

Second Round of Pilot Projects

EMPOWERS has grounded its work through the design, development, and implementation of pilot projects in each of its selected communities. Through these pilots, EMPOWERS developed and tested the tools and approaches in a hands-on learning process with the different country teams (facilitators and direct stakeholders), while using the first round of pilots to build capacity, ownership and commitment, and bringing the viewpoints of all those involved closer towards a shared vision and a common understanding of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Stakeholder Dialogue and Concerted Actions (SDCA) - the two

main domains of action in EMPOWERS.

Although the pilot projects form an important deliverable of the project and are of course very important for the communities involved, an important function of the identification and implementation of these pilot projects is to test and substantiate the overall methodology of Participatory Water Planning Cycle (PWPC) by a SDCA approach. The prioritisation of the communities' water needs that followed the detailed problem analysis, visioning, scenario and strategizing steps of the PWPC has further guided the selection of the new pilot projects as the box below shows.

Community	Pilot Project	Responsible Community Organization	Funding
	EGYPT / Beni Suef Governorate		
Masharqa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance potable water network maintenance and control. 2. Activate water users associations (WUA) for one "mesqa" and provide solutions for Irrigation Improvement Project. 3. Increase number of people connected to potable water services. 4. Conduct a study to identify best solutions to the problems of solid and liquid waste disposal systems in village. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community development associations (CDA), women group, Potable Water Authority (PWA) 2. CDA, farmer group, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) 3. CDA, PWA 4. CDA, experts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMPOWERS, PWA 2. EMPOWERS, MWRI 3. EMPOWERS 4. EMPOWERS
Mansha'at Kassab	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activate WUA for one mesqa and provide real solutions for Irrigation Improvement Project. 2. Rehabilitate village cesspits along with creating liquid waste collection procedure. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDA, farmer group, MWRI 2. CDA, PWA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMPOWERS, MWRI 2. EMPOWERS
	JORDAN / Balqa Governorate		
Subeihi	Rehabilitate two springs.	Subeihi Voluntary Society	The Netherlands Embassy
Rweiha	Strengthen Community Water Committee through a revolving fund for water management and agricultural purposes.	Rweiha Cooperative Society	EMPOWERS
Omm Ayyash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve domestic water management (e.g. increase drinking water storage capacity and establish suitable sewage cesspits). 2. Establish a center for selling agricultural and environmental equipments. 	Sayyidat Omm Ayyash Cooperative Society	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMPOWERS, 2. Global Environment Fund (GEF)
	PALESTINE / Jenin Governorate		
Qabatya	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and redesign the municipality water network. 2. Install water meters on agricultural wells to organize and account for irrigational uses of water by farmers who do not have a well of their own. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Municipality, Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) 2. Farmer group, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMPOWERS, Municipality 2. EMPOWERS
Meithaloun	Drill an artificial groundwater recharge well in the highly fertile but often flooded Marj Sanour Valley, and study its technical, socio-economic and environmental effects.	Municipality, PWA, MoA	EMPOWERS, Municipality
Jalboun	Construct metal water reservoirs for harvesting rainwater from the roofs of green houses and other micro-catchment areas and study technical, economic and environmental effects and advantages.	Local Council, Local Water Committee	EMPOWERS

The details of the pilot projects are available at <http://www.empowers.info/page/2084>.