

## **EGYPT: A CASE STUDY – RELATED BEST PRACTICE OR LESSONS LEARNED ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION**

### **1. Which specific WSSD or Agenda 21 commitment does your case study address?**

The Manshiet Nasser upgrading project;

- Promote access to secure tenure and shelter
- Improve the lives of informal area dwellers through the extension of utilities (water, sanitation, electricity) and social services.
- Develop partnerships with private sectors and NGO's.

### **2. Please briefly describe the essential characteristics of the case study you wish to share including the nature of activities undertaken.**

- The Manshiet Nasser is an informal area which is located east of Cairo on an area of about 850 hectares and housing a population of 350000 inhabitants.
- This area is considered one of the largest most dense and deteriorated informal areas in Egypt due to severe shortages in basic services and utilities, presence of many polluting activities, and difficult site conditions.
- The upgrading project prepared by the GOPP involves the provision of adequate and affordable housing that meets residents' needs in addition to the extension of necessary services and utilities to improve living and environmental conditions.

### **3. Please explain the nature and characteristics of particular challenges and constraints faced, If any.**

- Management sustainability.
- Raising fund.
- Operating and maintenance.

### **4. What are the lessons learned in the process, positive and/or negative?**

- National commitment for the upgrading project.
- Good coordination between various governmental agencies.
- Land tenure.
- New partnership between GOPP, Cairo Governorate, NGO's, private sector, international agency (GTZ) and the Abu Dabi Fund.

### **5. What has been the impact of such a case in the area(s) concerned?**

- Implementing 6000 housing units, hospital including 150 beds.
- Access water and sanitation and social services.
- An integrated road network with road widths gradually ranging between 12 and 40 meters taking into consideration the nature and topography of the site.

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