Frank Müller-Römer 14th May 2017



Dear Governor Majan Raslan, dear Rotarian friends, dear guests,

As Chair of the ICC Egypt – Germany I am pleased to be here in Hurghada and to attend your District Conference. I like to remember the District Conference of the last year in Assuan still to.

I thank you very much for the invitation to be able to report about our common projects also this year. I would like my report start with a short look back about the projects of the last years.



Several German Rotary Clubs started a number of Matching Grant Projects in Alexandria and Cairo. Here the Club in Oldenburg and the RC München Englischer Garten must again be mentioned. They handled a series of Literacy projects, Drinking Water projects and Sewage projects in Qalioubia with the help of our Egyptian friend Amir Saba.

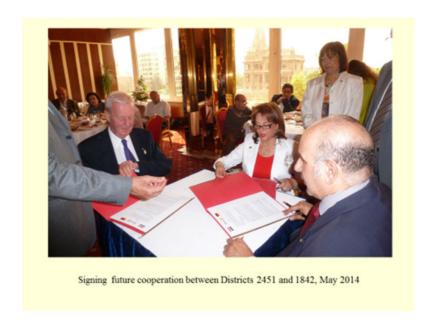


Presently, the RC Heliopolis and the RC Oldenburg are matching a Global Grant Project which aims to procure incubators for early born children in a hospital south of Cairo. A number of other clubs in Europe and the United States of America are participating.



Since 2006 I was member of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee Egypt. In 2011, District 1842 elected me as chair of that Section. District 1842 has the leadership in Germany for the ICC Egypt – Germany. I am pleased to say that the Governor of my District 1842, Peter Wohlrab, is also present here today.

I must not forget to mention that during all these years there has been a wonderful and perfect cooperation between Soheir Wahib, ICC Chair Egyptian section, and German section. We all profited from a number of joint sessions with the ICC Egypt that she had arranged. Soheir Wahib mentioned different project suggestions of Egyptian clubs to us. Unfortunately, everyone could not be made come true as common GG project.



In May 2014 a detailed schedule for future cooperation between Districts 2451 and 1842 was reduced to writing, agreed upon and signed by the parties.

Since then the contacts between the German section and quite a number of Rotary Clubs in Cairo have deepened. A number of joint projects has either been completed during that time, or are underway toward completion.



During 2013 and 2015, points of gravity in Egyptian projects handled were the connection of houses of poor peoples to the Public Drinking Water Supply and to the Sewage System. The basis for these activities is outlined in the Project Description "Water for Life" agreed upon between District 2451 and UNICEF in 2013.

Some photos will give you an impression of what goes on in that course of action:



2013 RC Horus Heliopolis together with RC München-Englischer Garten as well as three other Munich clubs: Connection of a settlement near Qalioubia to the Public Drinking Water Supply

In 2013 an MG Project launched by the RC Horus Heliopolis under the presidency of Magda Girgis and the RC München Englischer Garten led to a connection of a settlement near Qalioubia to the Public Drinking Water Supply.



In 2014/2015 a GG Project handled by the RC Al Shorouk and the RC München Englischer Garten made it possible to connect 452 houses in three settlements near Beni Suef to the Drinking Water Supply. The activities were coordinated by my friend Amin Sabri from RC Al Shorouk. One club each in Hungary and Austria and two clubs in Munich participated. The project was a big and lasting success in the area and has been successfully completed in 2015.





2015 Global Grant Project "Water for Life Beni Sueif" (GG 15219052); RC El Maadi and RC München Land Visit in settlement El Hiba (right PDG Gerhard Zierl, District 1942)

Because things had gone so well, another drinking water project was launched in the Beni Suef Governate in 2015. The RC El Maadi and the RC München-Land - my own club - filed an application with the Rotary Foundation (TRF) with a project sum of 90.000 US \$ to realize a project "Water for Life Beni Suef". I also am pleased to be able to welcome my Rotarian friend Andreas Heigl from my club here.



In June 2015, Past District Governor Gerhard Zierl of District 1842 and I visited Cairo. During our visit, the project agreement with Afaf Estmat, project manager of RC El Maadi, was signed.

Eight clubs from Egypt and seven clubs from Munich participated in the Project. Both districts gave subsidies. According to the approval by the Rotary Foundation the Federal Republic of Germany granted a subsidy in the amount of 270.000 US \$. This amount corresponds 75% of the totally project sum of 360.000 US \$.



Negotiations with the Water Authority in Beni Suef ran in an excellent atmosphere and in good spirit.

The project was just completed. Altogether, 1.250 houses could be attached to the drinking water supply. The talks with the authority were conducted effectively and professionally by Afaf Estmat and Amin Sabri. I am very grateful for their engagement in the matter, and wish to thank them very much.

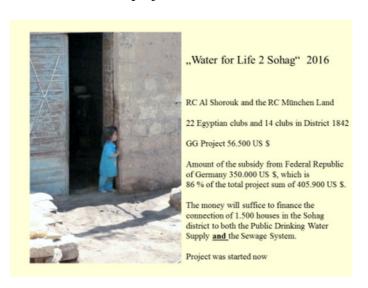


The instruction of the women and children whose houses were attached to the drinking water supply in body hygiene also was part of the GG project. Afaf Estmat organized this measure together with others Rotarian friends exemplarily.



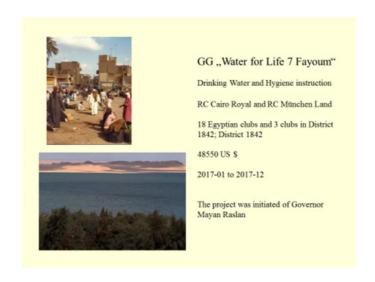
Few weeks ago a press conference at which was informed about the project extensively took place at the completion of the project.

I would like to mention one additional Drinking Water Project. 2015 the RC Cairo Cosmopolitan and the German Club Worms Nibelungen are conducting a project for the connection of 80 houses with 800 to 1.000 inhabitants in the Beni Suef Governate. The project volume amounted to 38.500 US \$. The project was finished now.



In late 2015, the RC Al Shorouk and the RC München Land resolved to start another Global Grant Project "Water for Life 2 Sohag" with a volume in the amount of 56.500 US \$.

The application at the Rotary Foundation was made. Project Manager is our friend Amir Sabri. I am most grateful for his energy and for his intention to handle the immense workload. A total of twenty-two Egyptian clubs and fourteen clubs in District 1842 will participate. The Federal Republic of Germany will also sponsor that project, this time they will contribute 350.000 US \$ which is 86% of the total project sum of 405.900 US \$. The money will suffice to finance the connection of 1.500 houses in the Sohag Governate to **both** the Public Drinking Water Supply **and** the Sewage System. This will be a great help for the poor and needy. The project will have a beneficial effect upon the preventive health care of the residents and will reduce the mortality rate of children in particular.



Governor Majan Raslan, Soheir Wahib, chair Egyptian section of ICC Egypt – Germany, and Amin Sabri suggested a new GG Water project in Fayoum at the beginning of the Rotarian year 2016/17. Three clubs from Munich, under this my Cub München Land, decided to participate in this GG project. My district 1842 also has admitted to a larger amount.

Together with the RC Cairo Royal, which has the leadership for this GG project, and further 18 clubs from Egypt, did applied the GG Project to TRF with a volume of 48.500 US \$. The approval has been carried out and the project could be started. The carrying out is planned for the year 2017.

With this project approx. 2.500 inhabitants are provides with clean drinking water. A hygiene instruction takes place at the same time.



I would like to close my explanations with a personal assessment: Within the last years I have gone to different villages together with my Rotarian Friends from Egypt in which GG projects were carried out.

The happy faces of the inhabitants, primarily of the children, were always the largest pay for our efforts about the help produced by Rotary.



Last but not least I would like to draw your attention to the Internet Pages of the Intercountry Committee Egypt – German Section. The text on all pages is in both – German and English.

There you will find more detailed information of projects under way, of the activities of the German Section of the Committee as well as relevant publications and documentations.

That was it, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for your interest and your patience.