

Water for a Healthy Life (2)
BMZ Project Application 2016

Under the topic “Water for Life” and in close cooperation with UNICEF Egypt, the Rotary District 2451 (Egypt) has during the last two years supported a number of Global Grant Projects initiated by Egyptian Rotary Clubs. Most of these projects intended to assist underprivileged families in rural areas that are unable to shoulder the cost involved to have their houses connected to the Public Fresh Water Supply System and the Public Sewage System.

Jointly managed by the RC El Maadi (Cairo) and the RC München-Land, a new project (BMZ No. 2015.1655.8, **Water for a Healthy Life**) is presently under way. It aims at connecting a total of 1.577 houses in the Beni Sueif area to the Public Fresh Water Supply System; it includes the instruction of the residents involved in body hygiene. The project runs from 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2016 and is supported by a total of 13 Rotary Clubs).

Another big one is in the planning stage. Supported by 10 Rotary Clubs in District 1842 (lead by the RC München-Land as Primary International Sponsor) and District 2451 (Egypt) (Primary Host Sponsor, RC Al Shorouk Cairo), GG-Project “Water for a Healthy Life 2” will be launched in the area of Sohag (Central Egypt) with a volume of appr. 50.000 €. It utilizes the experience and knowhow gained during the earlier project presently under way. Close cooperation with UNICEF is part of the plan. For the first time, access to both the Fresh Water Supply System **and** the Sewage System will be offered to underprivileged residents. The project is of great importance to the entire area and will definitely improve the health situation of the adult population and, in particular, of their children. It will have positive effects upon the preventive health care and it will reduce the mortality rate of children.

With this present letter, the Project Water for a Healthy Life (2) is brought to the attention of Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst (RDG). It requires 500.000 € all in all. We respectfully request that it be registered as a BMZ Project 2016 with an original capital requirement of 10% of the said total to be provided by Rotary, and that it be categorized as of the highest priority . The great number of residents in the Sohag area exist without connections to either the fresh water system and/or the sewage system. Changes will require financing of a high scope. The Egyptian Rotary Clubs are unable to contribute 25%. They also cannot finance 25% with the intended support of the German clubs as stated. With a subsidy of 90% of the project total the health situation of the area and its residents will be improved way beyond the scope which the parties to the project could reach if only 75% were financed by RDG and BMZ. The human rights of the poorest in Egypt to have access to clean drinking water are best served by a higher percentage to be provided by the German Federal Republic.

Plans are to finish the project between 1st May 2016 and 30th April 2018. The funds totalling 500.000 € will be required as follows: 140.000 € in 2016, 250.000 € in 2017 and 110.000 € in 2018.

The BMZ project proposed here will serve to connect 1.600 houses to the Water Supply System and to the Sewage Canal, and to instruct between 15.000 -20.000 residents in body hygiene, in cooperation with local NGO's and UNICEF.

In Germany the project is carried by RDG, in Egypt by the RC Al Shorouk (Cairo) in close cooperation with the local Rotary Club Sohag.