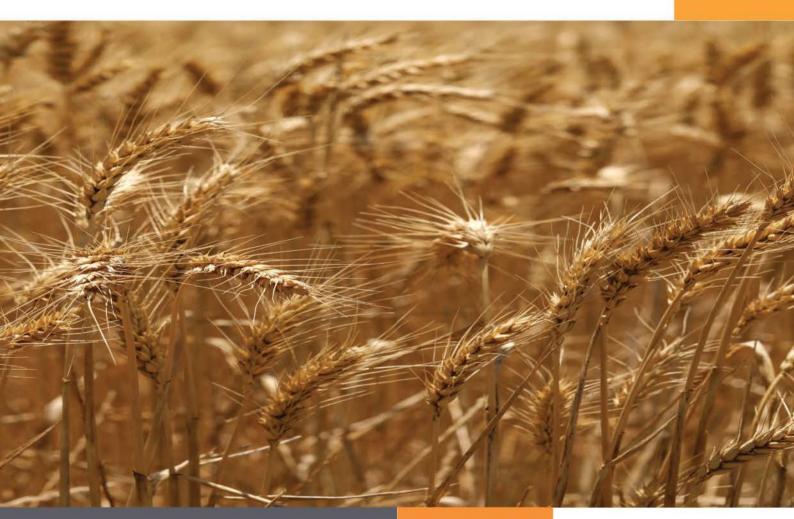


Coptic Orthodox Church

Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS)



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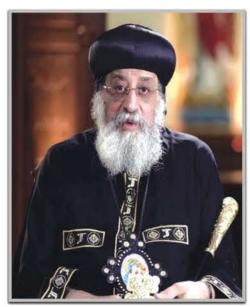
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Pope's Message

Pope Tawadros II

The commandment of Christ to us is: "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." (Luke 11:23).

Under this commandment, comes the work of the Church and all its activities. The example is very clear in the activities of the Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social



Services, whether at the level of the service workers or at the level of partners from Egypt and outside Egypt, or at the level of achievements, like the numerous programs it has and the beneficiary communities it serves, or at the level of the humanitarian sectors, as it serves women, youth, children and men.

It is, in fact, a successful and fruitful beehive that produces honey. I salute His Grace Bishop Yolios, the General Supervisor Bishop in chargeof the Bishopric, and with him the working team of the directors, coordinators and all employees. They serve with all honesty and sincerity.

May God bless you all and keep you in His comfort,

Pope Tawadros II,
Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch
of the see of Saint. Mark.
June 2021

H.G. Bishop Yolios' Word

Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, they are already white for harvest "John 4:35"

With joy, appreciation and thanks to the Lord and to a great team of work inside and outside the Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social Services, I write these few words that is not compared to the great effort, community partnership, international and national partnership.

All achieved with intertwined hands in multiple fields and purposes aimed at raising and empowering man to feel the possibilities



and opportunities that the Lord prepares for him. The opportunities come from within him, his family, and his surrounding community.

I express my heartfelt thanks to each one by name who extends his hand to build and work in these fields that the Lord draws our attention to raise our eyes towards it. Special thanks go to all the partners inside and outside Egypt, who despite the pandemic and the challenges did not back down. Thanks to all the members of the work team that whoovercame the challenges and achieved this such abeautiful good harvest.

Bishop Yolios
Bishop and BLESS Director

Statement of BLESS Executive Director

Dr. Hani Riad

By the end of last year, 2019, BLESS community development program underwent a mid-term process review. The purpose of that review was to streamline the program so that it provides enhanced service to the target communities. Based on that review, BLESS staff started 2020 fully charged with hope and enthusiasm to carry out the necessary program adjustments recommended by the mid-term process review team. The evaluation team as well as BLESS identified the key challenges and thoughtfully considered measures to provide better services. Unfortunately, our eagerness was heavily shadowed by the spread of the pandemic of COVID-19. Early 2020, BLESS technical and field teams discussed the possibility of keeping the program momentum and and delivering our



services taking an utmost caution while working with people. COVID-19 was a new experience to us, to the Egyptian government and to the target communities.

Considering the Egyptian State and Coptic Orthodox Church (COC) policies and guidance, BLESS created a modified master and operational plans to keep working towards our desired results steered by the proposed objectives and indicators agreed on with our partners. BLESS staff, beneficiaries and management held a series of brainstorm sessions to adjust 2020 activities in a way that guarantees a maximum benefit as well as quality service for our target communities. These plans were highly responsive to the health precautions advised by various levels of health authorities.

BLESS as an organization, acquired new skills and methods in providing community services. That was mostly evident by adopting many online communication techniques. Voice and video communications were extensively used to keep the work going on and handling the challenge of "physical" existence and availability. Thanks to Lord; BLESS digital PME system was adequate enough to handle and verify the flow of data from the field to BLESS HQ.

This year marks the completion of phase one of the main community development program; ICDP. Moreover, it marks the end of the first term of adopting BLESS strategic plan. The community development program ICDP phase 2 has started at the beginning of 2021. BLESS strategic plan was also revised and was found completely valid for a new three-year term.

In addition to minor adjustments, ICDP phase 2 will witness two important strategies. The first is extension of the period of our active involvement with target communities. While the second is a slight reduction in the number of beneficiary communities. These two changes are adopted as principal recommendations concluded during the midterm review implemented earlier.

In the area of networking and partnership, BLESS has signed a cooperative agreement with the Coptic Association for Social Care (CASC). This win-win arrangement will improve the accessibility of BLESS to serve communities that have no local church. On the other hand, BLESS will make use of the status of CASC as a secular entity that is registered with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) and has full access to non-Christian communities.

The hectic travel limitations made BLESS to reconsider holding the pre-planned "Core Group Meeting" which was supposed to take place in the spring of 2020. Shortly, BLESS will start contacting its partners to think of holding that meeting in the fall 2021. The door is still open for having a mixed physical and online meeting.



The Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS) was established in 1962 to serve as the arm of the Coptic Orthodox Church (COC) in the field of Social Development. BLESS has a leading role in the diaconal services of the poor, underprivileged and marginalized communities throughout Egypt.

BLESS at a Glance



Our Vision:

A community capable of investing its potential, accepting diversity, respecting differences, and preserving human dignity.

Our Mission:

Awakening the social-awareness of individuals to liberate society from the bondage of poverty, ignorance, and illness. Emphasizing human values, reinforcing the Egyptian identity, and leading the change through communal participation. BLESS will lead the change through field interventions, and the support of forming local entities.

The Strategic Directions:

First Strategic Direction:

Promoting social awareness to maintain a secure society that accepts diversity and respects differences. A society which is built on citizenship, does not discriminate, and works towards peace and equality. Community Peace Building, Improving the Standard of Education, Unleashing the Potentials of New Generations and Youth components contribute to achieve this direction through:

Guaranteeing the benefit of all society through interventions provided by BLESS without any discrimination based on color, gender, race or religion.

Combatting violence and acquiring peaceful coexistence skills.

Second Strategic Direction:

Empowering poor communities in slums and deprived areas to develop themselves to eliminate poverty. Empowering and protecting marginalized groups and help them to fully integrate into their society (e.g. children, women, and people with disabilities, drug addicts, and prisoners).

Economic Development, Primary Health Care, Adult Education, Housing Improvement, Environmental Development, Disability and Addiction components work on achieving such direction through:

Supporting marginalized categories to increase their access to basic services and meet their basic needs. Enabling them to engage in labor market skillfully and efficiently.

Third Strategic Orientation:

Establishing partnerships with non-governmental, governmental, and international development organizations. BLESS, with its cumulative experience in the field of social, cultural, and economic development, will initiate its active participation as a technical support entity.

All BLESS components enhance partnerships with different GOs and NGOs, as well as activating popular participation, fostering making-decisions and acquiring rights- claim skills.





BLESS Twin Sister

Coptic Association for Social Care (CASC) is considered as BLESS twin sister. It aims at expanding community service in cooperation with international organizations, as well as targeting all community members in different fields. On March 1990, the Association was declared at the Central Administration for Associations in the Ministry of Social Affairs.

CASC message is to "work for developing the marginalized communities in Egypt and raise its institutions' capacities in order to achieve tangible positive results in comprehensive social and economic development". Since its declaration, CASC has been interested in health and population development. It also started actual implementation of primary health and reproductive care programs since September 1991.

CASC has wide experience in the field of development through receiving GOs, local and international organizations' funds:

- USAID: to provide clinical reproductive health services and awareness programs.
- UNFPA: in the field of generating income and literacy activities.
- NGO Service Center: to do an institutional development for CASC, as well as providing health care for pregnant and lactating women and pre-school children.
- Al Karma Company: to raise awareness and knowledge for parents and nursery teachers.
- National Population Council and The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood: to combat violence against women and negative habits, in addition to family empowerment.
- Netherlands Embassy: to develop Al Moatamadia nursery and serve children of women garbage collectors.
- GTZ organization: to implement an incinerator for burning medical wastes at Nasser Hospital, in cooperation with Health Affairs Directorate in Qaliubeya and other CBOs.
- German Embassy: to develop knitting workshop and conduct vocational trainings Life Vision for Development: to conduct a vocational training for girls on hairdressing.
- Currently, "Recovered Productive Communities" project is being implemented in cooperation with the European Union in 3 communities. It aims at improving the environmental condition and maximizing usage of available environmental resources.

BLESS' Harvest for The Coptic Church

In light of the concern of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, and the Church's tendency to focus on the developmental approach in service, which seeks to serve every human being individually, His Holiness saw the need for coordination between the various programs and projects. Such projects are undertaken by development partners from churches and Christian organizations, that provide technical and financial support for Coptic churches and communities in the field of social services and development.

Thus, Pope Tawadros II decided to set the "Committee for Coptic Church Development Partners" under His Holiness and BLESS supervision. The committee contributes to find out a common church vision for social and development services provided by partners inside and outside Egypt, in addition to creating a method to coordinate efforts in different sectors (Education, Health, Economic development, etc...).

All of this shall be done within the framework of partnership to complement efforts and maximize impact.

Through BLESS's pioneering step in 2018, six church entities, working in social and development services, started exchanging information. They also began to standardize concepts and terms, as well as creating an electronic system for recording and monitoring (Pope Tawadros supported this initiative in person. H.H. also recommended expanding participation from different partners to maximize benefits towards coordination and integration).

Harvest of 2020 Coordination:

- + Holding regular meetings to get acquainted with the church entities working in the field of social and development services.
- + Setting a general frame which identifies the target, reference concepts and main tasks for the general committee of development partners.
- + Creating a digital information network to manage, update and develop data in order to serve the coordination relationship between partners. Such network includes a database about church entities working in the field of social and development services, in order to analyze its data and indicators.
- + Forming technical committees from the participating entities in the committee to carry out various tasks and to serve the committee members and the church's social care.
- + Organizing seminars and workshops for partners to exchange visions, standardize development concepts and document experiences.

Future vision for 2021:

- + Establish cooperation protocols and/or plans for integration between entities at various levels (central and field).
- + Provide information about the church entities working in the field of social and development services, to facilitate access to them and to benefit from their services.
- + Help dioceses in creating a general plan at the diocese level to direct and coordinate the required support for the diocese upon request.
- + Organize training courses for partners through COPTICAD institute and other specialized church institutes.
- + Document the initiative to serve as a model for other dioceses in coordination and integration through COPTICAD institute.

Committee Membership:

Current members (the committee founders):

- + BLESS.
- + The Social Care Secretariat at the Papal Headquarter.
- + Anba Abram's Service at St. Mark Church, Heliopolis.
- + El Raaey and Om El Nour Service.
- + Anba Abram service in Canada.
- + Anba Abram service for whom who have no one to remember In line with the committee work growth, it is recommended that 18 entities will join successively as new members.

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Milestones:



"White Cane Day "Celebration in the presence of H.H., Pope Tawadros II, H.G. Bishop Yolios and her Excellency Nabila Makram, Minister of Immigration & Egyptian Affairs Abroad.





USAID delegation is hosted by His Grace Bishop Yolios in old Cairo.





Signing a cooperation protocol between BLESS and the Egyptian Ministry of Manpower & Immigration.

BLESS Response to Emergency Societal Changes 2020

At the international level, year 2020 has witnessed many changes in different economic, health and social life aspects due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Some of these consequences include the constant elevation of the poverty rate at 27%, causing around 12% of people to fall from poverty into extreme poverty, driving (12.9 million workers) below the poverty line. Moreover, educational activities have stopped, as well as transforming facilities into isolation hospitals.

All Egyptian entities, especially civil society organizations, worked on limiting the pandemic repercussions including BLESS. This is due to BLESS' ability to reach the poorest villages and hamlets in the Egyptian society, beside its contact with a wide range of the marginalized groups most affected by disasters. (women providers, widows, people with disabilities, wage workers and others).

Emergency component succeeded in playing a role model in coordinating efforts to meet beneficiaries' basic needs through:

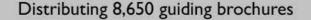




Distributing 6,000 nutritional supplies

Distributing 6,000 sanitizers

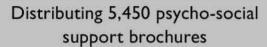






323 Sterilization campaigns







37 audio mobile platforms

85 electronic guides to provide psychological support

Providing 22,000 face masks and sanitizers, as well as producing 1,000 protective clothes for doctors.

Implementing 15 sheep breeding projects

Offering alcohol bottles

As a result of environmental changes, BLESS also responded to floods that swept through Egypt affecting 500 families and destroying their houses.

BLESS contributed to alleviate their suffer through:

- + Reparation of 60 houses in Cairo, Qaliubeya and Alexandria governorates to make them more prepared to disasters and less-at risk.
- + Raising their health and emergency awareness to face disasters and floods.



Harvest of ICDP First Phase 2018-2020

Total number of communities 51 communities

Total number of dioceses

27
dioceses

Percentage of children 19%

Total number of beneficiarie s in 3 years









Components' Harvest

Economic Development Harvest



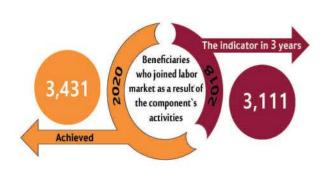
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Developing humans' capacities to increase their skills and decrease the rate of unemployment through:

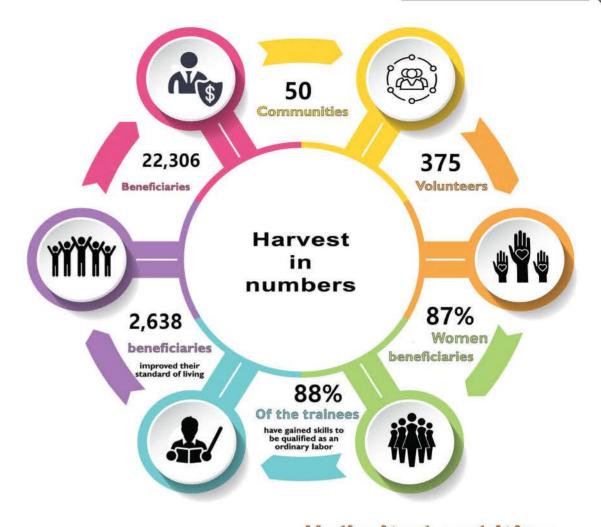
- Empowering them with professional knowledge and skills to join labor market
- Improving income of poor families
- International Labor Organization.
- · Ministry of Manpower and Immigration.
- Ministry of Scientific Research ("Training for work" initiative in cooperation with Dr. Venice Kamel, Ministry of Social Solidarity).
- Anba Abraam Service.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Creating an economic movement in society: The component has succeeded in developing products' quality and delivery at the local level, given the need for basic services for the most vulnerable communities, particularly in Southern and Upper Egypt.
- The only source: The implemented microeconomic projects are considered as the main source of income for families in most of the communities especially during COVID19- outbreak.
- Women empowerment, that had a clear impact, as women benefited from the interventions of the economic component by 78 % of the total number of beneficiaries.
- Providing second chance: It's not easy for former prisoners to find job opportunities, so the component has succeeded in offering 28 microeconomic projects to support prisoners and their families.







Unlimited ambition...

Sabah Ramadan is a widowed woman who lives in Jalila village, Beni Suef governorate. Her only source of income is 480 pounds from "Takafol w Karama" pension that she spends on her two daughters. However, such income is not enough for meeting their basic needs, especially that one of them is going to get married while the other girl's medication costs about 500 pounds per month.

One day, she heard from her neighbors about the technical training "Women entrepreneurs go ahead". After enrolling, the idea of (beans and falafel) project, flashed into her mind. So, she selected a location in the public road to be accessible for everyone, as it was the only project of its kind, which led to fulfill people's needs and contributed to bring a lot of customers. Therefore, she asked for a loan from BLESS with a value of 1000 pounds. Later on, she started buying prepared beans and falafels from a remote restaurant in another village to sell them for Jalila people. Due to her payment obligation, she took another loan with a value of 5,000 pounds to buy a grinder and other required tools.

Sabah can now afford her family expenses. She was overjoyed "God heard my prayers and our distress is broken".

Finally, she dreams of opening a large restaurant as her ambition is unlimited.



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Primary Health Care Harvest





Objective:

Enhancing the health of all citizens through:

- Raising health awareness and practice of healthy habits.
- Providing primary health care services.

Networking:

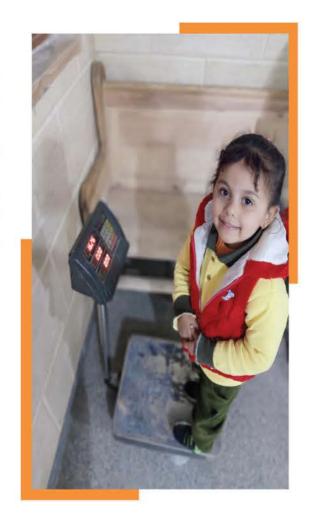
- The National Council for Women (Ministry of Health and Population).
- Cancer Institute in Cairo .
- Minya and The Egyptian Red Crescent.

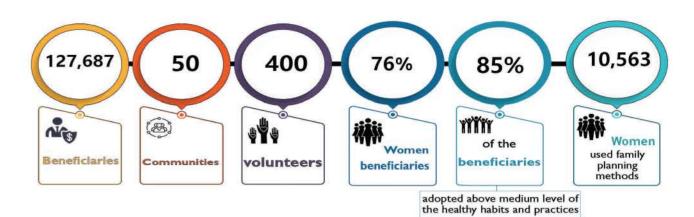
Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Increase women accessibility to health services: the health component focused on enabling women to access health services. The percentage of women who benefitted from the component interventions during phase I reached 76%.
- **Sparkling point:** Health campaigns and mobile clinics activities create a common ground for all community inhabitants (Muslim, Christian, men and women), to start join other activities for different components.



The Infected people got treatment after campaigns





G Self-examination saves life

In El Marg El Gharbea, a humble woman called Enayat lived in an isolated area with lack access of health information. Through field workers' visits, they persuaded her to attend Primary Health Component's activities. So, she started to attend health awareness seminars and participated in breast cancer campaigns, which allowed her to make a mammogram for the first time. She was thrilled about the normal results.

In awareness sessions, she learned also how to examine her breast per month. This helped her to discover a tumor in her breast. She said: "One day, I found out a tumor which was about the size of grain of lentil. So, I rushed immediately to "Bahia" hospital (Economic Cancer Breast Hospital)". There, doctors took a tumor sample, and surprisingly, it was malignant. Soon, an operation has been performed and the tumor was severed.

Now, Enayat is very well and enjoys good health. She also follows up herself regularly. She does not need a chemical treatment. She can now get back to her normal life, as she started to raise awareness of her friends and neighbors on the importance of self-examination.



Adult Education Harvest



Objective:

Eliminating illiteracy and increasing the educational standards within poor and marginalized communities through:

- Qualifying learners to receive formal education certificates
- Joining formal education programs

Networking:

- General Authority for Adult Education.
- Supreme Council of Universities.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

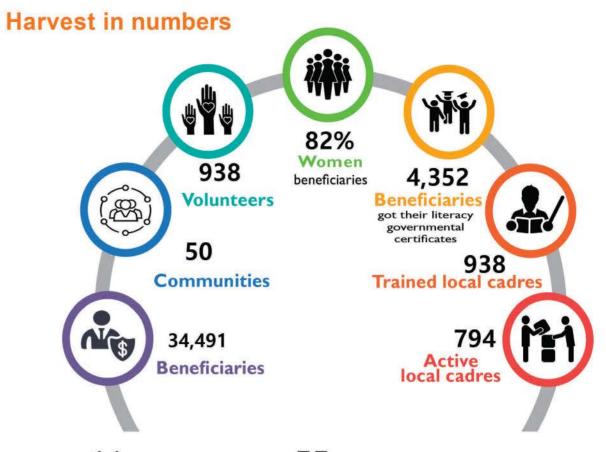
- Awakening beneficiaries' dreams: especially for girls and women who didn't get a chance to receive proper education due to various economic or social reasons. Continuing education is a dream and nothing is impossible for dreams to come true.
- Breaking the fear barrier: The new intervention of computer courses encouraged adult learners to break the fear barrier against technology, as well as using different applications and social media websites. Children would prevent their parents from using computers in order not to break them down.
- Learners become teachers: Out of gratitude for the important message of education, continuing-education graduates became teachers in adult education courses.



Number of beneficiaries who continued their education







66 Freedom gate ??

I was engaged before, but my fiance's parents used to criticize me because I wasn't educated. So, I decided to break up with him". That is how R. G., who lives in Kafr Lebs village, started her story, as she decided not to give up her right in receiving proper education and to focus on her future. Thus, she joined Adult Education courses.

When her current husband proposed to her, one of her conditions to say yes was to pursue her education. As a result, she enrolled in continuing education courses and deservedly passed the exam. Due to her academic excellence, she was exempted from paying fees by Directorate of Education in Minya.

In order to acquire technological skills, R. G didn't hesitate to join computer courses. Now, she is proud of herself. Her unlimited perseverance enabled her to gain her husband's support, as well as moving forward towards achieving her ambitions. She was always aware that education was her freedom gate.



Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development

Objective:

Creating a driving force within the community, which enables all people to address their needs and confront community issues through:

- Activating role of volunteers and specialized local cadres
- Implementing local initiatives

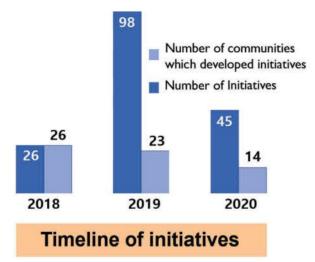
Networking:

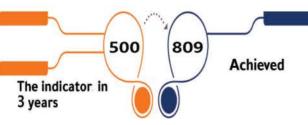
- · Civil society such as "Al Batal" CBO .
- "Local and "Agricultural Society Development" Association.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Maximize use of human resources: Communities were able to come up with appropriate solutions, contact local entities and mobilize inhabitants' efforts and resources to meet their needs. (169 local initiatives during 1st phase of ICDP, and 34 initiatives during the pandemic outbreak aimed at sanitizing vital places and providing food to the poor families).
- Community sustainability: The component's strategy succeeded in building the capacity of 11 regional CBO's, through establishing strong relations with Exit committees within region, to facilitate interaction with GO's and carry out sustainable process.
- 438 Motivated leaders: Youth started to take leading roles in their communities to maintain the development process there.







The total number of local cadres





"Caritas Egypt agreed to fund our project!" This is what one of the CBO members, in Al Menya Governorate, managed to achieve after receiving training from BLESS staff.

"Al Batal CBO", located in Samalut, is considered an umbrella CBO to cover the targeted villages of (Samalut) area, served by BLESS (Samsoum village and Francis village). This cooperation was a starting point for development of all stake holders.

After holding the capacity building training for "Al Batal", the CBO began to harvest the fruits of enhancing the members' skills and taking advantage of their experiences. In fact, they were able to write Maternal and Child Health proposal and receive fund from Caritas Egypt. The project was implemented in Samsoum village and other targeted villages in Samalut.

In addition, the cooperation with the CBO resulted in changing the perception of the development committee members on the management of NGOs, and their fear of dealing with the Ministry of solidarity. Thus, they became more motivated to launch a branch of "Al Batal CBO" in Samsoum to continue the development process in the village. Success didn't stop there, as the CBO also supplied poor families of Samsoum with food and sanitizers during the pandemic outbreak. At the end, it seems that all parties win. Al Batal and BLESS committee members shared mutual support and achieved great cooperation that led to a win-win situation



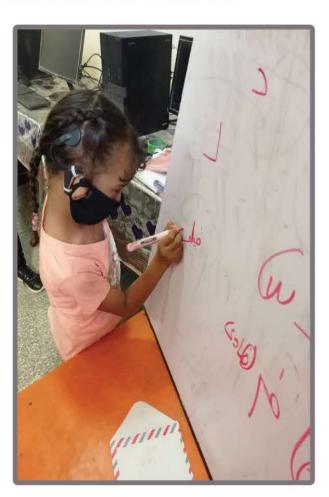
Improving the Standard of Education Harvest

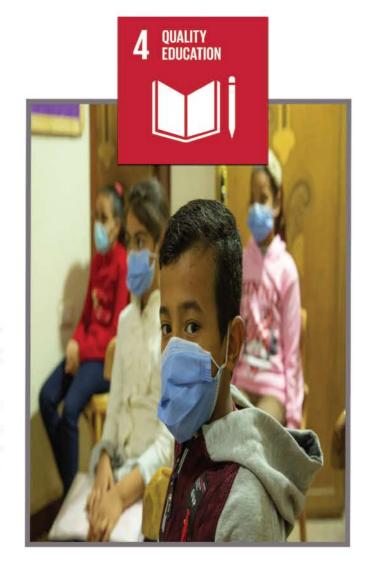
Eliminating illiteracy and increasing the educational standards within poor and marginalized communities through:

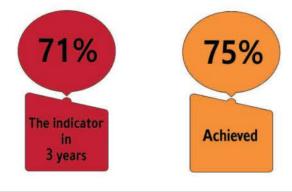
- Providing students with reading and writing skills
- Supporting them to pass their school exams

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

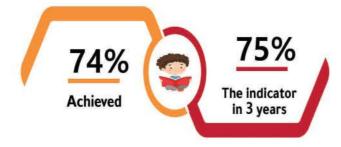
- A step towards tomorrow: The computer courses achieved progress in enhancing children's computer skills during phase I.
- Booming activities: Tutoring classes have an effective role through guaranteeing the return of dropouts to school, and using easy and creative teaching methods that encouraged them to love reading, writing and calculation. These classes maintain sustainability in communities after BLESS's exit.



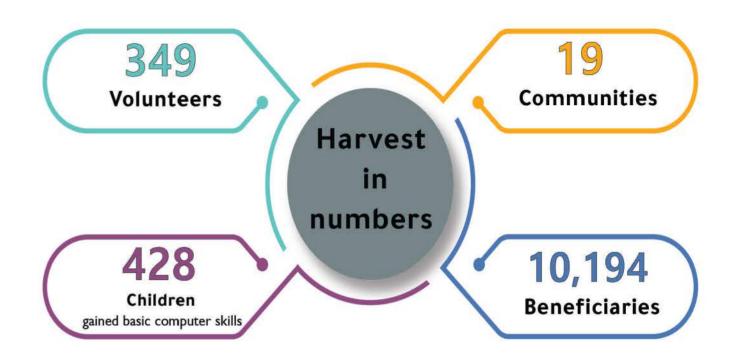




Students who have improved their education levels by getting 70 % in the formal governmental exam



Children who improved their reading and writing skills





"I'm going to continue"

One day, she came holding her certificate! In one of Upper Egypt communities where poverty, disease and lack of education are widespread, the head of the family can hardly provide the necessary needs. Exhausted mothers also find difficulty in following up their children's educational progress.

After implementation of support classes in the village, teachers and fieldworkers began to see real change. During one of the visits to Milad family, they started having discussions with his daughter "Marina" who was in grade 3. "Other students used to bully me because I had had problems in studying school subjects. That's why I didn't like going to school. However, mum and dad encouraged me to participate in support classes to improve my educational level".

Days passed, teachers and trained cadres helped her with patience and love. When Marina received her certificate, her parents were overwhelmed by joy especially her mother. 'My daughter barely passed the exam, but she did it with your help and she is going to be better". Now, Marina is a happy girl and a strong fighter as she said: "I am going to continue and participate in computer courses".

Unleashing the Potentials of the New Generations Harvest

Objective:

Unleashing the potentials of new generations through:

- Enabling children to enjoy their childhood and qualifying them to engage in their societies.
- Increasing adolescents' self-awareness and adopting life skills.

Networking:

Anba Abraam Service.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Creating an inclusive environment is the best approach to achieve gender equality, as the component was able to create an inclusive environment for females, males, Christians and Muslims.
- "Your heart is yours" course succeeded in having a notable effect on adolescents who tried to change their attitudes. Adolescents now are able to ask for caring and express their feelings with ultimate freedom and self-acceptance.
- Peace makers' course encouraged youth in enhancing citizenship principles in addition to acquiring good dialogue and peaceful coexistence skills.
- Raising youth voices and issues through developing artistic and creative awareness among them within art workshops about theatre, music, literature, graphic, directing and handicrafts.

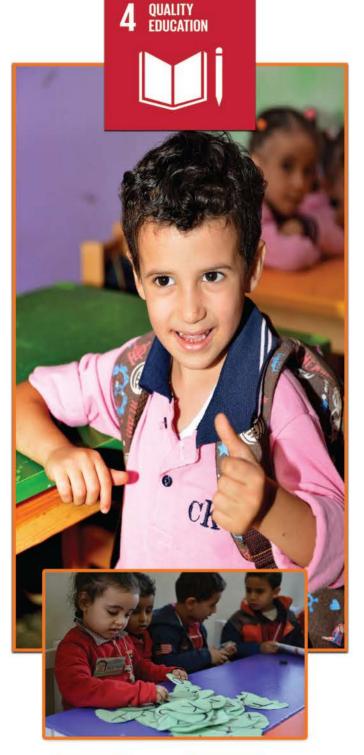


Achieved

75

The indicator in 3 years

Children have self-confidence and can express themselves



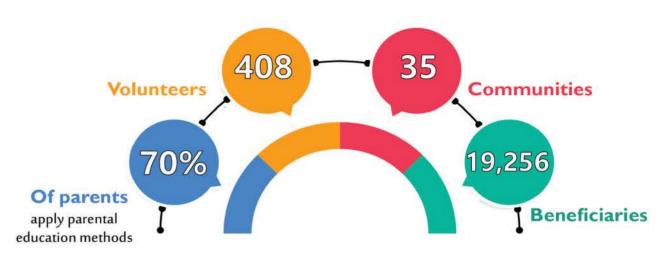


75%

Achieved

The indicator in 3 years

Adolescents have self-confidence and can express themselves



Harvest in numbers

Inside-Out 77

Boshra village is a small village located in Bani Swief Governorate. While proceeding "Your Heart is Yours" course, we get closer to the village young generation, who is very promising and eager to develop its potentials.

A fourteen-year old adolescent "lhab", mostly a quiet kind of a boy, decided to take part in the course to accept and express himself. With the encouragement of his caring mother, who works among the nursery staff, lhab was enrolled in the course. During the visit of the component's staff to the village, one of the villagers volunteered to introduce him with unpleasant gustier. The decent young man withdrew quietly, with an excuse of his need to drink.

But his eagerness of learning motivated him to pursue the course. One of his favorite sessions was "The Inner Human Value" which became a turning point for accepting his situation and enjoying life with his friends. During the staff's last visit, lhab spontaneously said: "There is no room for fear anymore", a quote from "Lopita" movie which we watched at the course. He continued: "I learned that the inner human value is much important than the outside appearance or circumstances".





Fruitful vine branch

Mr. Ayman Karam joined BLESS in 1988.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit were manifested in the life of Mr. Ayman. This was demonstrated by assuming many responsibilities during his service years under leadership of all Bishops who managed BLESS; starting from monk Lucas (Bishop Daniel at present), Bishop Serapeon, Bishop Youannes and finally Bishop Yolios.







He succeeded in different fields and left print in each one:

- Being Responsible for the Women & Childhood Development Centers in Cairo and Beni Suef and managing the development institutes in Cairo, Damanhour and Gerga. His service extended from Fayoum to Aswan in the dioceses development
- program. At the beginning of 1992, the responsibility of studying and following up micro projects at Aghapy component was assigned to him. During this period till 1996, he was associated at the training sector.
- In 1997, he became coordinator of the Comprehensive Integrated Development Program (CID) for Cairo and BeniSuef regions.
- Mr. Ayman is the man of hard tasks and relationships. He has a humble wide heart with a smiling face. He was accepted, not only by all bishops and clergies all over dioceses, but also, by GOs and NGOs. Thus, he was qualified to assume the responsibility for the general coordination of all the field regions.
- In 2018, he managed Human Resources Development component. He also took it upon himself to spread the message of development in the churches and training all BLESS staff. Over 3 years (2018-2020), he managed to lead human resources and training staff.

His achievement in trainings

- + Train and follow-up three church institutions on the basics of development to enable the neediest areas to lead and implement development work as sponsors and partners in development.
- + Empowering technical programs with concepts, mechanisms and skills of result-based management to become a reality of which we reap fruits in the first harvest cycle.
- + Taking the lead of raising the efficiency and work style of the ancillary services sector with his interest in training them by specialists.
- +Leading more than 32 skills, vocational and behavioral trainings for 400 staff members in BLESS.
- + Insisting on teaching the principle of positive energy to spread hope and steadfastness in crises to fieldworkers & all staff. This was done at the last refreshing training led by him during the outbreak of Corona pandemic.

Finally, Mr. Ayman was one of the main members in leading and organizing huge events at BLESS such as: The Silver Jubilee and the White Cane Celebration. But unfortunately, he couldn't participate due to his illness with Corona. Then, he passed away on 29th of October 2020.

During his service in BLESS, he succeeded to promote and support tens of the second line to be managers, coordinators and trainers. He was a talents' discoverer and helper for every broken person. He will remain the fruitful branchin BLESS for all who have seen and dealt with him.



Environmental Development Harvest



Objective:

Achieving sustainable environmental development through:

- Raising awareness about environment protection
- Qualifying targeted communities to be ecofriendly

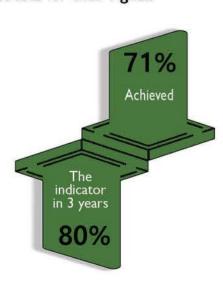
Networking:

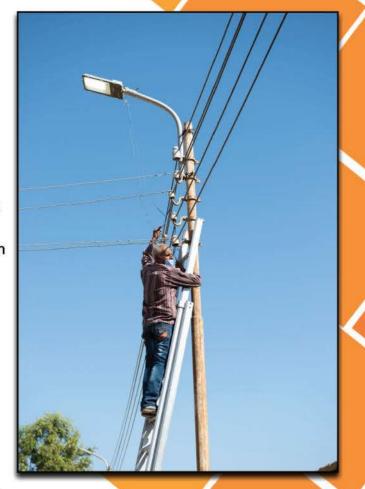
- Ministry of Water Resources.
- · Irrigation, Ministry of Culture.
- Holding Company for Water and Waste Water.
- Institute of Environmental Studies.
- Research (Ain Shams University).

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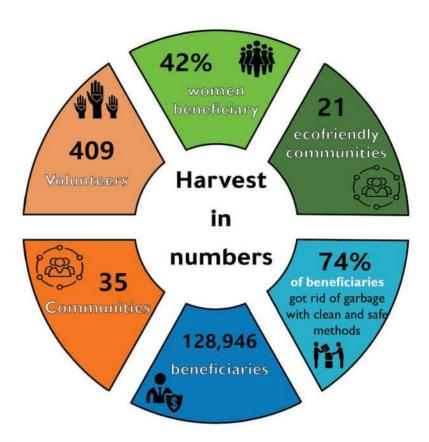
Ecofriendly villages: Maximizing benefits and empowering beneficiaries to enjoy a clean environment through; rationalizing consumption of natural resources, safe disposal of wastes, using renewable energy resources and cleaning canals and drains.

Restoring trust between the beneficiaries and the government, through activating complaints even to the Prime Ministry and activating laws. Beneficiaries learned how to advocate for their rights.









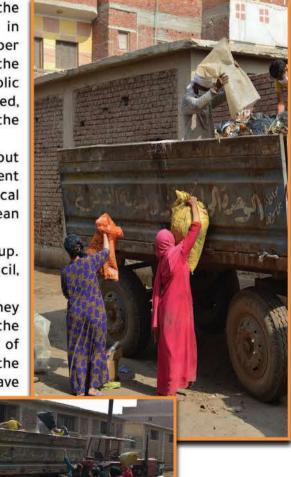
66 Brave Heart 77 -

The butchers threatened to kill the members of the development committee! This was the situation in "Banikhalid", a small community in the middle of Upper Egypt, where butchers and meat sellers used to throw the remains of the slaughters infront of houses and public places. Therefore, blood and slaughters accumulated, snakes, rodents and insects appeared, in addition to the spread of disgusting smell.

Residents exerted many efforts to solve this disaster, but they couldn't. With the help of the development committee, people decided to have contact with the local leaders to defend their own right in having a clean environment.

Despite the killing threats, fieldworkers didn't give up. Afterharsh battle and many trials with the local council, the cleaning campaign was carried out in three days.

Finally,both fieldworkers and residents reaped what they had sown as thebutchers now slaughter animals at the slaughterhouse under the supervision of the Ministry of Health. Due to their motivation and courage, the development committee members became the brave heart.



Rural Development Harvest

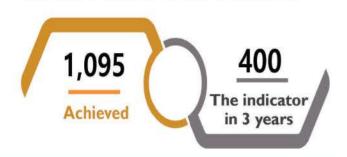
Objective:

Enhancing the standard of living of targeted rural communities through:

- Increasing productivity of agricultural crops and animals
- Empowering rural women

Networking:

- Ministry of Agriculture.
- Environmental Affairs Agency.
- · General Organization for Veterinary Services.
- Animal Production Research Institute.



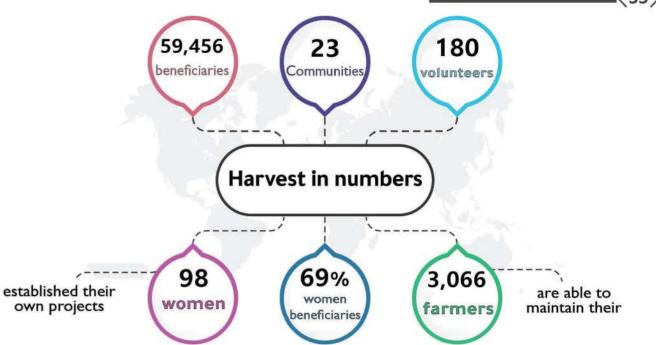
Number of farmer who increased the productivity of agriculture crops by average 11 %



Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Food sovereignty: The Rural
 Development component was one of the
 main BLESS components to work
 non-stop during the pandemic outbreak
 to maximize production by providing
 markets with essential elements for living
 (food).
- Ecofriendly agricultural techniques adopted by farmers contributed to increase the land productivity from average of 8 to 13 Ardebs.
- Empowering women: They managed to have their own projects and improve the products' quality to meet their families' needs, especially after their husbands' loss of jobs during COVID-19.





66 Out of the strong, something sweet **77**

"El- Habaysha" in Assiut, is a promising rural village where 30 acres land full of salinity lies. Being useless for agriculture, this poor soil became heath causing its owners to lose an important source of income.

After consulting Mr. Makram, the component's monitoring specialist, and using the help of a pesticide company, the land owners knew that the soil salinity was due to clogged drainage. The company specialists also recommended fertilizing the land and adding phosphoric acid during the first irrigation.

Indeed, three farmers managed to reclaim 10 acres. When they reaped the fruits of this first initiative, other farmers were encouraged to reclaim the remaining acres. The land production increased by 70%. Farmers managed to raise their income again and the poor land came back to life.



Housing Improvement Harvest

Objective:

Improving the standard of living through:

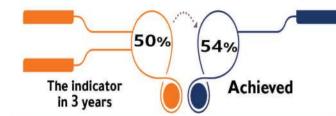
Improving houses of low income and poorest families

Networking:

- The Ministry of Environment.
- The Holding Company for Water and Waste Water.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Facing climate change: Beneficiaries learned to become more prepared and less at-risk especially during natural disasters.
- Unique style of sustainability: through connecting clean water to maintain personal hygiene and installing bulbs to help children in studying.

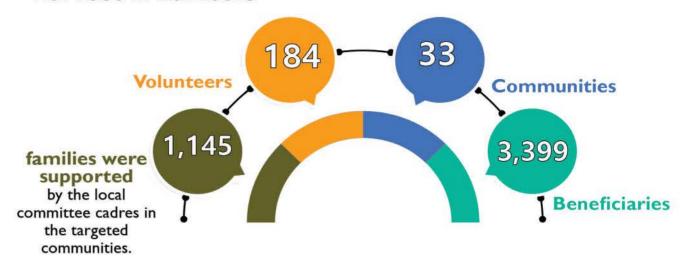


Percentage of housing improvement achieved



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

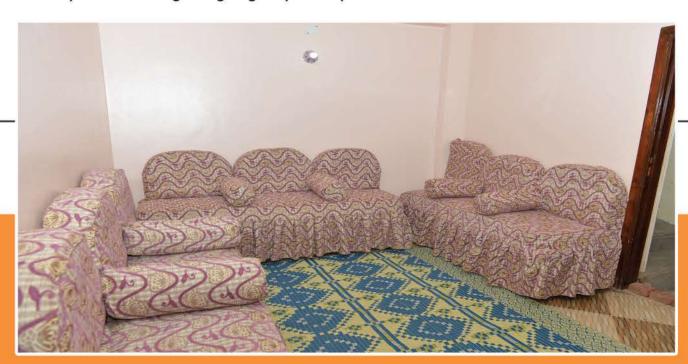
Harvest in numbers



66 Gesture of love **77**

Some could believe that it's too late to do good, but God's timing is just perfect. Mr. M. B, in El Hager village, works in cutting animal's hair while his eldest son works in selling animals' dung. He has 3 other deaf children who enrolled in special schools for disabilities in Aswan with the church's support. Besides, the house condition is very poor; rooms are made of reeds and iron sheets, walls are full of insects, lighting is very weak. There isn't enough places for the whole family to sleep; the eldest son sleeps in his own carriage in front of the door.

Despite these harsh circumstances, Mr. B.'s family had faith that God would never abandon them. After having contact with "Al Raey and Om El Nour" CBO to demolish and rebuild the house, the component managed to repair the whole house. What made things better was Mr. B's relatives who decided to take part in the reparations as gesture of love; one offered him the staircases' units while another made some paintings on walls to bring joy to the family's heart. The family now can enjoy privacy; they sleep in separate rooms, the eldest son sleeps in the house with his siblings and children can study better due to good lighting. They are all proud of their new house.



"Rise Up and Walk" Center Harvest





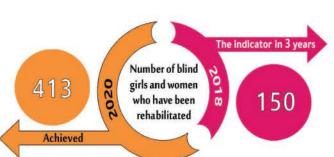
Objective:

Empowering people with disabilities to enjoy their rights, and be integrated and involved in society through:

- Rehabilitating them to be self-reliant and independent.
- Rehabilitating blind girls and women and their families.

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- Celebration of White Cane Day: was held on 25-10-2020 under the auspices of President Sisi and in presence of H. H. Pope Tawadros II, H. G. Bishop Yolios, Minister of Manpower and Immigration and other members of the Egyptian Parliament. 270 attendees discussed the cause of merging disabled beneficiaries into community and received 140 white canes in a great parade. Blind girls also showed their talents (artistic shows and handmade products).
- "I can and I have a vision" project empowered blind beneficiaries to manage their lives and learn handicrafts to improve their financial status. Parents and companions also learned to discover their children's talents.
- Applying new techniques through implementing a trial physiotherapy and music education services to serve different kinds of disabilities.









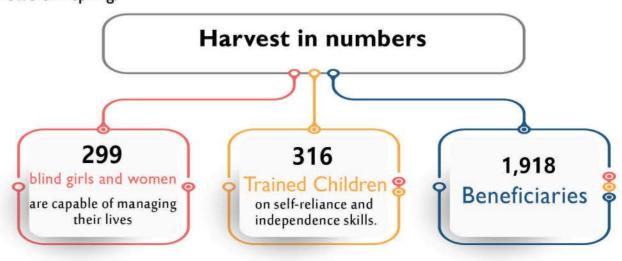
"Blooming flowers"

Like flowers, people bloom at different times. J. and J. are two twin sisters who suffered from mild disability that caused them learning difficulties. They had problems in their educational process, as well as understanding, memory and attention.

What made the situation worse was that they had some behavioural issues leading to negative consequences on the family mental state, especially their mother. That's when she decided to take a step to support her children and search for a solution. Thus, she accompanied them to Rise Up and Walk Centre, where an initial evaluation was made and a training plan was designed for them. Since then, things started to change; those twin sisters began to show progress. Another achievement was their brilliance in artistic work particularly in painting, drawing and cutting accurately.

When consulting the Center's specialist, the mother was advised to enrol her daughters in an industrial high school (department of decoration). There, J. and J. were extremely happy and their mental state was improved, leading a huge leap in their academic skills.

Though efforts are still exerted with those girls, they keep flourishing and blooming like flowers in spring.



"Better Life" Center" Harvest

Objective:

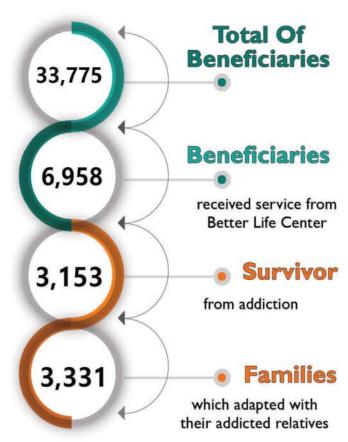
Offering a special service in drug addiction field through:

- Spreading awareness about dangers of addiction.
- Treating addicts and preventing their relapse.

Harvest of 2018 - 2020

- Investing children's talents by implementing activities as art works (plays, pictures & songs) to educate them about the danger of smoking and drugs.
- **Empowering** families with knowledge and information that qualify them to deal with their addicted relatives.
- Enhancing the skills of new staff, through trainings, to enable them to deal with the addicts and psychological cases.









Beats of Love

Living with an addicted person could be one of the worst nightmares someone has to deal with. However, love, strong determination and forgiveness can renew the addict's soul and change his life. Our story talks about an addict who was a partner with his brother in a business. Due to his brother's dominating personality, the addict had to go through conflicts with him. The addict's wife decided to search for solutions by attending the group therapy and the families' weekly meetings. She learned how to discuss problems at home and advise her husband to be in charge of business.

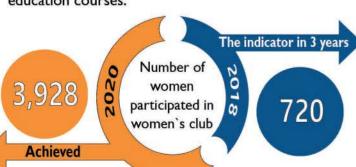
One day he refused her interference in business issues. As a result, he hit her very hard and she got a broken arm. Being separated from him for 6 months, her husband wanted her back but she refused unless he quitted. She brought him to Better Life Center for treatment. With iron will, he accepted rehabilitation. He knew that his wife was only trying to protect him. Hence, he quit business with his brother and started a brand new life with his wife. She encouraged him to continue attending weekly meetings at the Center. Now, this lovely couple enjoys a peaceful life together.

Community Peace Building Harvest



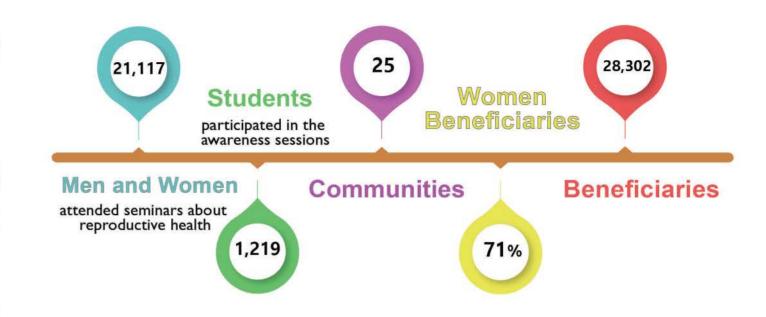
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- « He for She »: youth and men meetings succeeded in attracting a new category that supports women causes. Such intervention managed to increase men's understanding of "She" psychology in depth, to adopt peaceful attitudes towards women.
- « Reducing the rate of violence against children » Listening and controlling anger are the solutions for many family disputes. It is one of the techniques on which beneficiaries trained in parental education courses.





INSTITUTIONS



- Change Ambassador

I am Wafaa Effat Farag; a 28 - year - old housewife for a family consisting of 4 members, we live in a small apartment in one of Cairo slums.

With the encouragement of BLESS fieldworkers, I attended a seminar about negative effects of early marriage. Indeed, many of my inherited misconceptions have changed, the most important of which was (female genital mutilation). I had the intention to do circumcision surgery to my daughters, but when I knew its negative impact, I decided with my husband not to put my daughters' lives in danger.

In addition, I spoke with my sister about what I had learned in the awareness seminars. I informed her about dangers of early marriage, as she intended to approve her daughter's engagement after completing the preparatory stage exams. So, she learned that a mother should protect and support her daughter. Wafaa keeps saying "It's our duty to share with others what we have learned".

«SALEMO»Project

SALEMO project aimed at increasing the capacity of the Egyptian society for social cohesion and peaceful coexist enc; thus, maximizing the benefits of development. The project was launched in three governorates; Cairo, Qalyubia, and Assiut as a pioneer project.

During the project life cycle September 2018 - December 2020, the project focused on building and maintaining the strong relations with both strategic and local partners in order to have a greater effect on the communities through organizing a training package for religious leaders.

The project formed three community committees in the three targeted governorates to serve as the primary "advocate" for all the project's initiatives.

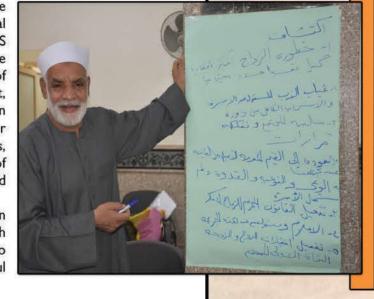
The beginning of the second year of the project's life synced with the outbreak of COVID19 in Egypt. These encouraged committees to launch three initiatives crystallized around providing support to the targeted communities to reduce the effects of Corona's pandemic outbreak.



«Combatting Harmful Practices and Gender-Based Violence» Project

In cooperation with the Norwegian Embassy in Egypt, the National Committee for the Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and National Council for Women, BLESS implemented the project which aims at supporting the Egyptian government's efforts, to improve the situation of girls & women in 6 governorates (Giza, Qaliubya, Assiut, Aswan, Minya and Qena). This was done through creating an environment that supports women's enjoyment of their rights. It also contributes to combat religious justifications, traditions and cultural legacies that support behaviors of violence against women (Female Genital Mutilation and early marriage), as well as combatting sexual harassment.

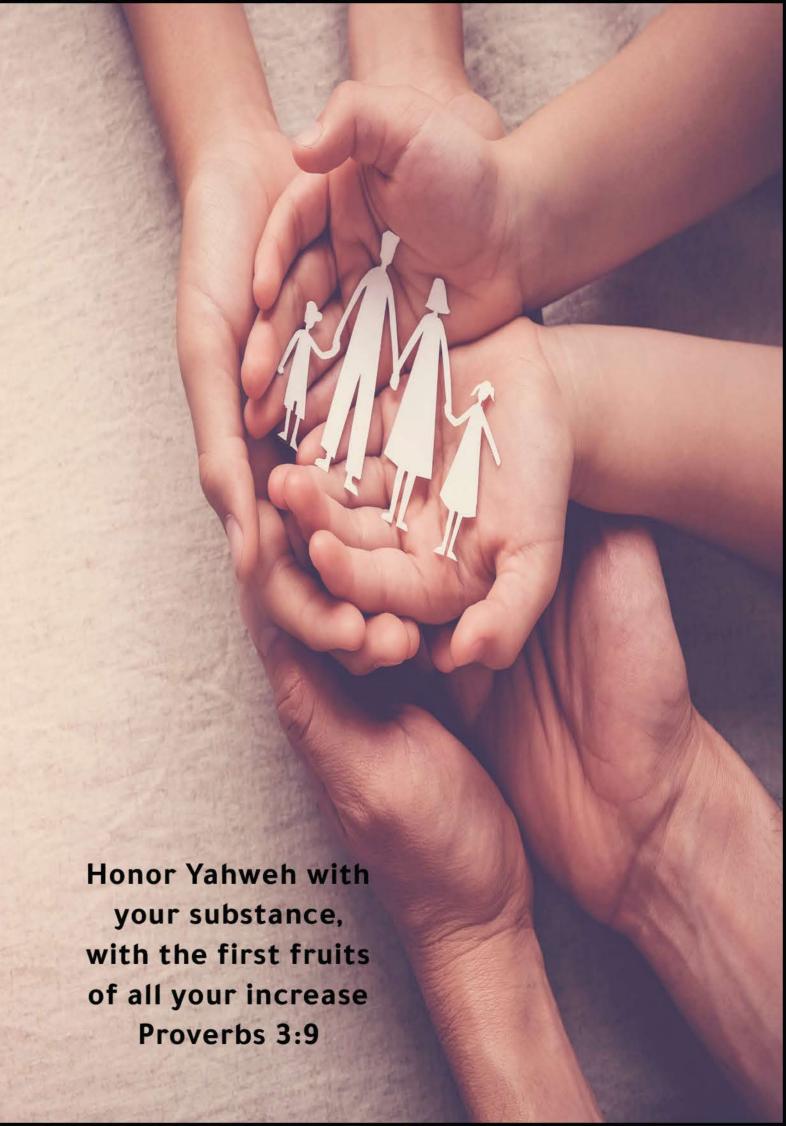
The project targeted 66 effective Muslim and Christian leaders, 12183 men and women as well as 7864 youth (especially girls in FGM age) in 11 dioceses and 41 villages to increase their awareness about the dangers of these harmful practices.



« Promoting Egypt's National Population Strategy» Project

The Coptic Egyptian Church and BLESS contribute to support the state in its efforts related to national causes, especially the population cause. The project was implemented in cooperation with UNFPA and The European Union. It also works on investing the pivotal role of clergymen to raise the Egyptian society's awareness, spread the culture of peace and improve societal practices especially the ones related to population cause and family planning. Over the three years (2020-2018), the project targeted 1229 students and 23821 men and women in 20 dioceses and 24 villages.





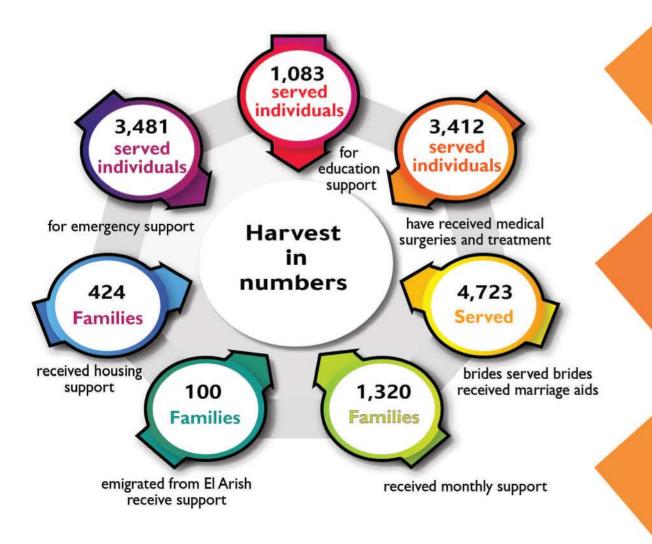
Aghapy Component Harvest

Aghapy program is one of BLESS programs, that cares to satisfy needs of underprivileged people with full respect and love.

Aghapy services are represented in supporting girls' marriage, conducting all types of surgeries, addiction recovery, offering medical treatment, compensatory devices as well as monthly donations for widows.

Moreover, Aghapy depends on some ethics and concepts in providing services including: guaranteeing human dignity and keeping confidentiality of data, following the example of the leader and take takinghim as a model in treating the servants in a decent and friendly manner, while linking the servant to the church by coordinating with the priest to send all the required information.

The program is interested in forming partnerships with specialized doctors and hospitals to conduct operations in high quality, as well as following them up after receiving medication to make sure of their safety and full recovery.





In fully honor to talk about a young widow M. that who suffered a lot at in the beginning in of her life. She got married when she was 22 years old while she was studying at the university. Her husband died after 2 years of their marriage. She suffered a lot from her husband's death.

There was now here to live but, God's care didn't leave her ever. BLESS offered her a place to live in with her (mother, son, grandmother and brother).

Despite of, all this, she discovered that her son was sick and the northern lobe was removed from the lung. During the treatment, he developed an imbalance in the immune system, which costs her exorbitant sums!

What made it worse was that her grandmother recognized that she had a cancer. Part of the tongue and throat were removed. But, thanksgod God these costs were done from government sideat the expense of the government.

In spite of, all of these circumstances, she completed her studies, obtained a Bachelor of Arts. She wasn't satisfied with this amount of knowledge, but is now preparing a diploma.

Mrs. M. succeeded in defeating all the obstacles she faced with her gentle smile and faith in God who always surrounds his children with care. We pray for her that God will give her patience and perseverance to achieve his will in her life.



Change on Spot

Zaraib Ezbat El- Nakhl

It is one of the slums in Cairo, where the majority of the 32,000 residents are involved in garbage collection and other jobs, besides their living in nests and barns. Moreover, illiteracy, poor economic conditions and reliance on the church, as a main source of support in various areas, are widespread there.

BLESS started the developmental process in 2016 as it succeeded in reaping the fruits through "The Lighting Path" lead by field workers. They spread the awareness about the importance of education. Education courses became a beacon for adults. Indeed, lots of them learned reading, writing and computer skills, received education certificates and also continued their education to enroll at colleges and different institutes. There is a change in families' attitude; instead of forcing their children to quit education and work in collecting garbage, they encourage them to continue their education and even help them in the educational process to raise their academic level.

One of the change fruits is that people become economically independent. Rather than depending on monthly fees received from the church, they are now able to manage their lives and decisions. They also become more capable of meeting their basic needs by managing their projects that suit their skills.

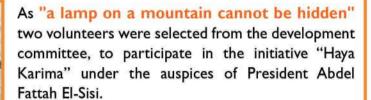
The vocational training has a great effect in spreading untraditional job opportunities for society, especially for women. Instead of working in collecting and sorting garbage, the profession of hairdresser, tailor and others are emerged. As a result of income increase.

they start to donate to the church.

Galila

Galila village is located in the north of Upper Egypt, Beni Suef governorate. It was named after the owner of the estate Mrs. Galila, sister of Botros Ghaly Pasha. The total population is 1,675. Galila is a quiet village; a large street with its branches full of houses. On the other side, there is a bank causing many environmental problems due to accumulation of garbage piles. In July 2018, BLESS started working in Galila through field workers. Along with the development committee, they noticed that the most important problem in their village is linked to the effectiveness of specific entities and services. So, they began to build networking bridges with: the veterinary unit, the local council, businessmen and Beba council. One of the brightest achievements in Galila, and most people are proud of, was the environmental boom that was a source of revival in several fields. Now, the disgusting bank and garbage piles are no longer one of the village's main features. Thanks to people's contributions and networking with the local council, the bank is replaced with a bus station to connect Galila with downtown, create economic mobility and ease buying and selling. These results were gained especially after implementing microeconomic projects for youth and improving the families' income.

Successive campaigns and environmental interventions, such as cleaning, lighting and recycling created new concepts and attitudes such as the concept of "one home". Hard work and effort generated "a motive to continue" to achieve our achievements. In other words, with networks and relations, we can maximize benefits "because we are not alone".





El Mamaria

El Mamaria is one of the villages in the center of Edfu, Aswan Governorate. There, BLESS started its development service in 2017. The village believes in the concept of "working hard must bring something good".

However, it has problems such as the economic situation, lack of health awareness and other issues. But the most important concept of them all is that "everyone minds his own business". Regardless of peace shining from such concept, relations are limited, chances and ideas are lost without support to show them. Despite its modest conditions, El Mamaria is gifted with a considerate priest "Father Karas Mourad", enthusiastic youth and kind people. The first step on the success path was the choice of those enthusiastic young youth to serve their village. They started the first step of the change by creating the development committee consisting of 33 volunteers in different fields. Through their hard work and diligence, they were able to change and plant new concepts, including "community participation" to achieve their dreams and solve their problems. One of the brightest volunteers in the village is "Om Ahmed" who donated one of her house's rooms to implement tutoring classes for school students. Besides, the school manager volunteered to teach the children, the owner of the pharmacy sold medicines at half price during Corona pandemic. The mosque also announced mobile clinics and the church was the seat of health awareness courses. Since preschool, there was high conservativeness between boys and girls; they didn't use to deal with each other. After implementing "The Kite" project and talent school, nursery teachers reaped the heartwarming harvest; children are singing, acting, drawing and developing their skills in reading and writing. Now, they are learning computer whether they are Christians, Muslims, boys or girls. A new generated power prompted them to lead several initiatives to clean the village. Through networking and continuous claim to the local council, they were able to clean their village regularly by removing garbage weekly. The children were affected and encouraged. So, they took an initiative to solve the poor water problem. Due to their demand, the local council installed additional water motors. During the spread of Corona pandemic, the committee members

contacted "Mostaqbal Watan" party to provide food and antiseptics for the most affected categories.

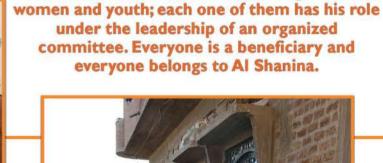
Starting from 2017 till the end of 2020, many initiatives and examples proved that there is a new "We live with each other and for each other"



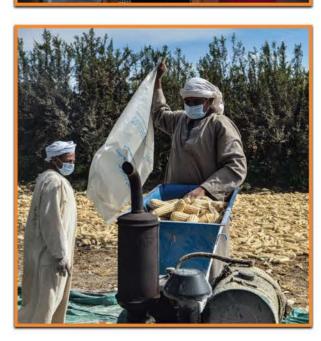
Al Shanina -

Al Shanina is located in the middle of Upper Egypt, at Sadfa Center, Assiut governorate, Abu Teig diocese, with a total of 6,500 residents. Agriculture, with its normal technique, is the main concern and source for the village. Al Shanina is a promising community characterized by good relations with all society categories. It is also led by a wise priest "father Arsanios Ayad" whose fatherhood enables him to unite and gather everyone. The beginning was at "AlMandara" (the church's occasion's hall); everyone is there, people with a confident heart who have a vision and think in a practical way, youth who dream of tomorrow outside the village anda even outside Egypt. As for women, they stay embarrassed without taking part in conversations. We knew that this was their first time to enter Al Mandara during men's presence. We were dazzled by the wave of ideas and suggestions of people. However, these thoughts were unorganized and focused only on the church's and BLESS interventions. People never thought of volunteerism directed towards society. After 4 years of hard work, those 29 volunteers with their determination, passionate heart, meekness and humility managed to attract all people to serve the village. They also invested youth's time and power (12 men and 17 women) to implement initiatives and form relations. Their mind was concerned with developing Al Shanina. There was also ahuge improvement among young children represented in gaining new skills and talents, as well as educational excellence through an inclusive way for all categories. Farmer leaders had the highest share of the Rural Development Component's attention. They responded to the new ecofriendly techniques which save efforts (seed driller machines), besides investing wastes (compost and silage). High quality and productivity was the fruit of farmers' hard work. To crown their efforts, they formed a farmer correlation to benefit from the competitive advantage of purchasing agriculture raw materials, marketing products and having good networking with available CBOs such as "Society Development Association" at Al Dowair





Al Shanina is a beehive consisting of men,







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Harvest laborers

Field coordinators

Mr. Adel Samy Coordinator of Upper Egypt Mr. Saber Salib Coordinator of South Upper Egypt Mr. Emad Fouad Coordinator of Middle Upper Egypt Coordinator of North Upper Egypt Mr. Reda Aziz Coordinator of Greater Cairo Mrs. Hanaa Kamal Mr. Joseph Wadea Coordinator of Delta and Lower Egypt

150 harvest laborers from fieldworkers Technical components' managers

Primary Health Care Dr. Haidy Sobhy Mrs. Mona Fathi Economic Development Mrs.Amaal Halim Adult Education

Mrs. Amal Fouad Improving the Standard of Education Mrs. Amany Fayek Unleashing the Potentials of New Generations

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Field Development Panorama

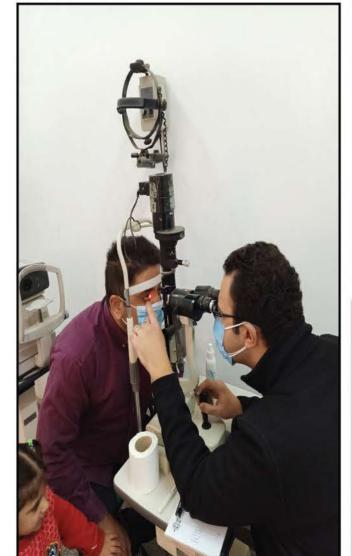










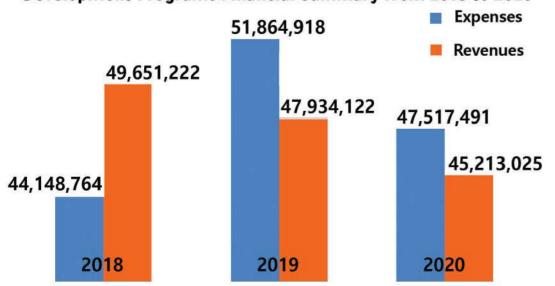






Development Programs Expenses for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	Cost
Education program	2,038,763
Primary health care program	2,131,251
Peace building program	1,581,937
Economic development program	5,242,945
Rural program	1,677,931
Disability care program	1,067,632
Combatting addiction program	2,298,346
Prisoners' care program	251,627
Sustainable development program	481,003
Human resources development program	556,178
Research and community study program	169,127
Unleashing the potential of new generations program	2,097,617
Housing improvement program	4,880,811
Rescue and emergency program	3,471,376
Environmental development program	1,273,753
Youth program	986,147
Monitoring and evaluation program	105,959
Program management	34,294
Personal	11,180,071
Other cost	2,739,734
Equipment	119,620
"Towards a community consensus against gender	1,825,662
based violence" Project	
"SALEMO All People" Project	1,305,710
Grand Total	47,517,491

Development Programs Financial Summary from 2018 to 2020



Aghapy ex	Aghapy expenses	
Support	Value average Percentage 2018-2020	
Medication Support	37%	
Marriage Support	33%	
Monthly Support	16%	
Housing Support	4%	
Support of families emigrated from El Arish	3%	
Emergency Support	6%	
Education Support	1%	

Total Value of Support 2018-2020		
Year	Support Value	
2018	Almost 41 Million L.E.	
2019	Almost 36 Million L.E.	
2020	Almost 29 Million L.E.	
Total	Almost 106 Million L.E.	

As noticed, there is a sharp increase in needs, as we were supporting the underprivileged people on 11 parishes in 2018. Now, we are required to meet the needs of 75 parishes.

We ask God to help us increase the financial support from individuals and organizations so that we can do our duty to respond to the demand.

For example, the increase in the number of girls getting married reached about 600% in 2020.





Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest

"John 4:35"



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