



## Press Release

### European and Egyptian partners visit the Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas in Cairo

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Cairo -- In the framework of the European Union's (EU) Cooperation with Egypt, European and Egyptian officials visited ongoing developmental projects of the EU-funded **Participatory Development Programme (PDP)** in the urban area of Ezbet El-Nasr. The PDP is implemented by the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH* (GIZ), on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in cooperation with the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities (MOHUUC), and the three Governorates of the Greater Cairo Region (GCR).

The EU has allocated **40 million Euros** and the German Government has contributed **8.5 million Euros** for this project to improve the living conditions of the poor urban population in nine selected informal settlements in GCR (**Cairo**: Ain Shams, Ezbet El-Nasr, Matariya; **Giza**: Masaken Geziret El-Dahab; El-Warraaq; Boulaq al Dakrour and **Qalyubeya**: Khosoos; Qalyoub and Shubra El-Kheima). Along with the implementation of small- and medium-sized infrastructure projects in cooperation with the three Governorates, the PDP supports the implementation of additional socio-economic projects through non-profit organisations and implements capacity development measures with the governorates and its districts.

The delegation first stopped at the Alwan Wa Awtar non-profit organisation. This organisation aims to provide a safe haven for children to nurture their artistic senses and intellectual abilities. As a committed partner to improve and develop urban areas, the organisation has received a grant to improve the education services for children of Ezbet El-Nasr. The delegation then visited the area on which a healthcare unit will be built with specialised clinics serving the Ezbet El-Nasr community. The construction will take place under the responsibility of the Cairo Governorate for a total budget of 630,000 Euros.

Mr. Michael Miller, Head of Unit for the Middle East at the European Commission, was accompanied by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, MOHUUC Deputy Minister for Informal Settlements, as well as Dr.



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Howaida Barakat, General Manager for International Cooperation. The Cairo Governorate was represented by the acting Cairo Governor General Ahmed Taymour, the Deputy Cairo Governor Dr. Gihan Abdel Rahman, the Basateen District Chief Eng. Adel Abdel Zaher, and the Head of Cairo Urban Upgrading Units (UUU) Eng. Ashraf Hassanein.

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