

Water for 1700 Households

Access to a fresh water supply system in rural areas of Egypt definitely tends to improve the health of the local residents, and to reduce the oversized mortality rate of children.

The new Global-Grant-Project ‘Water for a whole Life’ was initiated to provide the ‘poorest of the poor’ in the rural areas of Egypt with connections to clean potable water. When completed, it will substantially improve the health care of the local families – and also the health of their children.

Eight Cairo Rotary clubs developed the scheme of the project described here. Six Rotary clubs in Munich/Germany agreed to participate in realizing it. On 1st March, 2015, the corresponding Global Grant application for a total contribution of 89.350 US\$ was submitted to TRF (Rotary Foundation). The project intends to connect about 450 households to the public fresh water supply system. TRF approved the entire project on 7th May, 2015.

On 11th May, 2015, a cooperation between RC Munich and Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst (Rotary Germany Social Service e. V. Düsseldorf) was formally agreed upon, with the provision to using the funds from an earlier project as a ‘capital resource’ (78.628 €). On that basis, the parties applied to the German Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit (BMZ = German Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation) to support the project in question here, that is: to connect appr. 1700 households to the fresh water supply in Middle Egypt. Under the applicable laws, BMZ can provide grants up to three times the amount of the applicant’s capital resources. Thus, the total amount coming from the BMZ will be a proud total of 314.512 €.

The start of the project on-site



In June 2015, at the occasion of the project start, Past-Gov. Gerhard Zierl and Frank Müller-Römer, RC München-Land, (responsible for the realization of the project) visited Egypt and the villages to be connected to the fresh water supply system. They discussed with Past-Gov. Yasser Assem and incoming Gov. Adel Hafez details of the future cooperation between Egyptian and German clubs, a cooperation which dates back to 2014.

The Global-Grant-Project ‘Water for a healthy Life’ was the start of an initial Rotarian social work project which the Federal Republic of Germany supports, as something that enables a larger number of Rotary clubs to mutually and substantially help needy families.

For further information concerning Rotarian projects of German clubs in Egypt and concerning the activities of the Intercountry Committee Egypt please see: www.rotary.de/la-egypten.