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EMPOWERS Team and Stakeholders in Jordan and Palestine visit the Project in Egypt

The idea of arranging cross visits between EMPOWERS project countries came out as an opportunity to show stakeholders how the EMPOWERS experience is applied in other areas. The Egyptian team received a delegation of community people, governmental officials and EMPOWERS staff from Jordan and Palestine from the fourth to the seventh of September, 06.

In the first day, the delegation visited the project partners in Cairo. They visited the Developing Research and Technological Planning Center (DRTPC) and the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) where they learned about the history of each of them and their contribution to the project. The second day was spent in Beni Suef where the delegation visited the Agriculture Directory and was introduced in a presentation to major water problems that the villages in Beni Suef face. They also visited Bahsamon village and the community members presented what they learnt through EMPOWERS and they benefited from it. The delegation spent their third day in Fayoum governorate. They were introduced to the Water Boards Project experience and exchanged views with the project's staff. The delegation spent the fourth and final day of the cross visit in Cairo in a wrap up workshop to produce comments and recommendations



Short News

- The number of beneficiaries from the drinking water connections in Masharqa village became 150 families out of 265 families who subscribed for the service.
- Signing a partnership between Masharqa community and Improved Education Project. The problems were analyzed and the proposal was written using EMPOWERS methodology.
- Signing a partnership between Health Improvement Program and Masharqa and Mamaleek CDAs.
- Selection of Bahsamon village within the villages supported by the social fund to solve irrigation problems in Ehnasia district.
- Bahsamon community analyzed the irrigation sector in a recent meeting. They were able to determine two targets to solve most of irrigation problems they suffer from. Governmental officials of the irrigation directorate who attended the meeting promised to fund around 85% of the interventions proposed to achieve these targets. This is a good example of the cooperation and coordination between governmental officials and community people.

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