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Community Members Attend a Workshop on Gender

EMPOWERS team organized a workshop on Gender in Beni Suef from the eighth to the tenth of August, 2006. It was prepared by Ms. Rhodante Ahlers the gender expert who was appointed to make the workshop material preparation in Jordan, Palestine and Egypt. The workshop included community members from the five villages that EMPOWERS works in. The main target was to introduce the communities to Gender concepts and determine the roles of both men and women in the society.



The three days workshop started with a preparation day with EMPOWERS staff only to agree on a common gender concept. Community members joined in the second and the third day of the workshop. They studied gender and its relation to water issues through presentations, case studies and work groups. It is worth mentioning that this is the first time that community members from the five villages get together and work. It was a good opportunity for exchanging views and experience and learn to collaborate with each other.



Community Members in the New Villages Finished the Second Stage of Water Sector Analysis

Community member are almost done with the analysis of the second water sector. They determined stakeholders and their capabilities and put a plan to overcome sector problems. In Bahsamon village, participants or the community target group analyzed the irrigation sector in collaboration with governmental officials. They show great enthusiasm because farmers suffer from irrigation problems and lack of funding. They are desperate to find appropriate solutions. Governmental officials made a promise to help farmers as much as they can.



On the other side both Mamaleek and Manial Hany villages analyzed the drinking water sector. They did it in collaboration with representatives from the local unit, the environmental unit, and potable water company. They determined the basic interventions that can help them solve drinking water sector problems. The local unit promised to connect water pipes to the main streets that do not have them in both villages.



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