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## Press Release

### **The Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas Presents the EU funded Second Direct Awards to Cairo, Giza and Qalyubeya Governorates**

The Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas (PDP) is celebrating on Monday the contract signing of the second Direct Awards. These contracts are funded by the European Union (EU) with a total worth of EUR 6,650,000 in addition to a national contribution of about EUR 740,000, to support small and medium infrastructure projects in selected poor informal areas in Cairo, Giza and Qalyubeya Governorates. The projects will include upgrading of sanitation utilities, streets paving and lighting, potable water supplies, solid waste management, and refurbishment of schools and health care facilities.

The signing ceremony is held under the auspices of H.E. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities (MoHUUC), The contracts will be signed between the Egyptian side -represented by the Deputy Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities and the Governors of Cairo, Giza and Qalyubeya; and the German side represented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH..

The signing ceremony will be addressed by attending high officials. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities, Mr. Julius Georg Luy, German Ambassador to Egypt, Ambassador James Moran, Head of the European Union Delegation to Egypt, Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Deputy Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities For Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements and Dr. Günther Wehenpohl, PDP Programme Coordinator - GIZ.

The Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas is an Egyptian - German development programme. It is implemented by the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities (MoHUUC), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The programme focuses on the improvement of the living conditions for poor urban population in nine selected informal areas in the Greater Cairo Region; Cairo: Ain Sham, Ezbet El-Nasr, Matariya; Giza: Masaken Geziret El-Dahab; El-Warraq; Boulaq al Dakrou and Qalyubeya: Khosoos; Qalyoub and Shubra El-Kheima. The programme is funded by the BMZ with EUR 8.5 million and the European Union with EUR 40 million. Along the implementation of small and medium sized infrastructure projects in cooperation with the three Governorates, PDP supports the implementation of additional socio-economic projects through non- profit organisations in nine selected informal areas.

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