

EMPOWERS Country Partners [Egypt]

Egyptian Water Partnership

The Egyptian Water Partnership (EWP) in collaboration with EMPOWERS has produced an Arabized and customized IWRM tutorials to suit the Arab Region and Egyptian context. These tutorials incorporated new insights and lessons learned, especially from the EMPOWERS programme. EWP and EMPOWERS have organized a series of workshops on 'Water Rights and Equity'.

More information about EWP is available on:
<http://www.egyptianwaterpartnership.org>



Development Research and Technological Planning Center

Within EMPOWERS, the tasks of the Development Research and Technological Planning Center at Cairo University (DRTPC) have included:

1. Assisting in the collection of necessary information from different sources and analyzing information for a better definition of problems and trends.
2. Serving as a local partner of the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC) in developing a practical model for integration of local micro-scenario building into national and regional planning initiatives and in developing decision support systems and scenarios.
3. Assisting in micro-scenario building including setting up different hydrological and hydraulic alternatives, and testing those using different packages.
4. Advising on designing and setting up pilot projects and assist in testing their feasibility and monitoring and evaluating these pilots when appropriate.
5. Developing GIS and installing it. This includes developing specifications for data collection, determining layers, and attribute sheets.

More information about DRTPC is available on:
<http://www.empowers.info/page/214>

Federation for Environment Protection and Improvement

This is a federation of 17 community development associations (CDAs) in Beni Suef, including those of two EMPOWERS communities. The federation is working on capacity building of local CDAs; and enhancing the interaction between CDAs, local community groups and the governorate authorities in order to exchange and update water related information necessary for planning and implementation.



EMPOWERS Stakeholders in Egypt

The key stakeholders have showed a keen interest in supporting the Project's activities and to remain in consultation with the end-users. In Egypt, the stakeholders are:

- Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
- Potable Water Authority in Beni Suef Governorate.

National Water Research Center

EMPOWERS has been supported by the National Water Research Center (NWRC) as an intermediate host for participatory planning of integrated water resources development and management. NWRC is the research arm for the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation and is a pioneer in water research in Egypt. NWRC has played an advisory role to align strategic directions of EMPOWERS with national water strategies and policies to best ensure required sustainability and replication.

Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services

The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) is a private voluntary organization. It has an important role in facilitating dialogue between local organizations and government authorities and in up-scaling the approach in Beni Suef and in the future possibly in Minia Governorate.

More information about CEOSS is available on: www.ceoss.org.eg