was signed with the **Egyptian College of Critical Care Physicians** to support efforts to protect public health, particularly for the most vulnerable groups of citizens, particularly those at risk of sudden cardiac arrest and strokes."

- **In partnership with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center at Minya University**, a training program was delivered to leaders and community cadres across eight governorates spanning northern, central, and southern Upper Egypt. The program was designed to empower participants in raising awareness on preserving natural resources amid climate change.

- **A regional conference was convened in Bahrain on building learning networks and sharing expertise in reproductive and sexual health for persons with disabilities**- attended and endorsed by the Bahraini Minister of Social Development, alongside with representatives from national councils, parliamentarians, and PWDs from six Arab countries.

- **CEOSS** participated in community dialogue sessions focused on amending the Persons with Disabilities Law, aiming to update the legislation to be more inclusive and responsive to the needs, aspirations, and rights of persons with disabilities, and support their full integration. This contributed to preparations for the launch of the **National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities** (2025–2030).

- In a national humanitarian role, CEOSS dispatched two trucks carrying **52 tons of food aid** as part of the **ninth relief convoy** organized by the **National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW)**, to support Gaza amid the unprecedented humanitarian crisis- complementing efforts of the Egyptian state and civil society to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people.

- **CEOSS** continued its active engagement in national initiatives under **NACDW**, notably the "**New Beginning for Human Building**" presidential initiative- implementing diverse developmental interventions across different sectors- and the "**One Hand**" initiative-delivering significant social protection support to the poorest families through emergency aid and food packages across 16 governorates nationwide.



Key achievements realized this year across the various areas of work.

Rehabilitation Program for Persons with Disabilities



A total of 6,401 PWDs and their families benefited from the Disability Empowerment and Social Inclusion Program.

2,619	Families of PWDs were trained and equipped to support the community inclusion of their children with disabilities.
3,066	Persons with disabilities gained enhanced access to their rights through public services, specialized rehabilitation programs, reproductive health programs, and inclusive activities.
590	Community cadres were empowered to support persons with disabilities in accessing specialized rehabilitation programs and facilitating their access to public services and rights.
106	Persons with disabilities received prosthetic devices and mobility aids.
20	Persons with visual impairments were trained in mobility skills using the white cane.

Quantitative Achievement

- **Participation in Community Dialogue on Disability Law Amendment.**

The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) took part in the first community dialogue session organized by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, in response to government directives preparing the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2025–2030. The session aimed to review and amend Law No. 10 of 2018 in order to secure additional rights and gains for persons with disabilities, by listening to their proposals and those of civil society organizations, and fostering a participatory approach among stakeholders to ensure full integration and representation of their needs and aspirations. The dialogue brought together representatives from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, CEOSS, the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) at the Cabinet, the Egyptian Forum for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, over 100 persons with disabilities, and partnering NGOs from Cairo, Giza, Minya, Beni Suef, Sohag, Beheira, North Sinai, Marsa Matrouh, Ismailia, Menoufia, Kafr El-Sheikh, and Port Said.

- **A media code of ethics for media coverage of disability** was drafted to promote more respectful and equitable media practices toward persons with disabilities. This professional reference framework is designed to guide media content towards ethical and humanistic standards that uphold dignity and support full societal inclusion. It was developed through a participatory process involving 20 media professionals who adopt a rights-based vision for persons with disabilities and contributed actively to formulating its

guiding principles, enhancing their capacity to launch impactful media campaigns that foster positive social change.

- **Community Rehabilitation Services** expanded across **9 units in 5 governorates** by providing specialized tools and training for practitioners. Additionally, a training manual on sexual and reproductive health SRH for persons with disabilities PwDs was developed, and 100 staff members were trained, contributing to improved service quality and heightened community awareness.
- **Public Awareness on Disability Rights and Inclusion raised:** Community-wide awareness initiatives were carried out through large-scale events involving government entities, civil society organizations, community leaders, persons with disabilities, and their families. These events included grand celebrations of the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** and **World Down Syndrome Day**, a **sports awareness marathon** focused on health rights, and theatrical performances addressing protection from harmful practices and misconceptions on reproductive health among persons with disabilities.



Success Story

From Challenge to Triumph A Success Story – Will/ Erada Program

I am Mohamed Gad. My story began when I was a third-year university student and was involved in a car accident that changed the course of my life. I lost my sight and had to leave my studies.

But destiny granted me a new beginning when I met my wife, **Rehab**- the true light of my life. She encouraged me to continue my education and overcome the difficult challenges we faced, especially since we lived in Cairo while my studies alternated between Alexandria and Zagazig.

This is when my journey in **civil society work** began, supported by the **Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)**. Through a series of trainings, new horizons opened up for me in the field of supporting and empowering persons with disabilities. This experience inspired me to join the Faculty of Law at Alexandria University, where I obtained my Bachelor of Law- driven by faith and sustained by CEOSS continuous support.

I took part in the discussion of the draft constitution, attended parliamentary hearings, and engaged in numerous national and **regional conferences- most notably the Regional Conference on Building Networks for Learning and Experience- Sharing among Civil Society Organizations in Arab Countries**, held in Dubai in 2023.

My quest for knowledge did not stop there. I expanded my studies in the humanities, obtaining:

- **A General Diploma** from the Faculty of Humanities, Zagazig University
- **A Special Diploma** from the same faculty
- I am now preparing for my Master's degree, followed, God willing, by a PhD.

This journey, which my wife Rehab and I undertook side by side, was crowned with an unforgettable moment of pride: we were honored by the Presidency of the Republic, receiving the award from the First Lady of Egypt during the "My Family, My Strength" celebration.



Erada (Will) Program

The Erada Program continues to fulfil its mission of making both internal and external environments accessible, thereby supporting the full inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities (PWDs) into public life. It places significant emphasis on enhancing knowledge and awareness on inclusive environments and implementing accessibility standards.

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Institutions became more accessible to facilitate easy access for PWDs.



1,886
PWDs benefited from campaigns for maintenance of prosthetic devices and accessibility improvements.



- **Local innovation and manufacturing of mobility aids:** the program achieved a qualitative breakthrough by developing an **electric scooter attachment** for conventional wheelchairs, enhancing mobility for persons with physical disabilities . Additionally, the first fully electric wheelchair prototype was manufactured at the **Will/ Erada Factory**- a significant step toward reducing reliance on imported products.
- **Institutional Accessibility and Access Audits:** Accessibility and access audit enhancements were implemented in major institutions- including the World Urban Forum (WUF12), Assiut and Minya universities, several Vodafone Egypt branches, and HQ of **Waa'i political party**- improving spatial accessibility and inclusion for PWDs.
- **International Participation:** the program took part in the **International Expo for People of Determination AccessAbilities Expo** held in Dubai, UAE (7–9 October, 2024)- a key expo for manufacturers and developers of technological and mobility aids for PWDs.
- **Digital Outreach:** an official **Facebook page for the Will/ Erada Factory** was launched to market its products and inform the public on its range of mobility aid manufacturing services <https://m.facebook.com/people/Erada-Factory-%D9%85%D8%B5%D9%86%D8%B9%D8%A5%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%A9/61565210913670/>

Quantitative Achievement

Qualitative achievement

Early Childhood Development & Children at Risk Program

The program continues its mission to secure better lives for children and their families and to create protective environments that preserve the humanity, dignity, and childhood of those children- thereby reducing the harsh effects of poverty and minimizing their vulnerability to exploitation and physical or psychological harm.

11,572 children at risk and their families were empowered to access their economic and social rights.

53	Elected youth committee members received training on child rights and communication.
2,583	Children and their families benefited from healthcare services across various specialties.
1,998	Children and their families received awareness-raising and counselling services.
754	Children and their families participated in economic empowerment interventions and vocational training.
192	Working children were transitioned from hazardous jobs to safer occupations and signed career progression contracts.
1,260	Children were protected from dropping out of education.
3,520	Children exercised their rights: to play, to recreate, and to develop their creative and behavioural skills.
147	Street children were provided with psychosocial support and reintegrated into society.
654	Children and their families received relief and social protection services.
305	Children received occupational and safety health tools to protect them from occupational risks.
41	Children were assisted in obtaining legal identity documents.
35	Children in care centres received vocational training and economic support, preparing them for after-care.

Qualitative achievement

- This year, the program advanced its focus on supporting children within care institutions and preparing them for community reintegration. A qualitative milestone was reached in economic empowerment by preparing them for the aftercare stage and achieving their economic independence - through specialized entrepreneurship training conducted in collaboration with the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (**MSMEDA**). Additionally, the capacity of staff in three areas across Cairo was enhanced in analysing and mobilizing community resources. An **after-care standards manual** was also published to support safe and sustainable child reintegration.
- The program effectively enhanced early childhood services in the most vulnerable communities by actively participating in the **"1,000 Golden Days"** initiative, contributes to improving health and nutritional care for mothers and children. Two Family and Child Development Centres were also launched and handed over to CEOSS by the National Alliance for Civil Development Work- in Al-Awamiya (Sohag) and Manshiyet Olouba (Beheira), as part of the "Hayah Karima" (Decent Life) initiative.
- The program successfully transitioned **68 children working in quarries** into safer occupations that protect them from hazardous working conditions. This was achieved through a comprehensive package of interventions targeting both the children and their families, with a focus on reducing engagement in the worst forms of child labour, while strengthening protection, psychosocial support, and social stability.
- The program **built the capacities of 15 members** of Child Protection Committees in Cairo and Minya governorates on case management and fostering community partnerships. In addition, **25 staff members and representatives of associations** working in child-care institutions received training on skills to engage with children and develop their



capacities, which positively enhanced their efficiency in protecting children and responding to their needs.

- An **"Opinion Paper"** was launched, reflecting the recommendations of children and their families on combating child labour in hazardous environments. The document was signed by representatives of Child Protection Committees, Labor Directorates, the Human Rights Unit, mass media, partner associations, elected community committees, as well as children and their families. The launch took place within an event held under the slogan **"Together Against Child Labour"** in Minya and Beni Suef governorates. The event provided children and their families with a platform to voice their demands and aspirations within a participatory environment that brought together diverse stakeholders concerned with child rights and protection.

- The program enhanced the participation of **500 children at risk in Cairo** as active agents in expressing their issues through art, during a carnival organized to mark Children's Day and attended by 30 government representatives. The children presented artistic performances addressing challenges they face, such as hazardous labour, deprivation from education, and exposure to abuse. The event helped in raising awareness among the community and stakeholders about children's rights, while reinforcing their right to play, express themselves, and participate- reflecting a growing trend towards meaningfully involving children in advocating for their own causes.



Success Story

My name is **Mina Latif**, I'm 17 years old, a first-year secondary school student from Nazlat Obaid village in Minya governorate.

After my father passed away, I had to become the sole breadwinner for my family and was forced to work in a quarry. I used to wake up at 2 a.m. and come back at 4 p.m. every day. This

kept me from going to school or attending lessons, and my education was badly affected. I started distancing myself from people, had no friends, became withdrawn, and fell into frustration.

Working in the quarries was also extremely dangerous: there were deaths, injuries, diseases, and life-threatening accidents such as electrocution, fractures, and deep wounds.

One day, a representative from CEOSS, in cooperation with Bukra Ahlā Association, visited me and told me about a project for working children in our village. I was very happy, registered my information, and started participating in the activities.

I attended awareness sessions on the dangers of child labour, the importance of education, apprenticeship contracts, and healthy nutrition. I also joined educational and recreational camps, such as a trip to visit the Beni Hassan archaeological site. My mother, too, participated in handicraft trainings and awareness sessions, and benefited from food aid. In addition, my school fees were covered, and I received a school bag and supplies.

Thanks to the project, I was transferred from the quarry to a carpentry workshop after signing a professional apprenticeship contract. I also joined a first aid training course, learned how to deal with wounds and fractures, and received a first aid kit. The apprenticeship contract allowed me to work in a safe work with a salary, accident insurance, fixed working hours, and days off.

All of this enabled me to return to school and attend regularly. Not only that, but I also joined remedial classes in Arabic and English, as well as hobby classes in drawing and theatre. These activities helped me express myself, make friends, and overcome the isolation I once suffered from.



Economic Development Program



A total of 3,055 young men and women were supported in securing decent job opportunities and increasing their income:

2,672	Young people (both gender) received vocational, administrative, and entrepreneurship training.
16	Individuals were self-employed (after / without training).
297	Benefited from financial inclusion interventions.
20	Women artisans participated in marketing exhibitions.
50	Young cadres and agents of change, adopted community initiatives to promote social and economic rights.

Quantitative Achievement

The Economic Development Program continues to work towards the economic empowerment of poor youth of both genders, as well as women in poor and marginalized communities, enabling them to access decent job opportunities and increase their income ensuring a decent life.

Qualitative achievement

- An **economic production unit for garments manufacturing** was established and operated in Minya Governorate. This initiative provides marginalized rural women with accessible vocational training near their homes, paving the way for decent job opportunities and improved household income. This achievement also provides women with an exceptional opportunity to join the labour market by developing their production and professional skills.

Key Partnerships

- **Partnership with the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP), the American University in Cairo (AUC)** to implement the "Rabha" (Winner) program for women's economic empowerment, through employment-based trainings in six governorates, awarding accredited certificates, and organizing a job fair in Minya.
- **Partnership with the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (MSMEDA) in Minya** through conducting a capacity-building workshop for Business Development Service Providers, using the Kaizen (continuous improvement) strategy, which contributed to enhancing the efficiency of small enterprises and increasing their competitiveness.
- **Partnership with heritage crafts support entities in Cairo Governorate**, which provided participation opportunities for 20 women artisans in three major exhibitions: "*Our Heritage*" Exhibition under the patronage of H.E. the Egyptian President, Cairo International Fair, and **Heritage Crafts Exhibition** held alongside the **World Urban Forum (WUF)**. These opportunities helped promote their products and increase their income.
- **Implementation of the "Egyptian Lady's Cuisine" initiative** in partnership with the National Council for Women- Cairo Branch, which provided hands-on training for women in healthy cooking and managing small-scale food businesses, in addition to providing more than 1,400 meals to the most vulnerable families.



Key Events

Participation in the celebration of the “Empowering Girls in Communities” project, in partnership with El Nidaa (the Integrated Development Call Foundation) and the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**). The initiative falls within the framework of the Economic and Social Empowerment Program for Girls in Upper Egypt.

The event was attended by the Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation; the Ambassador of the USA to Egypt; senior representatives from the Egyptian government and the U.S. Embassy; civil society organizations; media representatives; and religious leaders. Active participation also came from the beneficiary girls and other relevant groups.

This project is considered a successful development model that contributes to enhancing the economic and social empowerment of girls in Upper Egypt.

Success Story

Hanaa Saad Eskandar- Beni Ahmed Village, Minya Center, Minya Governorate

1. Beneficiary of the Social and Economic Empowerment Program for Girls in Upper Egypt

- “Many thanks for your attention to girls of Upper Egypt and for raising our awareness, which has had a big impact on our lives.”
- I participated in the activities of the social initiative, which had a significant effect on my personality and way of thinking. They helped me communicate better with my family, become aware of my rights, express my opinions, and learn how to listen to those around me. The activities also provided us with a safe and enjoyable space to share and learn through innovative methods such as storytelling.
- When I joined the “come, I learned about harmful practices that girls face- such as female genital mutilation (FGM), violence, and discrimination against women. I became more aware of how dangerous these practices are for us and for the society at large, and I learned how to disseminate ideas about ways to face them within the community and I became able to mentor other girls.

The program was also holistic; it focused not only on awareness but on our economic empowerment as well. As a young graduate with no job opportunity, I've always wanted to support my family, build my future, and have an independent income. Through the program's economic unit, I learned tailoring, which opened a new path for me in my professional life.

(I am a strong young woman, and I will always be a source of support for others and for my community).

Eye Health Program

The Eye Health Program aims to reduce avoidable blindness by improving access to comprehensive and sustainable eye care services for underserved and impoverished populations- particularly children (newborns -15 years) and older adults (aged 45 and above). The goal is to secure the best possible vision for citizens through accessible eye health sys-



A total of 32,757 citizens benefited from interventions aimed at combating avoidable blindness:

20,562	Underwent screening and early detection examinations
233	Received major and minor surgeries
7,175	Received pharmaceutical treatment
4,787	Had refractive errors corrected via eyeglasses

- **Geographic Expansion & Enhanced Coverage:** Services were extended to four new communities in Cairo and Assiut governorates, increasing access to comprehensive eye care for underserved areas.

Specialized training was provided to community leaders on the causes of eye diseases and early detection, strengthening their capacity to organize and carry out effective eye health awareness campaigns.

Qualitative achievement

Success Story

A Real-Life Story- Hamza Ismail: From Pain to Hope

Hamza, a 7-year-old boy from Ibshana village in Beni Suef Governorate, suffered from exotropia (outward squint), which negatively affected both his vision and his self-confidence. At school, he was subjected to hurtful comments from his peers, leaving him withdrawn and reluctant to mingle.

The program completely transformed his life. During a medical caravan visit, Hamza was examined and it was determined that he urgently needed surgery. The procedure was carried out free of charge, without imposing any financial burden on his family.

Following the surgery, Hamza's vision improved significantly and the appearance of his eyes was corrected, which boosted both his psychological wellbeing and his confidence. Soon after, he returned to school, began interacting once more with his classmates, and his academic performance started to improve.

His mother shared: "My son has changed 180 degrees after the operation... He's happy now and goes to school on his own."

- Strategic Partnerships:** The program established robust collaborations across government, civil society, and private sectors to support eye care services and streamline referral systems for more efficient service delivery.

Key partners include:

- Egyptian-African Eye Center, Giza Ophthalmology Research Institute, and Horus Hospital-** with referrals for surgeries on state expense at **Beni Suef Military Hospital**.
- Ministries of Health in Giza and Beni Suef-** integrating CEOSS eye care convoys into the comprehensive health outreach plans of health directorates.

- Cairo Directorate of Education-** enabling early eye disease screening in 15 primary and preparatory schools in Sayyida Zeinab.

- Heliopolis Rotary Club-** conducting a medical eye camp as part of the "100 Million Health" initiative at Ain al-Sira Youth Center, providing free medications to participants.

In addition to mobilizing local resources through cooperation with Orchidia pharmaceuticals, which provided free medical treatment, as well as encouraging opticians to reduce the cost of eyeglasses for low-income families.

Health Program



A total of 24,912 citizens were empowered to access their health rights and improve their health awareness.



2,707	Women sensitized on the importance and methods of early detection of tumors and malnutrition disorders
14,593	Citizens received medical examinations and treatment in various specialties (internal medicine, cardiology, diabetes, orthopedics, breast tumors)
1,320	Referred for advanced diagnostics and treatment
958	Children screened and treated for malnutrition
5,334	Citizens sensitized on the issue of lead poisoning

- Child and maternal protection from lead exposure: The program sustained its focus on protecting children and pregnant women from the risks of lead exposure through effective interventions. A digital awareness campaign was launched via social media to raise awareness of lead hazards, including the production of innovative educational materials for children. The **second consultative roundtable** was organized with the participation of community leaders, advisors from the Ministries of Labor (MoL), Social Solidarity (MoSS), and Local Development (MoLD), along with experts from universities, the National Nutrition Institute (NNI), and media representatives. Scientific studies were discussed and practical recommendations issued, including the preparation of a **Principles of Protection** document, organizing additional awareness-raising events, supporting affected families, and conducting a field survey to identify sources of lead. A working group was also formed from Ain Shams University, NNI, and the Ministries of Environment and Labor, to develop an integrated scientific methodology for studying the problem.



- Strengthening preventive and curative health services in underserved areas through partnerships with several health institutions: Launching “**Save a Life**” caravans in cooperation with the **Egyptian College of Critical Care Physicians** for the early detection of heart disease risks; Expanding breast cancer early detection programs in partnership with **Baheya Foundation** across five governorates, with referral of detected cases for further treatment; Organizing a **comprehensive internal medicine caravan** in Saft El-Laban village with the participation of a U.S. medical delegation; Collaborating with the Directorates of Health in Beni Suef and Meet Ghamr to implement comprehensive medical caravans covering all specialties, alongside activation of the health referral system to transfer critical cases to **Kasr Al-Ainy Hospital** for advanced treatment.

Formalizing partnerships: A protocol of cooperation was signed between the **Egyptian College of Critical Care Physicians** and CEOSS, to support specialized medical services.

Civic Education and Culture Program

Aiming to enhance cultural equity and broaden access to creative, awareness-raising services while developing skills across the community- particularly in underserved villages-the program launched **Cultural Caravan Events** and **Mobile Theatre Performances** in areas with limited cultural access. This took place in collaboration with the **General Authority of Cultural Palaces** (GACP) and the West and Central Delta Cultural Region, benefiting 15,020 citizens across all age groups. The initiative contributes to **enriching community culture** and **advancing sustainable development**.



At the conclusion of the proceedings, GACP awarded the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) a Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of its impactful contribution to cultural life and its constructive role in alleviating burdens on citizens.

Agriculture Program

The Agricultural Programs aim to enhance the quality of life for small-scale farmers, livestock breeders, and fishermen by promoting rural development and enabling them to leverage local resources and expertise- thus fostering social, environmental, and economic competitiveness and improving access to higher-value markets.

A total of 87,327 smallholder farmers and livestock breeders were economically empowered, leading to increased incomes and enhanced living conditions.

1,795	Male and female small-scale farmers benefited from technical support, farmer field schools, and agricultural extension services.
17,040	Small-scale farmers were educated on climate change adaptation and its negative effects on agricultural production.
182	Farmers recycled agricultural waste into organic fertilizers (compost), reducing reliance on chemical inputs.
288	Rural women implemented small-scale agricultural projects, contributing to food security and increased income.
68,022	Livestock breeders benefited from veterinary care services to improve animal health and productivity.



Qualitative achievement

1- Strategic Crops Cultivation and Enhancement of Food Security: The program expanded the cultivation of strategic crops, such as wheat, corn, and soybeans- as part of CEOSS efforts to support national strategies aimed at closing food gaps and reducing import costs.

2- Achieving Income Increase for Smallholder farmers (owning ≤ 3 feddans): achieved income increases of **20-25%**, driven by enhanced productivity, reduced production costs, and better market access. These improvements were enabled through the adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), elevating agricultural efficiency and crop quality.

3- Institutional Partnerships and Rural Development: The program strengthened institutional partnerships by collaborating with provincial Agricultural Directorates and Agricultural Extension Services to deliver technical support and best-practice guidance to farmers. It also coordinated with Veterinary Directorates to run integrated veterinary convoys, improving animal health, enhancing productivity of meat and dairy, and gen-

Environment Program

Over the course of this year, the Environment Program continued to achieve tangible results in supporting the preservation of natural resources and adapting to climate change, in line with the Egyptian state strategies to promote sustainable and proper management of resources.



achievements

- Public awareness:** Reached 26,989 citizens with messages on climate change and natural resources preservation through on-the-ground campaigns and door-to-door outreach in several governorates. Awareness materials were handed out to encourage positive behaviour in rationalizing consumption. In addition, digital media campaigns were launched on social media platforms targeting villages in Qalyubia. Cooperation was also established with religious leaders to disseminate messages that call for rational consumption and denounce wastefulness, particularly in water use.
- Practical water-saving solutions:** Expanded the application of advanced irrigation models such as drip irrigation to reduce agricultural water consumption. Partnerships were strengthened with irrigation directorates in Qalyubia, Fayoum, and Beheira to support Water User Associations (WUAs) and carry out awareness campaigns on best irrigation practices. Additionally, cooperation with Qalyubia Drinking Water Company focused on improving household consumption patterns



Housing Program

The Housing Program continues to deliver tangible improvements in the quality of life for low- and limited-income families by providing healthy, safe, and environmentally suitable housing, ensuring decent living and better living conditions.



1,471

low-income households benefited from upgrading their houses to become healthier and more environmentally appropriate.

Quantitative Achievement

Qualitative Achievement

- Geographic Expansion:** the program expanded to cover six new communities in Minya and Beni Suef Governorates, increasing reach and amplifying its impact.
- Promoting Financial Inclusion and Digital Transparency:** Embraced digital transformation by adopting electronic disbursement and collections in **14 communities** across Cairo, Qalyubia, Minya, and Beni Suef. This approach improved the efficiency and transparency of financial operations. Additionally, **50 housing committee members** were trained in financial inclusion principles and digital collection methods, enhancing their capacity to manage the program financial resources effectively.
- Building Community Leaderships' Capacities:** Enhanced the skills of **25 community committees** by equipping them with technical knowledge and tools necessary for efficient implementation and monitoring of the program- positively impacting local execution and the sustainability of community efforts.

4. **Promoting Community Participation and Volunteering:** Organized a field environmental camp in partnership with **Habitat for Humanity**, engaging **42 students** from the English International School in New Cairo in rural communities in Al-Amudein, Qalousna, and Al-Gezayer- a powerful initiative that promoted young people's sense of civic participation and volunteerism.

5. **Participation in Global Urban Forum (WUF-22):** The program took part in the **World Urban Forum (WUF-22)** held at the Cairo International Convention Center- offering a high-impact opportunity to engage with leading global insights in sustainable urban development.

Success Story

A Real-Life Story

I am Rouhiya Mohamed, from El-Roubi village in Samalout district, Minya Governorate. I used to live with my husband and children in a modest home on the first floor of our village. The house had many problems: the walls were unfinished and covered with cracks that allowed mice and insects to enter, making the place unclean and posing serious threats to the health of my children. They were constantly at risk of illness because of the poor sanitary conditions.

Despite all of this, we never lost hope. I decided to approach the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) and applied for a housing loan to improve our house. Thankfully, my request was approved. The loan procedures were simple, and we received an amount of 30,000 EGP, to be repaid over two years.

Once the renovation works were completed, the difference was remarkable. The cracks that used to let in insects disappeared, the walls became clean, solid, and beautiful, and the house turned into a safe place for our children. Their health improved significantly, and they became far less vulnerable to diseases.

The housing loan was not only about improving the physical condition of the house, but it also brought peace of mind and a sense of security to our family. Now, we can spend quality time with our children in a clean and healthy environment, and we welcome relatives and friends with pride into our renewed home.

Honestly, our lives have changed for the better- we now feel stability and comfort that we never thought were possible.



Gender Program

The Gender Program continues to strive toward achieving gender equity, empowering women and girls, and combating all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence. This year, the program focused on several key pillars: economic empowerment, raising awareness to counter gender-based violence, and fostering a more conscious and unified community environment that stands against such violence.



Quantitative Achievement

- **3,884 citizens** were sensitized on gender balance and the elimination of Gender-Based Violence (GBV).
- **110 institutions** revised their internal policies to support gender equality.
- Work environments were improved for **50 women** in the private sector by enhancing their skills and connecting them to economic and employment opportunities.
- **2,528 women** were educated on digital financial literacy and financial inclusion through a comprehensive economic and social empowerment program, gaining better access to financial service providers in their communities- thus boosting their ability to manage finances and reducing the risk of economic abuse.
- **2,528 women** also received training on the social and economic effects of violence against women through a specialized program.

- **155 men**, including drivers, were trained to understand gender-based violence (GBV) issues.
- **1,590 women and girls** were made aware of mechanisms for reporting violence and informed on available formal and community protection services- helping them take practical steps toward reporting incidents and seeking support.
- **441 youth**, both males and females, participated in pre-marital counselling sessions- an important proactive measure for nurturing stable families capable of meeting social and economic challenges.
- **76 community cadres** from Greater Cairo were trained as trainers (TOT), equipped with specialized toolkits and resources, to provide technical support and build capacity among women and men to tackle all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination.



- An inclusive **Solidarity Charter** was signed with broad participation from governmental bodies: the Sohag Governorate Office; Ministries of Social Solidarity, Youth and Sports; the National Council for Women (NCW); and local civil society organizations. The Charter pledges commitment to combating all forms of violence and discrimination, promoting equality, and integrating girls and persons with disabilities. It also strengthens cooperation for monitoring violations, facilitating reporting, and providing comprehensive support to survivors.

Qualitative achievement

Institutional Support Program

The program continued to achieve its objectives in enhancing the readiness of individuals, groups, institutions, and local communities for resilience and social cohesion. This approach enables them to develop effective mechanisms to address current and anticipated changes and challenges, thereby contributing to poverty reduction and supporting sustainable development efforts. In this context, technical support and capacity-building activities were extended to community-based organizations and associations across multiple areas, covering key themes such as rights-based approaches, community resilience methodologies, governance, accountability, strategic planning, and the design of community initiatives, among others.



Signing **130 contractual partnerships** with civil society organizations and associations in target governorates.

Establishing **166 community-based structures**, including elected citizen committees and community resilience committees.

Institutional development of **67 grassroots associations**, through enhanced governance systems, public administration mechanisms, service delivery frameworks, and financial management systems.

Capacity building for **1,449 board members, community structures, and government representatives**, tailored to institutional intervention plans and their respective roles.

Engagement of **2,274 citizens** in institutional processes within their local communities, including community organizing activities, social accountability forums, and other participatory mechanisms.



Social Protection and Relief Programs



5,045 individuals benefited from social protection intervention packages, which included:

- Hot meals were provided through Ramadan feeding initiatives in Greater Cairo and Minya under the umbrella of the National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW), as well as via the Egyptian Lady's Cuisine in collaboration with the National Council for Women (NCW).
- Winter jackets were distributed to child labourers, children with disabilities, and children residing in care institutions.

10,222 households among the most vulnerable received essential food assistance.

52 tons of dry food supplies were provided to support approximately **7,500 Palestinian families** as part of regional relief and solidarity efforts.

Notably, **440 community volunteers** actively participated in delivering these interventions, enhancing outreach to the most vulnerable families and strengthening the effective community responsiveness.



During the current year, the Social Protection and Relief Program adopted a holistic approach, delivering a comprehensive set of interventions to the most vulnerable groups within local communities. These efforts aimed to alleviate economic burdens and ensure a swift and effective response during crises and emergencies.

At the regional level- consistent with the national role of CEOSS and under the umbrella of the National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW), CEOSS participated in providing humanitarian relief to our brothers and sisters in Palestine, supporting them in the aftermath of the Gaza war.

Cultivate "Ezra'a" Initiative



Under the umbrella of the National Alliance for Civil Development Work (NACDW), and in partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), CEOSS implemented the third phase of the Cultivate/ Ezra'a Initiative, supporting State and civil society efforts to boost small farmers' incomes, enhance national food security, reduce import costs, and expand wheat cultivation.

A new cooperation protocol was signed this year between MoSS, MALR, and NACDW to launch the **fourth phase of the initiative**, reaffirming commitment to sustained outreach and expanding impact.

Third Phase Key Achievements

- **15,064 feddans of wheat** were cultivated, benefiting **6,005 farmers** across 15 governorates: Behera, Dakahlia, Menoufia, Qalyubia, Giza, Beni Sueif, Minya, Assiut, Sohag, Fayoum, Qena, Aswan, Luxor, New Valley, and Ismailia.

Interventions for this phase included:

- Distribution of **high-yield seed varieties** subsidized by **25%**, aligned with varietal policy and regional soil characteristics.
- Provision of **ongoing technical support** and on-field follow-up.
- Organization of **awareness workshops** and **farmer field schools** (FFSs) led by agricultural extension engineers and consultants from research centres and universities, promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).
- **Monitoring** of harvest stages and yield assessments.

In addition to core agricultural support, integrated services were offered to farmer beneficiaries, including: Veterinary care convoys; General health services; Social protection interventions; and Ramadan iftar meals for participants attending FFSs.

Wheat Harvest Days were organized in the 15 participating governorates, bringing together executive leaderships, agricultural officials, smallholder farmers, and community cadres. These events highlighted the initiative developmental achievements, particularly its role in promoting food security and enabling smallholder farmers' empowerment.



The Agricultural Hub



The Agricultural Hub aims to continue maximizing the economic return of its components, enabling the ongoing delivery of high-quality, competitively priced services to the most impoverished and needy communities (service quality, competitive pricing, more profitable marketing opportunities).

Over the past year, the center achieved the following through its components:

First: Post-Harvest Services Station

This station operates sorting, packaging, and cooling facilities to add value to agricultural products, aligning them with local and global market requirements. The station thus enhances farmers' income by boosting both productivity and crop quality to meet export standards.



- Processed **1,540 tons of agricultural produce**: 510 tons for local market (strawberries, okra, mangoes, beans) and **1,030 tons** for export (grapes, onions).
- Created employment opportunities for **600 workers**, 90% of whom were women.



Second: Agricultural Mechanization and Equipment Unit

The Agricultural Mechanization and Equipment Unit applies good agricultural practices across stages- land preparation (ploughs, tillers) to planting (threshers, planters), harvesting (wheat harvesters), and post-harvest activities.



Trained approximately **950 farmers** in implementing agricultural practices using machinery to reduce costs.

Mechanized operations across **5,131 feddans** in the desert hinterland and partner areas, including soil preparation for **3,036 feddans**, planting equipment for 1,930 feddans, and harvest/ threshing machinery for **165 feddans**.

achievements

Third: Contractual Agricultural Center

The Contractual Agricultural Center continues collaborating with farmers to increase their income and improve market access. The Center signs marketing contracts between farmers, the Center, and partners, ensuring high-quality delivery.

- Marketed opportunities for diverse crops (soybean, sesame, onion, cumin, anise, marjoram), benefiting approximately 300 farmers.
- Signed three marketing contracts for soybean, cumin, corn, and sesame across approximately 20 feddans with private sector firms such as Al Ittihad Trading Company for Vegetable Oils.
- Signed contracts with 10 additional farmers for various crops.



Fourth: Agricultural Inputs Component

This component provides quality production inputs and resources.

- Supplied high-quality fertilizers, nutrients, and pesticides across approximately **400 feddans** for 500 farmers, enhancing productivity.
- Raised awareness among **500 farmers** on modern agricultural practices via seminars and field exhibits.



Fifth: Sieving Station Component

This component applies value-added to agricultural crops, facilitating their marketing through contractual agriculture or direct supply to companies.

Milestones

- Provided sieving services for 15 tons of cumin/anise to meet client specifications.
- Processed 25 tons of medicinal and aromatic plants (cumin, sesame, anise, thyme, coriander, black seed, fennel, basil) and supplied same to companies, hypermarkets, and individuals.
- Applied post-harvest processes using threshing machines over 40 feddans of cumin.



Sixth: Agricultural Lands Component

This component contributes by showcasing economic agricultural models using clean agriculture practices- intended to boost production, offer replicable best-practice examples, and disseminate expertise among farmers.

- Produced **46 tons of crops** (coloured peppers, chili peppers, tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, and wheat), in addition to **900 majdool date offshoots, 7,150 tons of majdool dates, and the marketing and sale of 1,200 tons of avocados**.
- Strengthened **marketing sustainability** and expanded the **customer base** by diversifying sales channels, including online sales in **Minya and Cairo governorates**, alongside maintaining operations at the permanent outlet in **Itsa** district. These efforts enabled access to a wider segment of consumers.
- Ensured **year-round product availability and generated off-season sales**. A major shift was achieved by **storing majdool dates in dedicated cold storage facilities**, allowing them to be marketed during off-season periods when supply in the market is limited. This step helped **secure steady revenue** flows while consistently meeting customer needs.
- Implemented a range of agricultural development operations to enhance soil and crop productivity, including:
 - Pollination of **3,600 majdool date clusters** in preparation for the upcoming production season.
 - Pollination of **600 majdool and Barhi palms** for the next production cycle.
 - Uprooting and planting **248 new Barhi palm offshoots** added to the farm's stock.



Carrying out winter services for **600 palm trees** and **2,040 avocado trees**.

Grafting 380 mango seedlings (Keitt, Naomi, and Austin varieties) among avocado orchards.

Cultivating **121 new Barhi palm offshoots** in available spaces within Barhi groves.

Practicing **safe, pesticide-free farming** by using safe compounds and applying compost for clean cultivation, reducing chemical fertilizer use **across 24 feddans**.

Delivering a **training package for permanent farm workers** on technical palm operations such as **pollination, bending, and thinning**.

Expanding the cultivation of perennial trees, which are more resilient to weather conditions, insect and fungal infestations, and require only seasonal maintenance. This reduces labor needs and enhances the overall profitability of cultivation.



Partnerships

- Partnered with **30 local communities** to expand outreach and benefit a larger number of contracted farmers.
- Continued collaboration with key private sector and export partners,
- Engaged with private sector firms and domestic market actors

Volunteerism and Experiential Training



The unit aims to strengthen the pioneering role of CEOSS in promoting the importance of community participation, enabling citizens to contribute to the development and advancement of their communities, organizing collective efforts, and building the capacities of youth by enhancing their skills so they become qualified to effectively participate in community building and improving living standards. This is achieved through the following programs:

- **First: Volunteerism Program**
- **Second: Experiential Training Program**



I. Volunteerism Program

Overall Goal:

To harness and mobilize local resources (Ex. funds, effort, ideas, time, networks, and knowledge) for the service of communities and vulnerable groups. The focus is on capacity-building, enhancing civic effectiveness, and nurturing a culture of positive values among youth.

Highlighting Volunteer Roles on International Volunteering Day:

CEOSS' Volunteering page celebrated International Volunteering Day by sharing inspiring volunteer success stories from various regions, reinforcing volunteerism as a powerful tool for community change.

"Together, We Can Share" Initiative:

Launched in collaboration with volunteers to raise awareness among youth and families on the dangers of online blackmail and exploitation through interactive awareness-raising activities.

Building Community-Based Volunteer Partnerships:

In cooperation with a youth committee in El-Khalifa area, five volunteers designed and conducted peer awareness sessions on protecting against cyber blackmail—demonstrating volunteers' ability to lead impactful social initiatives.

Expanding the Volunteer Base:

This year, 308 new youth volunteers joined (33 males, 275 females), aged between 19 and 30—indicating the program's appeal and success in strengthening youth participation.

Key Achievements of the Year

II. Experiential Training Program

Goal:

To offer youth a realistic, interactive training environment that enables them to enter real work settings. This not only develops practical skills but also supports CEOSS activities by performing tasks that would otherwise require additional time and resources.

1-Training Program for International University Students:

- Delivered 150 training hours across diverse areas including:
 - Organizing and managing medical caravans
 - Clean agriculture techniques
 - Societal changes affecting Egyptian women since recent revolutions

2- Developing High-Quality Manuals:

Produced two specialized manuals:

o Volunteer Handbook

o General Policies & Procedures Manual

These tools ensure efficient program implementation with clarity and quality.



Success Story

A Real-Life Story- Hamza Ismail: From Pain to Hope

I got to know about the 'Ma Baad Hanqdar' (Together We Can) initiative in cooperation with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, and I became very interested in it because I had been subjected to online blackmail when I found my picture on an anonymous and unethical page. I tried to remove it, but it was in vain.

I joined the initiative, and with the support of the responsible team, my photos were deleted, the page was taken down within 5 hours, and I was also able to secure all my accounts. I learned how to report blackmail and became aware of the laws and institutions I can turn to.

Now, I have become a volunteer in the initiative, and I have trained 19 girls at the Imams and Tuni Youth Center on digital safety and confronting electronic blackmail.

Thanks to the 'Together We Can' initiative, because it changed my life."



Success Story

I am Salsabeel, a graduate of the Faculty of Education from Haram, Giza, and a volunteer in civil society. I currently work as a trainer in the "**Meshwary**" (My Journey) program of the Ministry of Youth and Sports EMYS.

I joined the team of volunteers in the "**Together We Can Combat Cyber Blackmail**" initiative in cooperation with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services CEOSS and Basmet Ibda'a

Association. I received training on methods of protection from cyber blackmail and on how to raise awareness among young people in this field.

I also submitted an official request to the Ministry of Youth to include the topic of digital safety within the Mashwary program because it is an issue that affects all segments of society, and there is not enough awareness on its forms, harms, and reporting mechanisms.

Thank you to the "Together We Can" initiative for its effective role in awareness and protection.

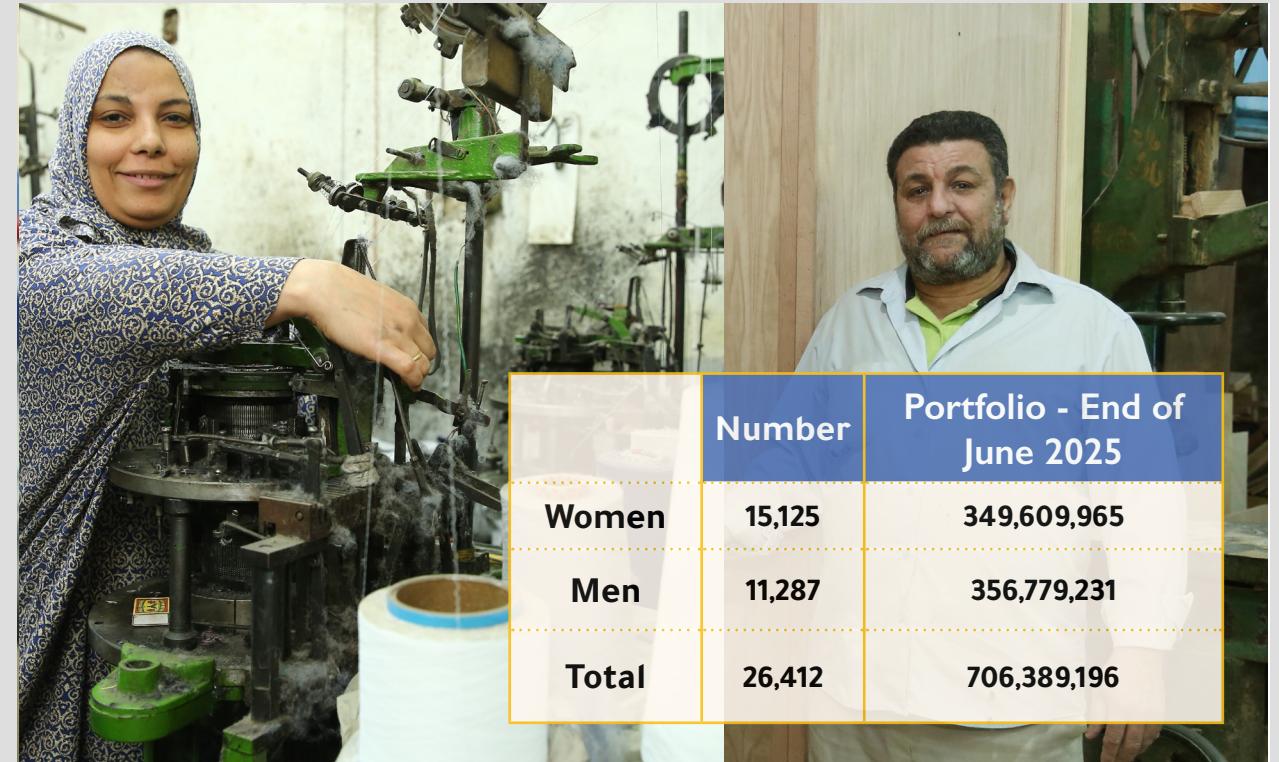


Microfinance



Dedicated to alleviating poverty in line with international standards and principles of responsible financing, the Microfinance unit provides accessible funding opportunities to economically active low-income individuals in Egypt, with the goal of enhancing their quality of life.

During the past year, the Unit worked on achieving the following:



Governorate	Number	Portfolio - End of June 2025
Menofia	676	22,762,000
Qalyubia	1428	57,094,000
Cairo	6726	234,201,000
Giza	4368	96,805,000
Beni Suef	1979	79,210,000
Minya	8856	330,287,000
Assiut	2683	99,104,000
Sohag and Qena	647	28,717,000
Fayoum	54	1,060,000
Total	27417	949,240,000

- Opening 4 new branches (Alf Maskan in Cairo, Al-Adwa in Minya, and Al-Fath in Assiut), and expanding into a new governorate, Fayoum, bringing the total number of branches to 49 in the governorates of Monufia, Qalyubia, Cairo, Giza, Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, Sohag, and Qena.
- Implementing the fair pricing policy under the supervision of the Financial Regulatory Authority.
- Expanding the use of e-platforms:
 - o Reaching 12,000 followers on Amal Microfinance page.
 - o Receiving 1,950 microfinance application forms through the page.

Impactful Partnerships.

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Success Story

My name is **Nadia Wageeh Rasmy** from Tahnsha village in Minya Governorate. I am a mother of four children. I trade in livestock, and I also produce ghee, cheese, and milk which I sell to the people of my village, but my production was limited to the livestock I had. In the beginning, the capital of my project

was very small, and of course, I tried to have more capabilities than that. When I learned that CEOSS provides loans with fast services in my village, I decided to apply for a loan at the end of 2017. I started with an amount of EGP 5,000 and bought livestock within the amount I received. Although it was my first time, it helped me expand, and then my project started to grow, and I sold more. When I found the loan suitable and my project grew, I requested to renew continuously until I received my eighth loan with a value of EGP 70,000. Through it, I was able to expand the project, bought more livestock, and I am thinking of bringing in other types of breeds to add to my trade. By the way, before the loans, the project was small, but now, thanks to God and the support of CEOSS, it has become a large feedlot in the village, reaching up to 9 places. My income increased, and I was able to buy a new house in the village, marry off my eldest daughter, and help my husband with household expenses and the school fees of our kids.

Success Story

My name is **Samah Mohamed Kamel** from El-Matareya in Cairo. I am 47 years old, a divorcee, and I have two daughters. My problem was that when I got divorced about 10 years ago, my daughters were still young, and we had no source of income. I had two options: the first was to remarry at that time when

I was about 37 years old and leave my children, or to be strong with life's struggles and raise my daughters and give them the best education. I thought about the empty shop we had at home and considered renting it. I discussed the matter with my father, and indeed, I rented the shop. My father helped me with a very small amount to start a project, and I began sewing. The shop was going well, but the goods were very limited, and the profit was not enough to cover our expenses and my daughters' education expenses. I thought about taking a microfinance loan to buy more goods and gradually grow my project. I went to CEOSS office, submitted my documents, and received a loan. I started buying goods and expanding the shop, and thanks to God, the shop grew and sustained our income. Every time I repaid a loan, I renewed with a larger amount until I reached EGP 20,000 now. Honestly, I could have taken more than that, but I also renew the loan according to the installment I can afford to pay. My shop has become full of goods and is sustaining our income, and my daughters are about to accomplish their education. I will continue my mission. Thanks to CEOSS- truly I will always remember everyone who supported and helped me to continue my mission.

Dialogue



Under the global upheavals caused by wars and conflicts and their consequences both internationally and locally, the Dialogue Unit continues to pursue its mission of contributing to the building of a pluralistic democratic society grounded in citizenship values and human rights principles, which respects diversity and accepts difference within a fair constitutional and legal framework. It seeks to achieve this goal by promoting a culture of dialogue and empowering key cultural actors- particularly young religious leaders from Islamic and Christian institutions, cultural, media, and academic workers, and civil society organizations. The Forum embraces a methodology of participation, partnership, and cooperation with government and non-governmental entities, operating at the local, regional, and international levels.

Key Achievements and Highlights During the Year

First: At the International Level

- A memorandum of understanding and cooperation was signed between CEOSS and **Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities** in Abu Dhabi, with the aim of strengthening Arab cooperation in areas such as empowering leaders and young academics, exchanging expertise, and organizing joint awareness events and initiatives. The signing was accompanied by an intellectual forum titled "**Diversity and Coexistence: A Roadmap for a Shared Future**", which was attended by 35 Arab Intellectual leaders and around 100 professors and students from the university.
- The **Arab Dialogue Network** expanded with the addition of 6 new institutions, bringing the number of represented countries to 8 Arab states (Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, UAE, and Iraq). A regional meeting was held under the title "**Towards Effective Management of Pluralism and Diversity in Arab Societies**", with the participation of 37 representatives from different countries. The meeting addressed cultural challenges and the role of the media in managing diversity.
- As part of strengthening international partnerships, the following were achieved:
 - The 17th round of the **Egyptian-German Dialogue Program** was organized under the theme "**Peace, Stability, and Sustainable Development in an Era of Social and Environmental Transformation**", in partnership with the **German Evangelical Academy Loccum**. The program brought together 153 participants, including religious leaders, academics, media professionals, and executive and political leaders from both sides. It featured diverse activities such as a visit to the Egyptian Parliament, a symposium in Alexandria, and field visits to local communities.



- o The **Egyptian-American Dialogue** meeting was held with the participation of 108 individuals, including church representatives, members of Congress, public figures, and Egyptian intellectual leaders. Discussions focused on issues of citizenship, combating hate speech, and empowering women and people with disabilities.
- o With the participation of 27 representatives from Arab and European institutions, the **Arab-European Dialogue Round** was convened. The meeting included discussions on CEOSS activities and its societal role, in addition to an analytical reading of the current regional situation, and a field visit to Al-Azhar Observatory for Fatwa "religious legal opinions" and Combatting Extremism (AOCE).



Second: At the Local Level

- **Integration with the Presidential Initiative "A New Beginning for Building the Human Being":**
 - o A **conference entitled "The Human Being in the Modern Civil State"** was held with the participation of the Minister of Religious Endowments. It addressed key themes on the role of religious institutions, upbringing, media, and culture in building the human being, in addition to the opportunities and challenges of this process.
 - o A **roundtable discussion entitled "A Cultural Vision for Building the Human Being"** was organized to develop programs and strategies for awareness raising on issues of citizenship and social cohesion.
 - **Graduation of 368 young leaders** from religious, media, academic, and community backgrounds representing 10 governorates, after a 3-year training program aimed at preparing them as agents of change, and to spread the values of dialogue, citizenship, and accept-



ance of the other. The graduates carried out a number of community initiatives in partnership with governmental, civic, and cultural institutions, including the Ministry of Religious Endowments, the Islamic Research Academy, universities, the General Authority for Cultural Palaces, and more than 40 civil society organizations.

- **Graduation of a cohort of 50 young men and women (“Champions of Change”)** under the age of 25 from four villages in Minya Governorate, after intensive training to prepare them as local leaders to promote citizenship and dialogue within their communities. The graduation ceremony was attended by the U.S. Ambassador, the Minister of Planning, and the Director of USAID, where the youth presented diverse success stories and initiatives they had implemented on the ground.



Key Achievements of the Work Programs:

Intermediate Leadership Capacity-Building Program

The program continues to build and qualify young leaders in the field of dialogue, including (religious leaders, female preachers, female servants, media professionals, academics, representatives of civil society organizations, and representatives of governmental organizations), enabling them to become agents of positive change in their communities.

Number of	Number of Participants	Number of Community Initiatives	Number of Beneficiaries from Initiatives
92	3,139	17	16,400

The program continues to work on developing the capacities of the targeted groups with the aim of enabling them to become agents of positive change within their communities.

The field initiatives launched by religious leaders reflected the impact of the training, most notably:

- In **Assiut**, Father Amos Basta launched initiatives to address vendetta killings, including awareness sessions and community reconciliation.
- In **Luxor**, an initiative on diversity and pluralism was implemented in cooperation with Luxor University.
- In **Alexandria**, a joint religious document was produced to support climate change issues and raise citizen awareness.
- In **Sohag**, religious leaders participated in environmental awareness campaigns, and Friday sermons were used to convey concepts of conflict management.
- In **Minya**, female preachers and servants launched initiatives to promote social cohesion through mosques and churches.



Media Professionals

A set of innovative media initiatives were implemented, contributing to spreading a culture of dialogue and strengthening the values of diversity and belonging. Among these were:



- Producing the podcast **“Yalla Hewar” (Let’s Talk)**, which highlights inspiring community models and delivers positive messages that reshape young people’s understanding of success.
- Producing awareness films such as **“If Dialogue Were Currency”**, which highlights dialogue as a core value in everyday life, and **“This Is God’s Creation”**, which reflects the role of young leaders in supporting environmental causes.
- Implementing the initiative **“A Picture and a Story from Our Heritage” in Alexandria**, in collaboration with media professionals, religious leaders, and academics, aimed at reinforcing Egyptian identity and showcasing cultural diversity through documentary photos of the city’s heritage.



Academics

Academics from seven partner universities contributed to promoting values of citizenship and cultural diversity through interactive student initiatives that engaged more than 1,000 male and female students. **Key examples include:**

- **“Always Together”** (Assiut University), on tolerance and coexistence.
- **“Our Heritage, a Beacon for Our Generations”** (Luxor University), to strengthen cultural identity.
- **“Aswan Colors”** (Aswan University), highlighting the cultural diversity of the governorate.
- A booklet titled **“Diversity and Citizenship”** was also published with the contribution of 16 academics, featuring applied research articles.



Two distinctive initiatives were further carried out:

- **“I Used to Think”** in Alexandria, addressing stereotypes through visits and dialogue sessions.
- **“Our Peace Comes from Our Education”** at Cairo University, promoting a culture of peace and diversity with the participation of faculty members and students.



Representatives of Civil Society Organizations:

Civil society representatives contributed to integrating the values of dialogue and diversity within their organizations' activities through effective developmental and community initiatives, most notably:

- **In Aswan:** Coordinating the efforts of several associations to support **Sudanese refugees** through joint awareness activities, immediate relief assistance, and psychosocial rehabilitation programs that promote solidarity and human dignity.
- **In Qena:** Training **200 beneficiaries** on environmental citizenship concepts, enabling them to become ambassadors for sustainable community change.
- **In Minya:** Launching artistic, sports, and awareness activities in villages affected by violence, with the aim of building a new generation of dialogue leaders and fostering a culture of coexistence.



Representatives of Government Institutions:

- **In Beni Suef and Alexandria:** Designing training programs for 300 young men and women to develop their leadership, critical thinking, and community engagement skills.
- **In Giza:** Implementing the "**Our Homeland Unites Us**" initiative with the participation of 1,075 individuals to address a local conflict. The initiative included dialogue sessions on citizenship, media, and religious edicts, along with working groups focusing on the values of social cohesion.

Within the framework of partnerships with government entities such as cultural palaces and youth centers, representatives of these institutions contributed to enhancing cultural justice and ensuring access to services for all through:

- Implementing cultural activities in new communities, such as **King Mariout in Alexandria**. These included visits to archaeological and religious sites and artistic workshops, in cooperation with civil society organizations.
- Launching the "**Windows of Dialogue and Peace**" initiative in three governorates (Minya, Beni Suef, and Alexandria), targeting 1,000 youth and children to promote a culture of dialogue and respect. The initiative was implemented in coordination with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Egyptian Federation for Scouts, and The General Authority for Cultural Palaces (GACP).



Training of Trainers (TOT) Program

The program aims to harness the capacities of Forum program graduates, enabling them to become effective community leaders (Champions and Ambassadors) across six governorates. It enhances their skills in countering polarization and promoting dialogue.



- A total of **60 graduates** of the Forum programs- comprising academics, religious leaders, media professionals, intellectuals, and representatives from civil society organizations- coming from Alexandria, Cairo, Minya, Assiut, Aswan, and Luxor, participated in **9 workshops** as part of the advanced ToT program.
- **20 program participants** were enlisted as trainers for other youth groups during these workshops, serving as a practical application within the trainers' skill development.

Dialogue Ambassadors Program

The program aims to harness the capacities of Forum program graduates, enabling them to become effective community leaders (Champions and Ambassadors) across six governorates. It enhances their skills in countering polarization and promoting dialogue.

Trained **56 young men and women** from **11 governorates** (Cairo, Giza, Ismailia, Alexandria, Minya, Beni Suef, Assiut, Sohag, Qena, Luxor, and Aswan).

- The program's youth achieved tangible results by employing art and sports to spread values of dialogue and acceptance of others.
- Key highlights include:

"Better Together" initiative, with the participation of youth from four governorates, which used artistic and sports activities to address violence and strengthen bonds of love among **150 children and mothers** from two marginalized villages (one Christian and the other Muslim).

Production of an AI-generated song, authored and performed by a young female participant, creatively used to instill values of love and peace among children.

Simplified content on citizenship presented to children in the Orthodox Church through innovative weekly segments.

Establishment of the Dialogue Ambassadors Alumni Network, connecting graduates from different governorates to exchange experiences and expand the impact of initiatives through art and sports.



Advocacy Program



The program continued to achieve its goal of bringing about positive change by raising public awareness on advocacy issues, influencing decision-makers within institutions to adopt new approaches, and placing the issue at the center of media attention and impact. Within the framework of adopting the concept of **citizenship embracing cultural diversity**, the following achievements were made:

9 meetings were held with the participation of 470 individuals, including opinion leaders, intellectuals, parliamentarians, and decision-makers.



- **Promoting public awareness and institutional influence through:**
- 3 wide-ranging dialogue sessions with the participation of religious leaders, intellectuals, parliamentarians, and media representatives from both Muslim and Christian communities.
- Extensive intellectual and media support, through coverage in articles and television programs by prominent thought leaders, which contributed to elevating the level of public debate on the issue.
- Mainstreaming values into institutional policies: 10 civil society organizations developed Codes of Conduct that integrate the values of diversity and acceptance of the other, while government bodies-such as the Beni Suef Directorate of Youth and Sports- began moving in the same direction.
- Publication of a specialized knowledge bulletin on approaches to cultural diversity and pluralism, serving as a practical guide for practitioners in the awareness-raising field.



Dialogue Topics

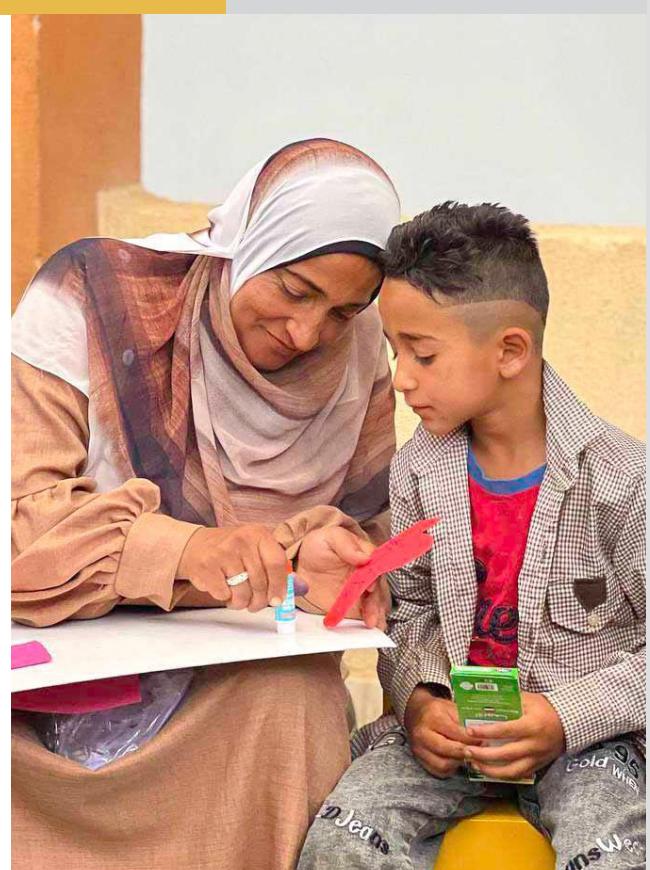
to Promote Sustainable Development

The Dialogue Unit continued to enhance sustainable development efforts through the integration of cultural, social, and economic inputs as follows:

1. Integrated Development Model Program

The program is implemented in 4 communities across the governorates of As-suit, Beni Suef, Cairo, and Alexandria. It serves nearly 2,250 individuals representing 450 families. During this year, over 100 diverse cultural activities and events were implemented within these communities through partnerships with local associations and community committees in each area.

Strengthening the role of educational institutions in raising new generations on the values of citizenship, dialogue, and acceptance of others. Nearly 50 teachers and social workers in the communities of Beni Zaid (Beni Suef) and Al-Duwayna (Assiut) were trained on these values and applied them with students through artistic and sports school activities.



2. Social and Economic Empowerment Program for Girls in Upper Egypt

The program continued to build cohesive communities by empowering rural girls and young women from diverse social and cultural backgrounds to become leaders of change through training, awareness-raising, and the promotion of dialogue and community cooperation.

Quantitative Achievement	Number of Youth Leaders of Change	Number of Communities	Coordinating Leaders & Committees	Beneficiaries of Leaders of Change Initiatives				
				Women	Children:	Girls:	Mothers &	Families (door-to-door):
	50	4	50	75	100	75	75	270

Two community documents were produced addressing the issues of **child marriage and women's right to education**. These were developed through a series of dialogue sessions with youth, religious leaders, and specialists. The documents were presented in expanded meetings with community leaders and signed by participants as a declaration of their commitment to the values and principles contained in them.



■ Impactful Partnerships

A partnership was established with Mohammed Bin Zayed University for Humanities in Abu Dhabi, alongside the continuation of institutional partnerships through diverse events with the following partners:

- General Authority for Cultural Palaces
- Ministry of Endowments
- Egypt Public Library / Cultural Development Fund
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides
- Educational Directorates
- Universities (Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor, Assiut, Beni Suef, Helwan)
- Higher Institute of Social Work
- Civil society organizations, in addition to coordination with new partners, such as the Drinking Water Authority and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Success Story

Eng. Sara Abdel Dayem El-Sayed

She works at Anfoushi Cultural Palace – Alexandria, and is one of the participants in the Government Representatives Program. Inspired by what she learned through her participation in the Forum, she launched her own initiative, "Draw Your City", with the aim of promoting the values of citizenship, diversity, and respect for differences. In coordination with the General Authority for Cultural Palace and a number of partner entities, the initiative provided an opportunity for large groups of amateurs and professionals- both males and females, and from different religious backgrounds- to participate in documenting Alexandria's tangible and intangible heritage through painting and photography.

Success Story

Sandy and Norhan

Two girls of close age from the village of Abyouha in Minya Governorate formed together a unique rapid-intervention team. Together, they intervened to save girls who were at risk of undergoing female genital mutilation (FMG) or dropping out of education. For the first time, they knocked on the doors of both Christian and Muslim households as part of door-to-door campaigns, and together carried out several self-initiated initiatives.

After years of distance, Sandy and Norhan became a model of harmony and effective joint work in their community after meeting through the program. Despite living geographically close, their social circles had never intersected before the program. Each applied to become a Leader of Change when the program was announced in the village, without prior experience in community work or in collaborating with someone of a different religion.

Sandy had long served in her village church, only mixing with Christian girls since childhood, while Norhan received religious lessons for Muslim girls, with no friendships or acquaintances with Christians. According to local traditions, girls in the village typically do not visit the homes of those of a different faith. But through the journey of the program, the two girls built a close bond, discovered many commonalities as young women facing similar challenges, and became united in addressing issues in their community.



Success Story

Hossam Osama Ibrahim (a person with visual disability)

A sound engineer from Giza Governorate, he was part of the youth groups and launched the initiative "**Teach Me = I Teach You.**" The initiative aimed to support social cohesion by promoting a culture of knowledge and skill exchange among community members on the basis of equality and complementarity. It also expressed solidarity with persons with disabilities- especially visual disabilities- empowering them to be active in transferring expertise rather than merely being recipients.

Dar El-Thaqafa Publishing House



Dar El-Thaqafa is one of the units of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS). It aims to disseminate awareness in various fields and walks of life to promote enlightened thinking, which helps the Church and society to be open and to progress with effectiveness suited to the culture of the age, by enriching the Arabic library with diverse writings that include references, studies, commentaries, books on theology, society, family, child, youth, development, and all fields.

First: Publishing:

During this year, Dar El-Thaqafa issued **21 new publications** and reprinted **17 books** in various fields.

..... **Most important publications of this year:**

Children's Books

First: Children's Book Series

It is a valuable series of 8 parts- designed in an attractive way- that seeks to highlight social and spiritual values for children. The first two books were published:

I. God Created the Children

Authors: Justin S. Holcomb and Lindsey A. Holcomb

This booklet helps parents answer the question: Where do babies come from? It is directed to children aged 3–8 years. It offers a wonderful opportunity to provide children with accurate information in line with the Word of God.



2. God Created Me

Authors: Justin S. Holcomb
and Lindsey A. Holcomb

This booklet addresses a serious and important issue in society, namely sexual abuse of children. It aims to help parents teach their children how to protect their bodies against sexual harassment and various forms of sexual assault. It is directed to children aged 3-8 years.



Second:

The Purpose-Driven Life Devotional for kids

Author: Rick Warren

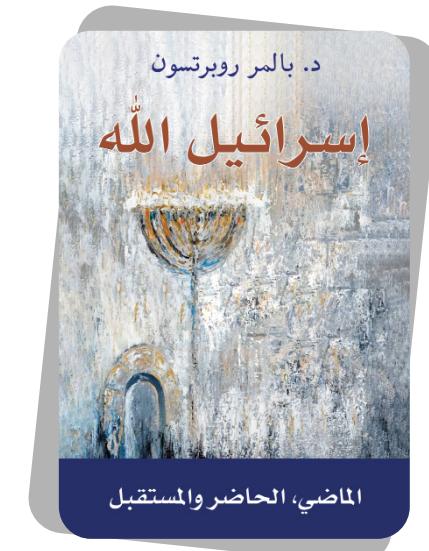
This is a book dedicated to children; it contains 365 daily devotions, including 6 purposes that help build the child spiritually and socially. It has been one of the best-selling books for many years.

Research and Studies

Israel of God

Author: Palmer Robertson

Amid all the political challenges the region is witnessing due to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, this book presents a biblical and theological study of the concept of land, people, worship, lifestyle, and the coming of the kingdom, to answer an important set of questions regarding this issue.



The Evidence for the Existence of God and His Revelation

Author: Rev. Dr. Suheil Madanat

This book presents a comprehensive survey of cosmic perspectives on God throughout ancient and modern civilizations and religions, then discusses rational, scientific, and moral evidence, followed by a precise and systematic presentation of God's revelation in Christ, and the impact of Christianity on the history of humanity. This book was produced in partnership with Dar Manhal Al-Hayat (DMAH) in Lebanon and the Baptist Publishing House in Jordan..



Social Books

Types of Addictions

A comprehensive guide to understanding the different types of addictions and ways of recovery

Authors: Dr. Tim Clinton, Dr. Eric Scalise

This comprehensive reference covers many types of addictions, such as drugs and alcohol, behavioural addictions, patterned addictions, and even religious addiction. It includes an accurate definition of each type and the methods of recovery from it.



Spiritual Books

Holy Father, Sanctify Them

Author: Daniel Bourguet

The book is built on the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John 17,17:11, in which He asks the Father to sanctify us all. It is a petition that appears nowhere else except in these profound and sacred moments of the Lord Jesus' presence on earth.



As part of its efforts to promote theological and social dialogue, Dar El-Thaqafa focused on organizing intellectual meetings to present and discuss new publications, with the participation of the authors and a selection of critics, in order to explore and deepen the most complex theological and social issues.

During this year, Dar El-Thaqafa organized four additional intellectual meetings on a number of the most prominent new publications:



1. In partnership with Dar Manhal El-Hayat (DMAH) in Lebanon and the Baptist Publishing House in Jordan, Dar El-Thaqafa organized an intellectual meeting to discuss **the book The Evidence for the Existence of God and His Revelation** by Rev. Dr. Suheil Madanat.

2. An intellectual meeting to discuss **the book The Pain of Toxic Relationships and Recovery from Them** by Rev. Sami Saeed

3. An intellectual meeting to discuss **the book Philosophy of the Christian Religion** by Rev. Dr. Hany Hanna.

4. An intellectual meeting to discuss **the book The Second Coming of Christ: Its Dimensions and Events** by Rev. Dr. Fahim Aziz.

Second: Libraries:

Last year, the libraries **achieved significant accomplishments in sales volume and outreach** as follows:



1 Sales volume of publications:

An increase in library sales by **%25** compared to the previous year.

Sale of approx. 18,200 copies of Dar El-Thaqafa publications during the year.

Expansion in local markets:

New agencies were opened to distribute books in a number of Christian bookstores, churches, and monasteries in the areas of Old Cairo, Maadi, Agamy, Fleming, and Gianaclis in Alexandria, which contributed to expanding geographical outreach.

Strong presence at the Cairo International Book Fair (56th round):

- **More than 4,500 copies were sold** despite economic challenges.
- **The number of visitors** to the Dar El-Thaqafa booth **exceeded 10,000**, reflecting strong presence and cultural impact.

2 3. Participation in international and local book fairs:

- Dar El-Thaqafa publications **participated in a number of major Arab fairs** such as Erbil Book Fair, Iraq Book Fair, Sharjah Book Fair, Abu Dhabi Book Fair, and Amman International Book Fair.

- Dar El-Thaqafa also contributed to **covering the fairs accompanying a number of major events** such as: Together We Pray Conference at Beit El-Wadi, The 1,000 Servants Conference, Samalout Diocese Book Fair, The Image Conference, and Calculate It Right Exhibition.

4. Noticeable growth in digital sales:

- Dar El-Thaqafa website witnessed remarkable development, as **the number of visitors** reached **11,487 from around the globe**, and **e-sales** achieved a **%300 increase** compared to the previous year.



Digital Transformation of Dar El-Thaqafa Publications

In partnership with **MENATE** (Middle East and North Africa Association for Theological Education), **Dar El-Thaqafa succeeded in uploading 300 of its publications in digital form**, making them available for students of theological colleges in the Middle East and North Africa to browse digitally through the website menate.org.



The number of followers of Dar El-Thaqafa Publishing house from all around the world



Third: The Technical Office

- Designing a number of **promotional campaigns** through Dar El-Thaqafa's social media pages, including the production of diverse content such as **reels, posts, and videos** to promote the new publications.
- Designing **41 covers for books and magazines** issued by Dar El-Thaqafa and other entities.



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Fourth: Printing Press

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- The Printing Press seeks to expand in the external market to become the main source of revenue generation, while continuing to implement internal work for the units according to their needs. It also continuously expands into new printing markets by producing all forms of colored paper products, in addition to ensuring continuous development of printing press machines and tools and enhancing the skills of its workers.



During the past year, the Printing Press achieved the following achievements:

- The total number of contracts for this year: 182 contracts with a total of EGP 17,900,000.
- The total number of contracts executed: 170 contracts with a total of EGP 17,200,000.
- The total number of printed copies: 1,300,000 copies.



Media Production



The Media Production Unit continues to support and enhance the media presence of CEOSS by disseminating its objectives, activities, and events, which helps achieve CEOSS' mission of creating a supportive environment for developmental approaches and values of coexistence. This is done through strategic methodologies that document all activities and events, develop communication mechanisms with all media outlets, and manage them effectively. In addition, the Unit produces media materials that meet the needs of target communities.

During this year, many successes were achieved that reflect the Unit's role, amongst which:

- Expanding CEOSS publications to reach over **11 million people**, with an increase of 25%
- Producing **podcast** episodes for **Al-Nisour magazine**.



Achievements according to the fields of work of the Media and Media Production Unit:

1- News and Media Relations

SEARCH

This field aims to achieve media leadership and professional and organized media presence with all media outlets locally, regionally, and internationally, and to manage it effectively to enhance the reputation and position of the Presidency of the Evangelical Church and the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services.



During this year, media achieved the following:

- Publishing over **1000 news pieces and press reports** on the activities and events of the Presidency of the Evangelical Church and the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services through newspapers, websites, and Egyptian, Arab, and international news agencies.
- Producing over **50 television reports**, in addition to media coverage in news bulletins and talk shows on a large number of Egyptian and Arab channels, including official channels and Egyptian television.
- Reaching significant and sustained attention from over **22 Egyptian newspapers, websites, and news agencies**.
- Strong presence in more than **20 Egyptian, Arab, and international television channels**.



2- Social Media

SEARCH

This field aims at the effective use of social media to create interactive spaces in order to introduce the objectives and activities of CEOSS, build good relationships with the target groups, and market the ideas, mechanisms, and objectives adopted by CEOSS.

During this year, social media achieved the following:

First: Social Media Pages

- **547 posts** were published on CEOSS pages, reaching approx. **11,000,000 people**.
- The total **number of messages and interactions** (shares, comments, likes on posts): **980,000**.
- The number of **CEOSS page followers** increased by **150,000 followers**.
- The total number of **followers** on **Facebook** reached **670,000 followers**.
- The number of **followers of CEOSS Instagram** accounts reached **18,500**.
- The total number of **YouTube views** reached **half a million views**.
- Activation of the "Will/ Erada Factory" and "Itsa Center" pages.
- **6,679 job application forms** were received through job announcements.



Second: The Presidency of the Protestant Church of Egypt Page

- **415 posts** were published, reaching **4,960,000 people**.
- The number of **page followers increased by 34,320**, bringing the total to **367,000 followers**.
- The total number of **interactions and messages: 475,000**.



3- Websites:

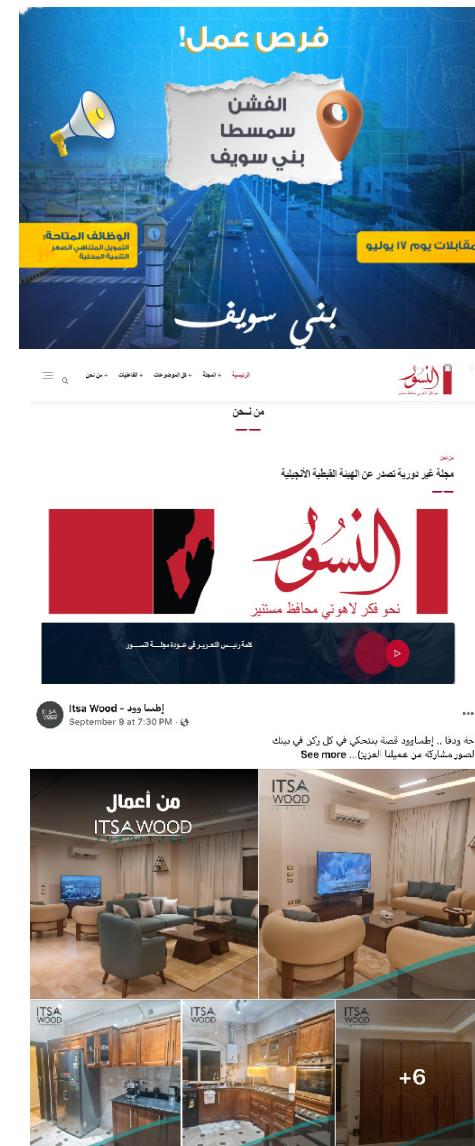
SEARCH

During the year, the websites continued to support digital presence and achieved the following:

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First: Supporting and Developing Digital Presence

- Improving and regularly updating content, in addition to developing the user experience and integrating the website with other digital communication channels, bringing the number of CEOSS website visitors to **126,000, an increase of %45 compared to last year**.
- Developing sub-websites, such as the Dar El-Thaqafa website, which contributed to wider engagement with interested audiences, reaching **10,000 visitors** during the year.
- Creating and launching electronic employment forms, with the **number of submitted forms reaching 63,000**.
- Creating and launching microfinance application forms for the Microfinance Unit, reaching **4,000 users** during the year.
- Completion of the Al-Nisour website, a digital platform specialized in presenting enlightened theological content, reflecting the message of the Evangelical Church of Egypt, and promoting conservative enlightened theological thought.
- Completion of an e-commerce website for Itsa Wood furniture, aiming to display and sell the unit's products in a way that meets modern developments.



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Second: Digital Infrastructure Development

- Updating the servers and improving the performance of CEOSS main website, which resulted in a %30 increase in storage capacity compared to last year.** The update also included the servers of a number of affiliated websites, such as the Dar El-Thaqafa website, Itsa Wood, and Al-Nisour magazine, ensuring greater stability and responsiveness of these websites.

- Mobile Application:

- %80 completion of a mobile application for CEOSS website**, aiming to improve the user experience and expand audience outreach through smart device platforms.

- "Smart Guide" Application:

- The application was hosted again after being put on halt and deleted from the Google Play Console by the previous company. It was re-uploaded on a new server under the management and supervision of the Media Production Unit, with the necessary updates implemented.**



4- Artistic Production

SEARCH

Artistic production aims to enhance and empower CEOSS programs and civil society institutions in the field of capacity building and awareness-raising, by creating visual media through film production, photography, and montage.



During the past year, Artistic Production achieved the following:



- Editing and directing of **20 documentary films** for CEOSS projects.
- Editing and directing of **40 promos for social media**.
- Editing of **75 interviews** and dialogue sessions for various CEOSS units and the Evangelical Church Presidency.
- Approx. **260 filmed interviews** (photo and video) for all CEOSS units.
- Editing and directing of **15 podcast episodes**.



5- Curricula and Journalism

SEARCH

Curricula and journalism aim to enhance and empower CEOSS programs and civil society institutions in the field of capacity building and awareness raising through production and accessibility, and to contribute to preserving CEOSS memory by documenting activities and intellectual production.

Achievements during the past year:

- Production of **3 issues** of **Al-Nisour** magazine.
- Production of **8 issues** of **Risalat Al-Nour** magazine.
- Production of **educational materials on combating the danger of lead poisoning for children**, including a coloring book and an animated film.
- Preparation of the **CEOSS annual report**.
- A working paper on lessons learnt and diversity. Manual of reproductive health rights of persons with disabilities.



Medical Center



Horus Hospital strives to deliver high-quality medical, diagnostic, and radiological services to diverse population groups at accessible prices, adhering to strict patient safety standards. The hospital has an expert medical team that is deeply committed to this mission and believes in every patient's right to excellent care- advancing CEOSS mission towards the community.

First: Quantitative Accomplishments of the Medical centers



Horus examinations ● Medical convoys ● surgeries ● Dental Interventions ●

Over the past year, the Medical Centers enhanced community service delivery and expanded strategic partnerships through:

- **Network Expansion:**

Enhancing the network of strategic partnerships through signing agreements with 62 diverse entities , including NGOs, healthcare companies, professional unions, religious institutions, medical professionals, and civic activists- creating broader outreach to underserved populations.

- **Delivery of Free Health Services for Disadvantaged and Remote Communities:**

In collaboration with civil society partners, conducted 66 free surgeries targeting impoverished and marginalized communities- demonstrating our commitment to health equity.



•Reducing Wait Times for State-Sponsored Treatment:

Under a protocol with specialized bodies of the Ministry of Health and Population, performed 158 surgeries for patients referred from state-funded treatment waiting lists- supporting government efforts to reduce burdens and accelerate access to medical care services.

•Regular Screening in Schools and Public Institutions:

Partnered with two of Minya's leading universities to conduct periodic health screenings for students, and extended similar services to community institutions such as orphanages, women's and children's care centers, the Egyptian National Railways, and the Minya Egypt Television regional office- reflecting a strong community health commitment.



Success Story

Christine Nady Fakhry Aziz

"Christine, 22 years old, a housewife from Manhiri village in Abu Qurqas, Minya. She had severe near-sightedness (myopia) and wore very thick glasses- she could barely see her son properly; she recognized him only by hearing his voice, to know if he was awake or asleep. At Horus Hospital, the corneal specialist assessed her and conducted necessary diagnostics (Pentacam imaging). It was found that LASIK was not suitable, but lens implantation was. Thanks to the provision by Horus hospital of modern, high-quality lenses and the surgeon's expertise, she underwent the procedure on July 27, 2024. It was successful, and now, thanks to God, and the skilled team and carefully selected equipment, she can fully care for her home and her child."

ItsaWood



Itsa Wood Unit aims to support CEOSS' mission by developing its revenue-generating resources while creating decent, dignified employment opportunities for youth and increasing their income.

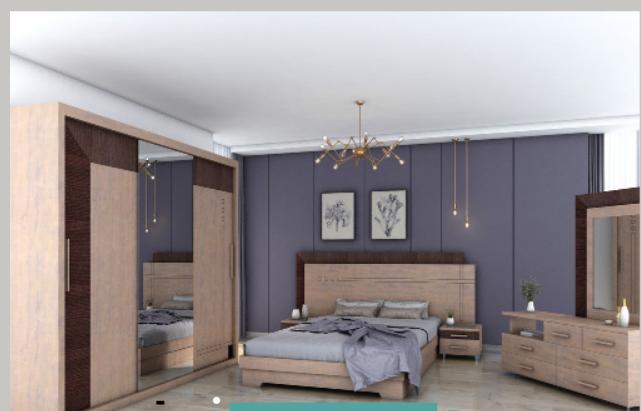
Despite the current economic challenges, most notably the significant rise in the prices of production tools, Itsa Wood achieved the following this past year:



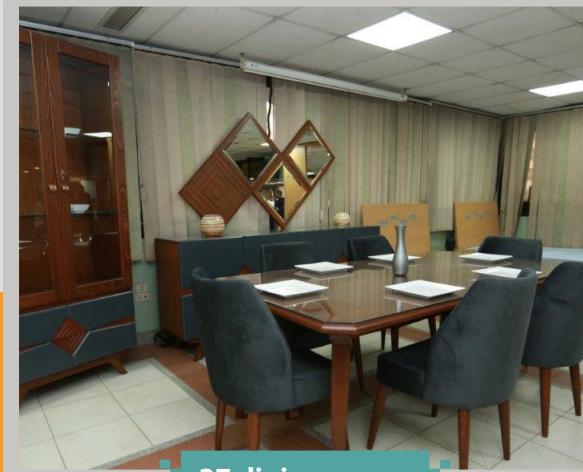
Maintaining a strong presence in the markets by organizing five successful seasonal exhibitions in the governorates of Cairo, Minya, Assiut, and Sohag, to maintain direct relations with the

Achieving significant growth in sales, which increased by 19% compared to last year, and the number of woodworks produced from natural wood exceeded 473 pieces, a clear indication of the development in demand and customer confidence.

- Launching the project to furnish and equip the administrative offices of three institutions and companies, totalling to 185 offices.
- Activating after-sales services to ensure sustainable customer relationships and achieve the highest levels of satisfaction.
- Increasing marketing campaigns on social media to reach wider segments and enhance public engagement.



105 bedrooms



37 dining rooms



61 living rooms



11 bookcases



216 miscellaneous woodworking items



Training Centers



The Unit aims to:

Partner with and support civil society organizations, religious institutions, and private sector companies in capacity building and skills development, by providing well-equipped and specialized venues for these purposes, while committing to the values and mission of CEOSS.

During the past year, the Unit achieved 105% of its plan as follows:





Second C-Boat:

It is a stationary boat on the Nile, consists of 3 floors with 14 air-conditioned accommodation rooms, a hall to accommodate up to 150 people. equipped with all necessary devices for various activities and events, a sundeck with a capacity for 250 people, a cafeteria, and a marina for hosting occasions.









Quantitative Achievement

During the year, the following was achieved:

- Hosting 105 different meetings for governmental and developmental institutions, within the framework of CEOSS support for creating job opportunities for youth.
- Hosting and preparing approximately 37 different occasions.
- Holding 15 different exhibitions for company marketing, in order to improve the economic conditions of youth and contribute to the development of small projects.
- Hosting approximately 135,000 people to enjoy the natural view of the Nile and the various meals at the restaurant.
- Hosting many important figures from different organizations and institutions, such as UNICEF and FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization).



Third Al-Nozha Restaurant

It is a restaurant located in Al-Nozha HQ, equipped to provide all meals and hospitality services for the training activities that are being conducted at Al-Nozha Office:

- In partnership with the National Council for Women (NCW), , within the framework of the Egyptian Lady's Cuisine... by the hands of Egyptian daughters initiative; 150 volunteers were trained at CEOSS HQ on preparing healthy meals during the holy month of Ramadan, enhancing their skills and economic independence. as about 2,800 meals were prepared.
- Approximately 10,000 meals were prepared for CEOSS various events through the unit activities.
- Approximately 2,000 meals were prepared for other partner institutions.

Agricultural Projects



The Agricultural Projects Unit seeks to maximize CEOSS economic returns by offering agriculture-based services rooted in competition and high quality- including the production of fruit crops and the provision of diverse seedlings.

First: Ismailia Farm Component

- During the past year, development took place in assets and productivity through:

Restructuring of the biological assets by disposing the mutated palm trees existing in the farm,

Increasing the production capacity by planting new offshoots (female and male),

Replacing 2,800 olive trees instead of the low-yielding buckthorn trees or the undesired varieties,

Adding a new irrigation well to the farm.



Second: Nursery Component

- Last year, the nursery worked on raising the production value through:
- Increasing the production capacity of the agricultural land in Itsa by replacing banana trees with Barhi date palm offshoots produced by the farm in Itsa, bringing the total number of palm trees to 274,
- Developing the sales outlets in Itsa, whether the external outlet directly on the road or the internal outlet for selling products, to keep up with customers' requirements.





Third: Al-Berensat Lands Component

- During the past year, the agricultural lands component focused on reinvesting resources through:

- Replacing 2 greenhouses and planting them with Barhi date palm offshoots produced by Al-Barnasat Farm,
- Modifying the irrigation network of the farm to accommodate the new diversity in crops and to serve the different cultivations with higher efficiency and lower costs.



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