

# Formation, Incubation and Acceleration of Youth Initiatives

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Cycle 1	Cycle 2
April 2022 January 2024	February 2024 Onwards



## Desired Objectives

Build a youth cadre capacitated and enabled to ideate, design and implement innovative projects that meet the needs of the local communities while acquiring the necessary tools to sustain and scale-up their initiatives after the end of the project cycle.

## Target

Young Women — Men — Persons with Disabilities (aged 16-29)  
in 6 governorates: Greater Cairo Region, Alexandria, Fayoum, Suhag, Qena, Aswan

The Youth Initiatives activity takes young people on a capacity-building journey built upon participatory approaches and diverse thematic and methodological input that enables selected youth to develop their individual and collective capacities through team formation and implementation of small-scale projects responding to community needs under the umbrella topics of gender, inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, SRHR, and social participation.

## What's so different about it ?

## Training Content

Gender Equality, Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Reproductive Health, Design Thinking, Project Cycle Management

## Examples of Youth Initiative ideas

- Ewsefly (Describe to me)** 📍 Fayoum  
Developing a digital platform containing accessible films
- Khaleeha fel Soora (Keep her in the picture)** 📍 Qena  
Promoting generational dialogue and enrolment of 50 uneducated women in formal and nonformal education systems
- Um Al Mostaqbal (Mother of the Future)** 📍 Aswan  
Raising Persons with Disabilities awareness on reproductive health topics

## Cross-project Collaboration

Cross-project links: Graduating Youth Initiatives could enter InnoPA's incubation and acceleration programmes.  
Cross-border links: Youth exchange and presentation by one of our excelling Youth Initiatives from Qena governorate in a youth forum workshop organized by a project in GIZ Serbia.

## Future Plans

- An acceleration programme for outstanding YIs to further pursue and/or scale-up their efforts.
- A Mentorship Programme for high-caliber youths to mentor, coordinate and monitor YIs activities.
- An EOSD Youth Initiatives Manual to include all activity resources, thematic input and processes for cycle 2 and onwards.

## Flow of Activity

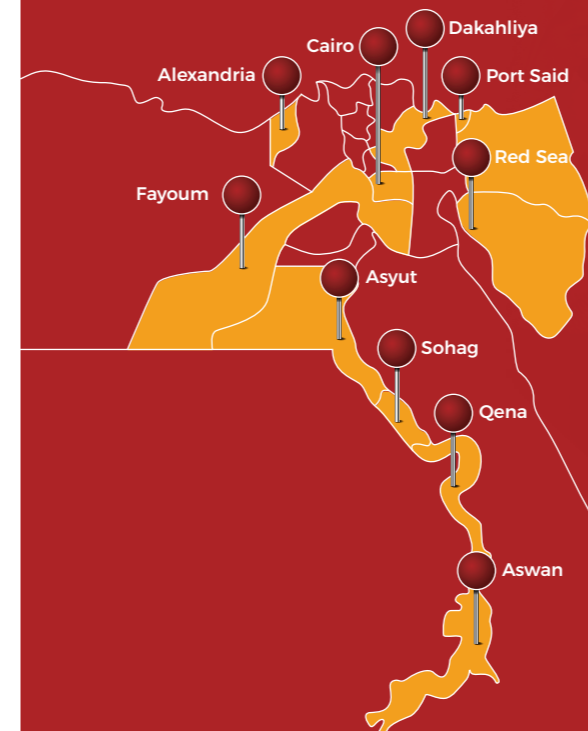


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## A highlight on EOSD's most innovative activities

There are around 60 million people living in Egypt who are under the age of 30. Many of them are disadvantaged and lack sufficient access to information and services. This is especially true for young women and young Persons with Disabilities, whose opportunities to express their own interests and participate in society are even further limited.

The project **Equal Opportunities and Social Development (EOSD, 2018.2156.0)** promotes the social participation of young Egyptians – especially young women and young persons with disabilities thereby laying a thematic focus on gender equality and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Through capacity building and awareness-raising measures, 20.000 young people are empowered to actively participate in society as agents of change. The project applies creative approaches (Arts and Sports for Development) which build on the success of the predecessor project **Youth Against Sexual Harassment (2014.2181.7)**. The project furthermore works on providing an enabling environment: It strengthens the capacities of state actors to promote the participation of youth. Furthermore, it supports civil society actors through capacity building measures and an application-based fund, thereby financing a total of 100 projects on the promotion of gender equality, inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, social participation, and population dynamics. Finally, the project conducts local and national awareness raising measures on topics related to equal opportunities.



- The project has an intersectional and human rights-based approach at heart. The overall concept of the project and its individual activities are consistently gender-responsive and inclusive in terms of content and logistics. The project also implements gender-transformative approaches, three of which are outlined below.
- The project is commissioned by BMZ and co-financed by the European Union. Its access to civil society organizations, including self-representative organizations for women and Persons with Disabilities, is a unique selling point in the Egyptian context, which is acknowledged by its commissioners, international partners and other GIZ projects. Furthermore, the project is the first in GIZ Egypt to cooperate with religious actors to mobilize their support for social change. The creative approaches and its products (a. o. theatre productions, short films, digital art) are used for awareness raising by partners, commissioners and GIZ Egypt, e. g. for the German Embassy Gender Week 2023, the EMC management conference 2023 in Cairo or the GIZ Egypt 16 Days of activism against GBV 2023.
- The project's objectives are in line with relevant Egyptian strategies, such as the Egypt Vision 2030, the National Human Rights Strategy or the National Strategy for the Empowerment of Egyptian Women 2030. It must be noted, however, that the Egyptian government denies the existence of gender diversity which poses a challenge in activity design and communication.

## Three key success factors of the EOSD project:

- 1 Intersectional, inclusive & transformative approach at heart
- 2 Innovative and creative capacity development for youth to empower them to become Agents of Change
- 3 Successful and meaningful cooperation with Civil Society Organizations

# Capacitating Youth

on themes of Gender, Family Dynamics, and SRHR

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Phase 1  
March 2022  
February 2023

Phase 2  
April 2023  
March 2024



## Desired Objectives

- Capacitate a pool of qualified trainers equipped to deliver the same experience within their communities
- Train a select group of religious actors to participate in premarital counseling
- Raise the awareness of participants, in a measurable manner, about themes of Gender, Family Dynamics, Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and SRHR
- Reach 4200 young men and women through the trainers and partners with 10% of Persons with Disabilities

## Target

Young Women — Men — Persons with Disabilities (aged 18-29)  
in 10 governorates: **Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, Dakahliya, Fayoum, Red Sea, Sohag, Assiut, Qena, Aswan**

## Key Partnerships

- Ministry of Social Solidarity – Content and connection to religious leaders
- Ministry of Youth and Sports – Trainees, training centres
- Dar Al-Ifta (Entity issuing Islamic Fatwa and supporting Islamic legal research)
- The 3 major Egyptian churches

## What's so different about it



- Participatory design of Mawadda Training Manual with inclusive training activities
- Juniors Persons with Disabilities trainers who will deliver training in their local communities
- ToT for religious leaders (representing the Catholic Church, Evangelic Church, Orthodox Church, and Dar Al-Ifta) and community leaders (with psycho-social backgrounds)

## Training Content

The Mawadda Training Manual helps young men and women develop personal and social skills necessary to form positive relations and healthy families that build society.

The Mawadda Training Manual activities are designed to be delivered through working groups and interactive sessions.

Topics of the Mawadda Training Manual include:

- Marriage: concept, objectives and misconceptions
- Choosing a life partner accurately and consciously
- Dealing with family problems in a scientific way
- Emphasizing how Persons with Disabilities are fully capable of forming and leading their family lives
- Combating domestic violence in all its forms
- Positive parenting as a basis for raising healthy children
- Managing economic resources in family life
- Pre-Marital health awareness and family planning

## Flow of Activity

- Design of the Mawadda Training Manual ✓ **DONE**
- Orientation for Master Trainers on the new manual ✓ **DONE**
- Training of junior trainers: Achievement: Trained 50 trainers with 10% persons with disabilities 🔄 **ONGOING**
- Training of religious and community leaders (pilot): Achievement: Trained 26 religious and professional community leaders 🔄 **ONGOING**
- Delivery by junior trainers to their local communities: Achievement: Conducted 187 workshops Achievement: Reached 4200 beneficiaries across 10 governorates with 4% Persons with Disabilities 🔄 **ONGOING**



The training of junior trainers happens over 7 full days:

1 Day	1 Day	3 Days	2 Days
Gender	Inclusion	Mawadda Manual content and presentation skills	Followed by participant rehearsals and assessment and evaluation

Noteworthy: Implemented a pilot with the Sectoral Programme for "Religion and Development". Discussions ongoing for a second pilot to expand cooperation in other activities.

## Cross-project Collaboration

## Future Plans

What's next?

- Phase II targeting 4,000 young women and men, through the trainers, community leaders and religious actors across the 10 governorates
- Publishing the accessible Mawadda Training Manual

Beyond the lifetime of this project...

- Our partner ministries and religious partners will have access to a pool of qualified trainers.
- Our partner ministry can depend on the trained community leaders with psychological background in the counselling services for the local communities

# Capacitating Youth Unhealthy Behavioural Patterns

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Phase 3  
March 2023  
March 2024



## Desired Objectives

Creation of safe spaces, accountability, stereotyping, mental health, non-violent communication, 1,800 male youth trained on gender basics.

## Target

Men — Persons with Disabilities (aged 16-29) — in 10 governorates: **Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, Dakahliya, Fayoum, Red Sea, Sohag, Assiut, Qena, Aswan**

## What's so different about it



The project addresses gender issues from a male perspective since this angle is usually overlooked

## Flow of Activity

30 camps implemented over a year in different youth centres around the targeted governorates

## Training Content

Gender and individual identity  
Concepts of masculinity and their historical development  
The Self and effective (Non-Violent) communication tools

## Sustainability

- 26 male trainers have been equipped to further cascade the content and train future generations
- Training Manual has been developed and disseminated

## Cross-project Collaboration

An adaptation of the training has been organized for the German Embassy Gender week with attendees from GIZ, KFW, FES, and other German counterparts

