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## **CASE STUDY ON RAISING AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN FAYOUM**

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The governorate of Fayoum has been chosen to be the first to receive support from the Gender Unit by establishing gender centers. The reason of chooses it is the high percentage of illiteracy for women in it. Gender Unit has started social studies; first a questionnaire has been designed to be used in five chosen Marhazes. The forms were distributed equally and filled by special field workers such that to cover 5 village in each Markaz. The form includes information about the social condition of women, (problems, awareness of her role, employment, education, awareness of the environmental problems). These forms analyzed in a professional center in the Faculty of Agriculture – Cairo University.

The data analysis show many important notes summarized in the following:

- 1- High percentage of educated women has awareness about the meaning of “environment” but illiterate women have poor knowledge about it.
- 2- High percentage of educated women heard about Ministry of Environment comparing with illiterate women.
- 3- Low percentage of all levels of women who have any idea about NGO working in environmental field.
- 4- All of them agree to share in environmental activities by their effort but it difficult to must of them to offer any fund.
- 5- High percentage of women confirming that the home solid waste, dust and fumes in streets causing a big problem to environment.
- 6- Must of them think that domestic waste hasn't any effect on family health because they didn't hear about and disease caused by these pollutants.
- 7- They believe in the importance of separation the domestic waste to recycling it to benefit from it.
- 8- The clean environment from their point of view is clean the streets and decorated it by trees.
- 9- There is no effective role for media in awareness about environmental problems or it's effects on human health.
- 10- They believe that preservation of environment responsibility of the family at first then the people in each area then the government.
- 11- They think the most effective way for transfer information to them is lecture and seminars then the environmental project tour, and must of them didn't prefer the brochure.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY**

- 1- Raise the awareness of rural women about the environmental problems and the effects of these problems to human health.
- 2- Raise the NGO role and show their activities by media or any effective way especially to women in rural area.
- 3- Raise the media role in awareness women about her role in preservation of environment.
- 4- Cooperation between all the NGO which working in environmental field.
- 5- Holding many lectures and seminars in women awareness about environmental preservation and environmental health.

### **RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Royal Danish Embassy / Danida has agreed to provide institutional organizational support to the EEAA – GU in the establishment of its Gender Unit in 5-selected Marakez in Fayoum governorate

with a precondition that EEAA-GU allocates budget a resources for maintaining the operation these centers after the lifetime of the project.

The aim of the project is to promote national awareness concerning the importance of women's active participation in improving the quality of life through sustainable development programs & strategies.

### **Objective of the Project**

Is to raise the awareness of women through the gender centers created in the selected 5 Marakez by providing the necessary tools for women to learn & adopt mechanisms to positively impact their environment to attain a high standard of living socially, economically & environmentally.

### **Immediate Objective**

- Educate women about environmental problems and health related topics.
- Enable women to perform their productive functions while protecting and conserving environment.
- Empower women to assume the responsibility of community development to promote sustainable development.

### **Activities**

- Establishing five environmental training centers in fayoum (El-Shawashna, El-Khawagat, Kahk, Abu-Kassah, El Nazla) which furnished and equipped using the newest technology ways for training such as:
  - Computers
  - Television and videos
  - Data show, Overhead Projectors& Photocopiers
- Offering a needed equipment for environmental small industries like Lathe (Arabisk).
- Organized a regional conference of north upper Egypt including the governorate of (Fayoum- Assiut- Menya- Beni suef) in Fayoum.
- Organizing a computer courses to educated girls and young ladies in the village around the centers.
- Organizing workshops and training courses dealing with environment &health awareness such as:
  - 1- Women's role in health service sector and environmental pollution prevention.
  - 2- Women's role in potable water preservation and water use rationalization.
  - 3- Women's role in elimination of indoors and outdoors air pollution.
  - 4- Young women's role in environmental protection and environmental deterioration and impact human health.
  - 5- Women's role in waste management.
  - 6- Women's role in canal and drain water use prevention.
  - 7- Women role in food pollution protection and loss minimization.
  - 8- Young women's role in environmental human health awareness and addressing environmental health issues.
  - 9- Women's role in increasing indoor green areas in the countryside.
  - 10- Women's role in the use of Palm trees wastes for environmental pollution prevention.
  - 11- Women's role in environmental risks prevention in agricultural activities.
  - 12- Application of the integrated control system and idea use of pesticides for water pollution prevention and water use rationalization.
  - 13- Women's role in the household pollution prevention by agricultural chemicals.
  - 14- Women's role in recycling agricultural wastes for the production of compost.

### **Outcomes**

Women have knowledge on environmental problems. this would have a positive impact on the proper use of natural resources and protect them from wasteful practices which coming from poor

awareness about the dangerous effects toward the environment which we try to explain to them through the workshops and lectures.

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According to the recommendation of the study GU put a frame work to it's plan to Raise the awareness of rural women in Fayoum.

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