

No education without water

Six München Rotary Clubs handle three projects in Egypt with a total volume of 130.000 US\$

Living in Egyptian slums and poverty areas leads to an underprivileged life: no job training, in particular for young females - and the absence of *any* education is one of the greatest risks for a life in poverty. Frank Müller-Römer, of RC München-Land and Chairman of the German Section of the Intercountry Committee Egypt for *the last two years*, attempts to find ways out of this vicious circle by initiating fresh water projects and education courses in Egypt. The project "Literacy" carried by the RC Oldenburg (see Rotary Magazine 09/2013) served as a model for a similar action initiated by the RC München-Englischer Garten together with the RC Heliopolis in Cairo.

In addition and coached by the RC München-Englischer Garten, three other *Munich* clubs (München 100, München-Friedensengel and München-Königsplatz), working in cooperation with the RC Horus Heliopolis in Cairo, decided to initiate *the* project "Connection of a Settlement to the Fresh Water Supply System" (28.000 US\$).

Learning Instead of Carrying Water

The situation: a village near Cairo, consisting of 300 houses with a total of 2.500 tenants in the middle of farmland is not connected to any Fresh Water System. The next supply point is 2 km away. Since women are responsible for the availability of water, they lose *a lot* of time each and every day going to and fro, time which could be invested in education and job training.

A similar Global Grant Project (82.000 US\$) has been initiated by the RC Al-Shorouk Cairo, also in cooperation with the RC München-Englischer Garten. Two other *Munich* clubs (RC München-MünchnerFreiheit and München-Ost), plus the RC Budapest City and RC Wien-Graben have *been* participating. At the end of February, Frank Müller-Römer satisfied himself that the project was carried through and completed meticulously.

Egypt needs help, the country is unable to solve its problems *on its own*.