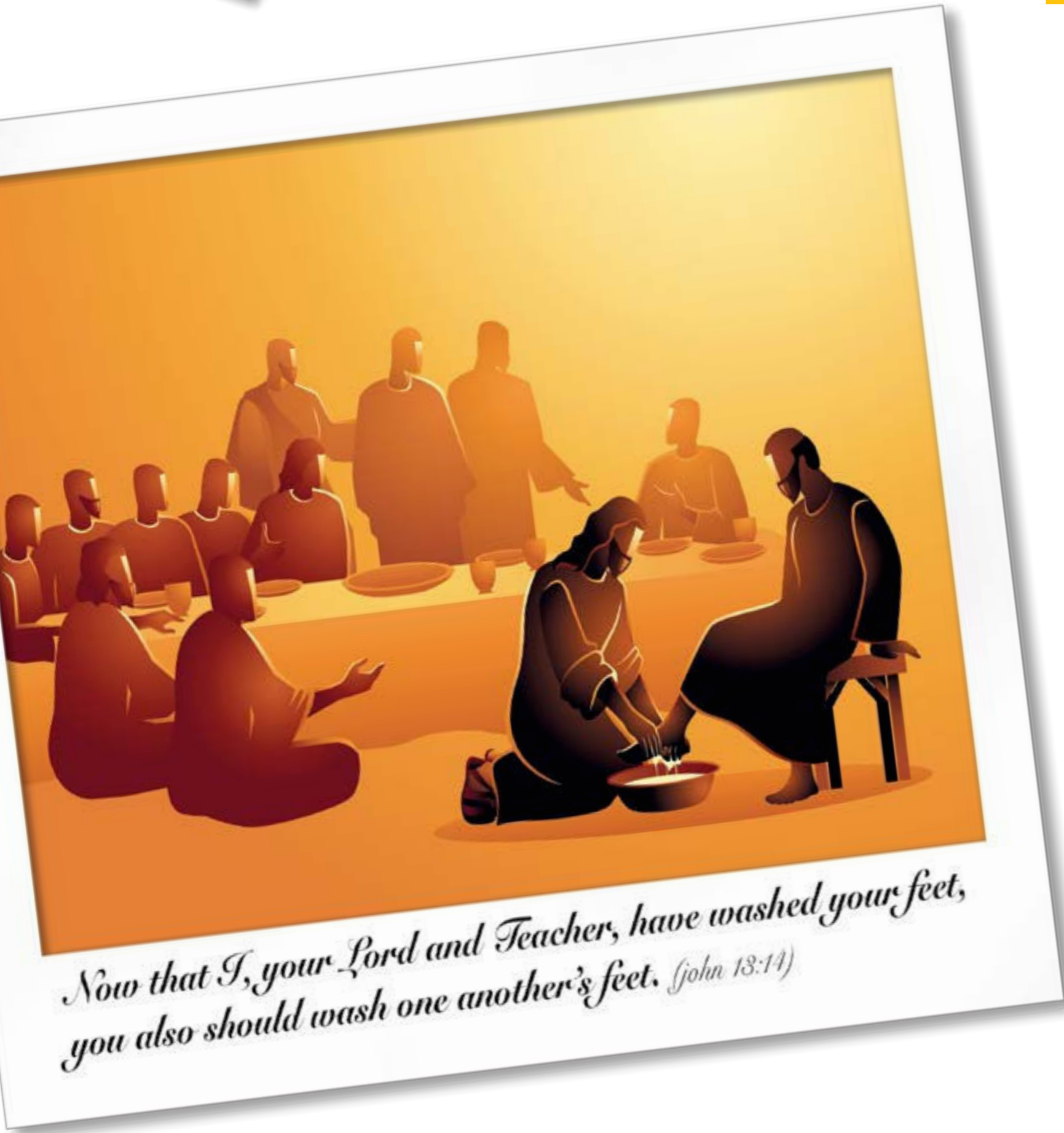


**Coptic Orthodox Church
Papal Office for Projects**

TEN YEARS WE SERVE

**2013 - 2022
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT**





Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)

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From His Holiness Pope Tawadros II

Dear Everyone,

After God chose our weakness to lead the Coptic Orthodox Church in November 2012, the establishment of the Papal Office for Projects was one of the first steps to inculcate the spirit of management and development in the service of the Church. The office began to pay attention to and encourage the establishment of schools and hospitals.

However, within ten years, the grace of God was glorified, and the fruits became abundant, many, and extended throughout the government, in line with the state's policy of continuous efforts for development.

Greetings to all the office servants and volunteers for their great work and achievements, and to Mrs Barbara Soliman who strives to work in this office with honesty and sincerity.

May the grace of Christ be with us all.

Always Forward.

Pope Tawadros II

Pope of Alexandria &
Patriarch of the See of St. Mark
Cairo - February 2023

Thank you message

This year counts a milestone in the history of the Papal Office for Projects. As we mark our tenth year of service and accomplishments in the Egyptian community. Ten years of hard work requiring flexibility, creativity, innovation, and above all, resilience - the resilience of POP staff, our partners, donors and the people we serve.

Ten years ago, in 2013 and just after the Egyptian Revolution, POP was established to assist Egypt and the Egyptian government in the transformation process. Today, POP is more capable to fully express local poor people interest and be reflective of what's changing in terms of Egyptian society and global changes.

Global development should leave no one behind. People experiencing poverty and exclusion must get their fair share of economic growth and this is what we are working towards every day with our partners & donors all over the world. It is a mission that is becoming ever more critical as the world risks slipping back from development successes already achieved. Together with our partners & donors, we want to make the world a better and safer place so that a life of dignity is possible for all.

While the journey ahead will present great challenges, particularly in light of the havoc wrought by the global pandemic, war and the current global economical crises, we continue to be inspired by our founder His Holiness Pope Tawadros II – Pope Of Alexandria & Patriarch of the See of St. Mark, our supporters, and advocates who share our dream to build a more equitable future for all. We are driven in this journey by the Lord's promise of a just and peaceful world without hunger, poverty, and violence.

It is my honor to represent to you our hard work during the past ten years. In particular, we are proud of the stories of resilience and growth.

We thank all our partners in the government, private sector corporations and institutional donors. At the end, I would like to praise the dedication, passion and continuous persistence of POP team during this year and throughout the past ten years.



Thank you.

Barbara Soliman

Director
Papal Office for Projects

POP at a glance:

POP Establishment:

In 2013, The Papal office for projects (POP); was established by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria & Patriarch of The see of St. Mark.

Founded as the Pope's direct humanitarian office, through which H.H. vision to fight poverty is executed.

POP supports projects in different fields of service, placing particular focus on supporting initiatives that promote the provision of quality health and education services, and build capacities within the Coptic Orthodox Church to better serve the world, as well as responding to humanitarian needs.



POP Vision:

“Love in action” a testimony to the love of Jesus Christ to everyone.

POP Mission:

“The mission of the POP is to promote and support interventions that contribute to building human capabilities, and to strengthening the institutional capacity of the Church to fulfill its mandate in serving the world”.

The core values of the POP are as follows:

Belonging: The Coptic Orthodox Church has its roots in Egypt and believes in its social and developmental role towards all Egyptians and the rest of the world.

Witnessing: Our love for God inspires us to love all human beings and respect their dignity, regardless of who they are.

Serving: We uphold values of transparency, accountability and good governance in all our services. We believe that we are accountable to God, the people we serve and to all our partners.

POP Key Strategies:

- Building human capabilities with particular focus on improving the provision of health and education services for all. The POP promotes the construction of education and health care facilities; and provides technical guidance and capacity building to partners for their management and sustainable operation.
- Strengthening Church institutional capacities in leadership and governance, and enhancing scholarship about the Coptic Church to preserve the Coptic heritage and identity.
- Building partnerships and collaborative initiatives with local and global, governmental and non-governmental entities in order to provide support and services to all.
- Empowering vulnerable and marginalized groups and helping them move from exclusion to inclusion. Through skill training, small income generating projects, and awareness raising.



His Holiness Pope Tawadros II

Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark
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George Adib

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POP operates through the advice of its advisory board, through which POP strategy is implemented. Our advisory board has extensive experience each in their area of expertise:

Eng. Basil Samy Saad – Projects Management Consultant

Mr. Kamel Saleh – Financial Consultant

Mr. Monsef Soliman – Legal Consultant

Mr. Nader Younan – Educational Consultant

Dr. Lamia Malak – Health Consultant

POP Partners:

POP delivers the Lord's teachings within us and shows His endless love to everyone through humbly giving the needy help and support in fulfilling their basic needs ensuring they live in dignity while receiving quality education and health services.

Our projects and programs are achieved through our loyal servants/volunteers who sincerely carefully study and implement all our projects, through the support of our valuable donors and partners:

Barnabas Fund (UK)
Bread for the World (Germany)
Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (Egypt)
ElKhanagry Group (Egypt)
Evangelical Church of Westphalia
Hope (USA)
Kythara Institute for Music (Egypt)
Latter-Day Saint Charities (USA)
Mennonite Central Committee (USA)
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Environment
Ministry of Education and Technical Education
National Council for Women (Egypt)
Royal College for Surgeons (UK)
RUDN University (Russia)
Schlumberger (Egypt)
Social Coptic Foundation for Development (Egypt)
SOS Chretiens d'Orient (France)
St. Mark Universal Care (UK)
St. Verena (USA)
TEACH (UK)
Verein Lotus (Switzerland)
W.Alaska (Egypt)



10

years

of accomplishments & community serving: (2013-2022)

10 years serving the Egyptian community POP in numbers

64

Major Projects

210

Minor Projects (Individuals)

27,717

Beneficiaries



Eyon Misr Program:

9,304

Beneficiary

Eyon Misr Schools

5,006

students

currently enrolled at Eyon Misr Schools.

Sudanese Refugees School

535

students & teachers

360 students enrolled at the school

200 graduates

25 Jobs for Teachers & worker

St Mary School for Primary and Secondary Education in Burundi

202

students & teachers

185 students

17 Teachers, administrators and workers

Languages Summer Program

2,378

participants

462 English Language

302 French

14 German

1600 Russian

Eyon Misr Child Creativity Center

205

child

150 currently enrolled

55 graduates

Scholarships

53

student

Awareness sessions

882

attendees

Youth Technical Training Program

43

trainees

KIMI Program

5,407

Beneficiary



Al Ragaa Center

336

patient

129 Cochlear Implantation and speech session support
197 Kidney transplant
10 Liver transplants

Abu El Matamyr Hospital - Behira Governorate

2500

patients yearly

Al Salam Hospital – Cairo Governorate

Around

700

yearly

Happy heart disability center- Mansoura, Dakhalia Governorate:

72

children

Al Ragaa Specialized hospital in Abo Korkas

Still under construction

Nursing Training School

299

students

Sehaty Medical Center in Faqous- Al Sharkia Governorate

Around

1,500

yearly

KIMI Integrated Health Complex:

Still under construction

Rakoty Program

4,026

Beneficiary



Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (CPTICAD)

2,200

Trainees in 250 church

The central Papal Library

4 Masters + **2** PhD

TEACH

351

students

Church educational conference

1,460

trainees

Theological Schools

9

seminaries

Koogi

Children viewers- Indirect beneficiaries

St. Mark Aid program

8,980

Beneficiary



Income generating Projects

257

job opportunities to women, widows and youth.

COVID19 Support

4,557

families supported with a monthly financial support.

2,739

families supported with a monthly dry meal box and a set of hygienic products

Hand detectors and security gates

202

churches in 19 different dioceses in Egypt.

890

children being entertained through delivering books, colors and small games.

Orphanage house in Ismailia

104

boys

Elderly house

33

elderlies

Support medical needs

128

patients

Orphanage house in Kafr El Dawar

49

girls

Families of the Libya Martyrs

21

families



POP is currently present at the following governorates throughout Egypt

- 1- Cairo
- 2- Giza
- 3- Alexandria & Dessert Area western to Alexandria
- 4- 10th of Ramadan
- 5- Menia
- 6- Souhag
- 7- Damanhur
- 8- Port Said
- 10- Dakahlia
- 11- Ismailia

COPTICAD trained 250 Coptic churches in 42 Dioceses inside and outside Egypt.

POP Timeline

2013 - 2022

While POP cares more about sustainable methods that builds the capacities of people to solve their own problems. It is still concerned with the direct services and providing the daily needs to the vulnerable.



2018:

Under Eyon Misr Program the first child creativity center was established & Youth technical training programs was introduced & Opened the 6th School in the chain of Eyon Misr schools at Damanhour.

2019:

The opening of the first Central Papal Library to assist all students interested in Coptic studies & Entered into partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons in England.

2013:

POP Establishment & start of its activities in serving the Egyptian Community through Eyon Misr Program for educational enhancement

2014:

Completed the first school in the chain of Eyon Misr schools in new Menia & Established a school for the Sudanese Refugees & Introduced Kimi program through which the office will serve the community to enhance the health sector through upgrading the available clinics with recent medical equipment and assist in establishing new clinics and hospitals



2020:

The beginning of 2020 and with the start of COVID the office gave more concentration to small income generating projects, and to feeding the needy through the distribution of thousands of food boxes on a monthly basis & providing financial support to those who lost their means of living. & Opened the 7th school in the chain of Eyon Misr Schools at Suhag.

2015:

Introduced Rakoty Program through which the office will work on institutional capacity building & Established the Coptic Institute for Church Administration & Development (COPTICAD) & Opened the 2nd school in the chain of Eyon Misr schools, at Abu Korkas, Menia



2021:

Introduced awareness sessions mainly for women and girls in all different topics, to fight knowledge poverty and lack of accurate information. More small income generating Projects for widows & women were executed.



2016:

Eyon Misr Program introduced summer languages program to provide language classes for children and teenagers

2022:

Opened the 8th school in the chain of Eyon Misr schools at Giza Introduced the German and Russian languages to our languages program

2017:

Introduced St. Mark Humanitarian Aid program through which the office will reach out to provide the basic needs to the most vulnerable. Further, this was a special year where three more schools were opened in the chain of Eyon Misr schools, at three different Governorates the desert area west to Alexandria, Port said and Boulak- Cairo. & The first small income generating project was established - an embroidery workshop



Way forward:

As we mark the 10th year of operation, we are under the process of establishing consultation offices to assist our dioceses with the execution of Educational & Health projects.



POP Programs:

Our projects over the past ten years have clustered around the key areas of education; health; institutional strengthening; and humanitarian needs

POP operates with four programs:

1

Eyon Misr Program
for educational enhancement

2

Kimi Program
for health enhancement

3

Rakoty Program
for capacity building

4

St. Mark Aid Program
for humanitarian aid

Eyon Misr Progra (Egypt Eyes Program)

for educational enhancement

All Eyon Misr Program supplements the efforts of the Egyptian government in implementing the following the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

SDG no. 4
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

SDG no. 5
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

SDG no. 16
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The Coptic Church has a long history in providing quality education in Egypt. Pope Cyril IV (Pope 110 of the Coptic Orthodox Church) pioneered the field of modern Education in Egypt. Coptic schools have contributed to building generations of educated professionals in the country at the time they were most needed since 1855. The Coptic Orthodox Church currently has 29 working schools in different governorates throughout Egypt, in addition to 11 working schools abroad. There are also a number of COC schools, which are under construction: 9 schools inside Egypt and 5 schools abroad. Encouraged by this legacy POP is implementing the following educational program:





Eyon Misr Educational Program:

Eyon Misr is a chain of schools, child creativity centers and educational enhancement programs to develop students into good effective citizens, thinkers, innovators, and leaders, who can coexist and collaborate in a diverse world.

The Coptic Church embarked on an ambitious initiative to build schools in Egypt, as well as extending its hand to support the education of refugee children in Cairo, through a school that has been established specifically for this group. Following the footsteps of Jesus Christ, the Coptic Church is also extending support to African countries and has contributed to the establishment of the first Coptic school in Burundi.

The POP has also supported different education-related activities in Egypt including a Summer Language Program in Cairo; Eyon Misr Child creativity Center; a scholarship program for education abroad; education grants; Youth technical training program and awareness sessions in various aspects.

In the following section POP educational programs will be illustrated. All these programs serve children and teenagers while ensuring Child protection.

POP implements the following Children Protection Policy in all our projects serving children:

The children we serve are exceptionally poor, despite having families; they live in squalid conditions, often falling into child slave labor at a young age. The Papal Office for Projects provide children with support and encouragement by getting them to enjoy their childhood and preparing them for the future to become dependable adults. Also, by making children aware of their dignity and their value in the society and how each one of them has a unique value that society is in need of. They have a place of belonging.

All children have the right to be protected from violence, exploitation and abuse. Children in Egypt are engaged in child labor who work under hazardous conditions. The situation of children in Egypt is aggravated by lack of preventive and responsive child protection services.

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Looking into the living conditions of the Copts in the poor areas and considering the problems facing the families and children, while linking this with His Holiness Pope Tawadros II vision of rising a well-educated and open-minded generation. The papal office for projects proposed that all Eyon Misr Educational Programs is to be established, with the following aims:

- Enhance children creativity and help them become aware of their self-esteem.
- Reduce the number of street children.
- Minimize child labor and avoid drop off school.
- Better utilize children free time and summer holidays.
- The provision of quality education that fosters creativity and builds a whole person with skills for life.
- An Equal opportunity ensuring gender-equality.

Setting and sustaining boundaries is a skill. We are responsible for maintaining physical, emotional and sexual boundaries with out interaction with the children. The Papal Office for Projects is committed to the safety and protection of the children. This applies to all the staff who works with the children. We are to provide safe environments for children at Eyon Misr schools, child creativity centers and educational enhancement programs.

All staff and volunteers must promise to follow the rules and guidelines in Child Protection Policy - Eyon Misr Educational Program as a condition of providing services to the children participating in The Papal Office for Projects.

Staff and volunteers serving at POP Children projects are obliged to read, accept and be committed to the following:

I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity and consideration.
- Never be alone with children at activities without another adult being notified.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and youth.
- Maintain appropriate physical boundaries at all times and touch children when necessary only in ways that are appropriate, public, and non-sexual.

I will not:

- Touch or speak to a child in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Inflict any physical or emotional abuse such as striking, spanking, shaking, slapping, humiliating, ridiculing, threatening, or degrading children.
- Abuse the power conferred upon us by our position or function or our influence regarding the lives and welfare of children.
- Help children with intimate tasks that they can carry out alone (such as accompanying them to the toilet, bathing them or changing their cloths) unless requested or necessary.
- Assign hazardous or exploitative tasks to children; not to assign any tasks to children that will harm their physical or mental development or prevent them from going to school.
- Engage in private communications with children via text messaging, email, Facebook, Twitter or similar forms of electronic or social media except for activities strictly involving the program.
- Engage in sexual activity with a child or in front of children; never demand from children that they engage in sexual activity or let them abused by a third person.
- Expose children to pornography material

Eyon Misr Program consists of:

- 1. Eyon Misr Chain of Schools in Egypt**
- 2. School for Sudanese Refugees in Cairo**
- 3. Technical primary and secondary school in Burundi**
- 4. Languages Programs**
- 5. Eyon Misr child creativity center**
- 6. Scholarships**
- 7. Youth Technical Training programs**
- 8. Awareness Sessions**

1) Eyon Misr Schools in Egypt

A committed investment in quality schooling in Egypt has never been timelier. A little more than one third of Egyptians (34%) are younger than the age of 15. More schools are needed in the country to provide quality education to this very large student body.

Encouraged by its legacy in the provision of education in Egypt and responding to the need for quality education, the POP has embarked on an ambitious project to build schools in every governorate in Egypt.

The guiding principles for these schools are as follows:

- All Egyptians are raised together in an environment of love and acceptance to the other.
- The provision of quality education that fosters creativity and builds a whole person with skills for life.
- An Equal opportunity ensuring gender-equality.

During the past ten years, the POP has successfully contributed in funding the construction of eight schools in six governorates in Egypt. These schools are established to be sustainable entities that are managed by partners at the diocese level. According to the most recent counts, Eyon Misr Coptic schools offer education to around 5,006 students today.

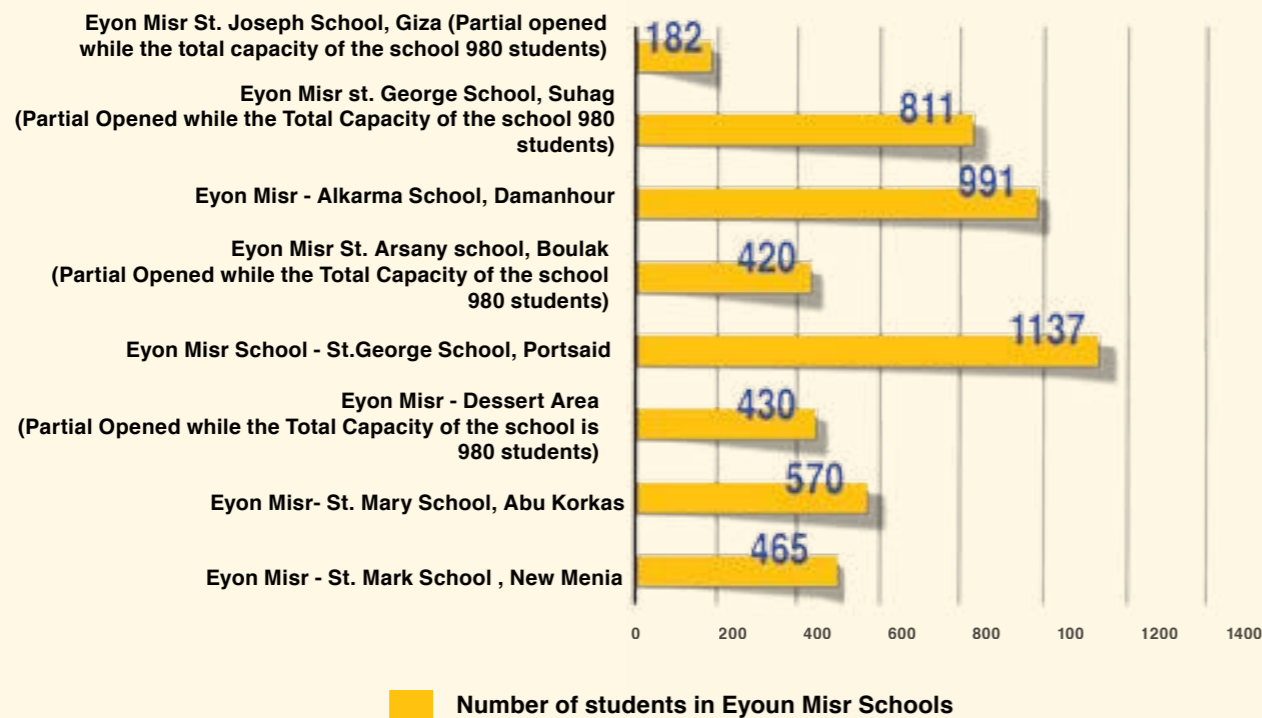
Following are the currently operating schools under Eyon Misr Chain:

- Eyon Misr -St. Mark School, New Menya area, Menya Governorate (September 2014);**
- Eyon Misr - St. Mary School, Abu Korkas, Menya Governorate (September 2015);**
- Eyon Misr School, King Marriot, at desert part of Alexandria Governorate (September 2017);**
- Eyon Misr- St. George School, Port Said Governorate (September 2017);**
- Eyon Misr- St. Arsany School, Boulak, Cairo Governorate (September 2017);**
- Eyon Misr- Al Karma School, Damanshour, El Beheira Governorate (September 2018);**
- Eyon Misr- St. George School, Suhag Governorate (September 2020).**
- Eyon Misr- St. Joseph School, Al Giza (September 2022).**



During the past 10 years the papal Office for projects has successfully completed the construction and self-sustainable operation of 8 schools, in 6 different governorates where there has been shortage of schools. These schools are currently providing education to 5,006 students. **Divided as follows:**

Number of students in Eyoun Misr Schools



The African Community School operates with the following goals:

- Teaching all subjects according to the Sudanese educational curriculum.
- Reducing the burden on parents who fail to pay tuition fees so that students can sit for the exams for the foundation certificate and the Sudanese secondary certificate, which helps them to join universities and higher institutes.
- Provide job opportunities for Sudanese refugees in Egypt, as all the school staff and teachers are Sudanese. The school currently provides job opportunities for 22 teachers and 3 workers. The School currently has 310 students enrolled in different educational stages. Since start of operation in 2014, a total of 200 students have graduated from The African Society School and most of them have been enrolled at the Egyptian Universities. Those who have successfully completed their Bachelor degree are currently employed and are working in their field of study and are managing to fulfill their living needs.



2) School for Sudanese Refugees in Cairo: The African Society School for Primary and Secondary Education

His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, is always keen to support and provide quality education in Egypt, and from this point of view, His Holiness established through the Papal Office for Projects a school for refugee children in Cairo.

In 2014, His Holiness established the “African Society School for Primary and Secondary Education”, a school for Sudanese refugees in Cairo in Kilo 4.5 as this area is home to a large population of Sudanese refugees. Since its establishment, the school continues to receive support from the POP. The school works to save the African refugee community in Cairo, especially the Sudanese community, from the darkness of ignorance and mental blindness, and to lead youth and children towards a bright future and prepare them for a better life.



3) St Mary School for Primary and Secondary Education in Burundi

St. Mary Technical Primary and Secondary School was established in Ruigi Governorate, which is about 160 km from the capital, a governorate where there are no technical secondary schools.

This was a demand from the officials due to their need for such schools and the need of the society to arm themselves with the weapon of technology to keep pace with the times.

The school opened its doors at the beginning of the academic year 2021-2022, with 4 administrators, 10 teachers, 3 workers and a bus driver for student transportation.

The number of students has reached up to date 185:104 girls and 81 boys.

The school has three technical departments:

- Information technology
- Communication Technology
- Network and Computer Maintenance

The duration of study for each section is 3 years, after which the student obtains a secondary certificate that qualifies him/her to join university education.



4) Languages Program:



A) Summer Languages Program for English and French

With today's globalization languages are as important as school education, the POP launched this program to increase the access of school students to learning foreign languages. The Summer Language Program has been running since 2016 with offline classes in both English and French.

Teachers are volunteers from the United States and France. The course stopped for 2 years due to COVID and then resumed in summer 2022.

Over the past years, 14 American teachers served in this program coming especially from the United States to run the English classes and around 25 French teachers served the French classes. While 462 students have been enrolled in the English classes and 302 students in the French classes. A total of 764 students benefited from this program up to date



B) German Language for nuns, priests and Seminary Students

In 2022, and in collaboration with the Goetha Institute Kairo, POP promoted the learning of the German language, through which participants will be more capable to communicate and interact with German speakers. 14 candidates have been enrolled so far.

C) Russian Language

With Russian tourism playing a great role in the Egyptian tourism market, having Egyptian youth fluently speaking the Russian language has become a mandate today. Accordingly in 2022, the POP has signed an agreement with RUDN University in Moscow, to provide free online courses for Russian Language, up to date over 10,416 Egyptian students have registered, and 1600 students have completed the intermediary levels.

5) Eyon Misr Child Creativity Center



Children in low-income areas are allowed little opportunities to have books and music and art learning. Addressing this real need, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II has supported an initiative to establish creativity centers in such areas, operating with the following core values:

- Allow children to enjoy their childhood and prepare them to become dependable adults
- Child development and learning, recognizing each child's talents and working with them to improve
- Ensure children are aware of their dignity and their value in the society, each of them has a unique value the society is in need for.
- Monitor their health and ensure they have periodical medical checkups

The first of these centers has been established in a slum area in Cairo. The center offers the children and youth in the area the following services:

- Children and teenagers library.
- Language and computer learning programs.
- Talents development programs (Arts, music, handcrafts..).
- Summer educational and health awareness sessions.
- Periodical medical check up.
- Daily nutritional meal.

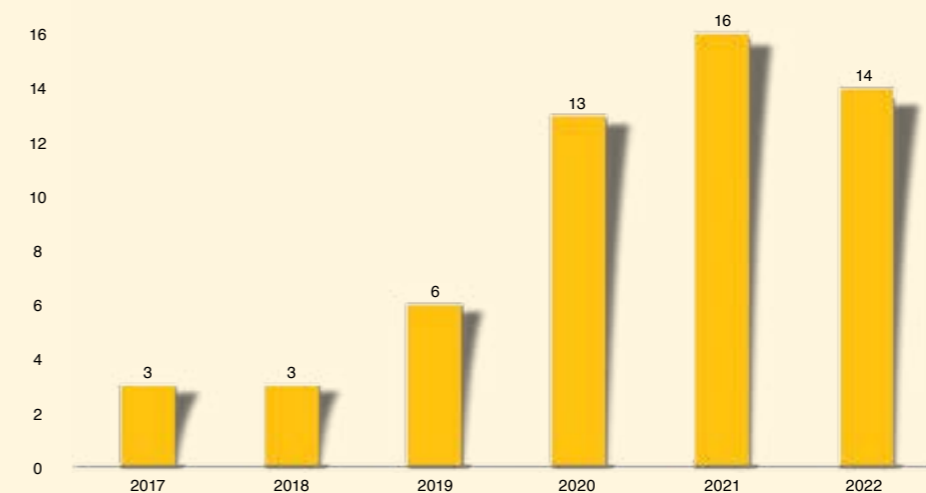
A professional training organization in the field of arts, music and other activities, the Kythara Institute for Music, partnered with the POP for the provision running this center appropriately, the center opens its doors to around 205 children ages ranging from (6-18).



6) Scholarships

Since 2017 and up to date scholarship opportunities at Russian Universities have been granted to Egyptian students through the office to help them to enter the workforce and become a contributing member in the society. Up to date a total number of 58 students have benefited from this opportunity, studying in different fields, this includes medicine, computer science; dentistry; Biology; Chemistry; philology; engineering; oil and gas business; mechatronics & robotics; politics & social studies; economics; tourism; international relationships and advertising & public relations.

Scholarships granted to Egyptian students per year:



7) Youth Technical Training Program

The POP has signed in 2018 a Memorandum of Understanding with **Schlumberger Egypt** for the provision of a four-month comprehensive training program for youth. The program particularly targets graduates of University and holders of the secondary education industrial diploma. The high achievers have been granted job opportunities at the petroleum companies operating in Egypt.

Further, in 2022, the POP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **Social Coptic Foundation for Development "EGYCOPT"**, An Egyptian non-profit organization that educates and develops the individual through distinguished training to create a workforce capable of meeting the needs of the labor market and raising the standard of living, by providing:

- A) Training Scholarships for youth: as Automotive technology - Industry and construction - Industry technology - Engineering software - Administrative, financial and marketing - Information Technology - Diversified craftsmanship and professionalism and medical services.
- B) Craft Program for women who are breadwinners: Custom clothing - Porcelain statue making - Wool carpet industry
- C) Programs to develop the skills of people with special need
- D) Undergraduate Scholarships

A total of 43 youth have benefited from these training opportunities.



8) Awareness Sessions

The Papal Office for Projects believes it has a role towards the community in raising the awareness level of every person we can reach out to.

Awareness is important to increase enthusiasm and support, stimulate self-mobilization and action, and mobilize local knowledge and resources.

The aim of our awareness sessions is to increase concern, informing the targeted audience, creating a positive image, and the ultimate aim of such sessions is to achieve long-term lasting behavioral changes.



POP has held nine initiatives/ awareness sessions so far, as follows:

1st initiative - "She Can",

This initiative was introduced to promote female labor force as a key to promoting inclusive growth and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5 ("Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls").

As more women enter the labor force, economies have the potential to grow faster in response to higher labor inputs. Women's supply of labor increases household incomes, which helps families escape poverty and increase their consumption of goods and services. At the same time, as countries develop, women's capabilities typically improve, while social constraints weaken, enabling women to engage in work outside the home and become productive and independent rather than being dependent.

In April 2021, with the attendance of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II - The Papal Office for Projects launched an initiative "SHE CAN" to support struggling girls and women. Assuring them that they can achieve their dreams and encouraging them to work. The initiative aims to empower women through small income generating projects. After the launching, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, honored a group of women as "luminous models", who are successfully running their own small income generating projects and have shared their stories with other women suffering, and this was an encouraging message for every woman to gain her own income and support her family.

After the launching of this important initiative "She Can", POP started implementing various small income generating projects.



2nd session “Protect yourself & your family”

The development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines was a crucial step in helping us get back to doing more of the things we enjoy with the people we love.

In light of the directives and the intensive efforts of the Egyptian government to respond to the Corona pandemic, The Papal Office for projects in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the National Council for women have held in May 2021 an awareness session at the Papal Residence for women from different dioceses about the importance of being vaccinated, and encouraging them to get vaccinated and to encourage their families and neighbors also to take the vaccine.

The session had two speakers one being a doctor from the Ministry of Health and the other a priest from the Coptic Orthodox Church.

During the session the speakers pointed out that the COVID-19 vaccines will save millions of lives each year and that they are safe and effective, providing strong protection against serious illness and death.

While the priest from the church perspective highlighted the importance of being vaccinated, encouraging all attendees to be vaccinated as soon as it's their turn, even if they already had COVID-19.

The session also identified that even with the vaccine it is still important to continue practicing safety precautions to protect oneself and others, including avoiding crowded spaces, physical distancing, hand washing and wearing a mask.

After the session, POP staff assisted the attendees with the registration for the vaccine on the Ministry of Health Website and has followed up with the ministry until those registered have received the vaccine.

3rd session: “No for Female genital mutilation (FGM)-

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a human rights violation and constitutes a form of violence against women and girls that is still widespread in several countries including Egypt. FGM is rooted in gender-based inequalities stemming from social norms that drive both expectations and – at times - behaviors.

Both globally and as reflected in Egypt’s National Strategy for the Empowerment of Egyptian Women, the elimination of female genital mutilation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Achieve Gender Equality) is identified as a key driver in the achievement of gender equality and women’s empowerment in many countries world-wide.

The Egyptian Government has recently toughened a law banning female genital mutilation (FGM) - imposing jail terms of up to 20 years as part of efforts to stamp out the ancient practice. While the Egyptian national council for women held several advocacy and awareness-raising, such as knocking door campaigns, medical convoys, media campaigns.

In line with these great governmental efforts, the POP in collaboration with the Egyptian National Council of Women (Cairo Branch), has held several awareness sessions about the new penal law amendments regarding criminalization of female genital mutilation, publication of legal messages for the campaign and simplified theoretical explanation of the new legal amendment clauses and its penalties, as well as addressing messages regarding the psychological and health effects of circumcision, and also the church view forbidding this.

4th Session “The importance of early detection of breast cancer”

As part of the efforts of the state and the initiative of the President of the Republic to support the health of Egyptian women in the campaign (100 million health) in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer and the means of preventing this disease, within a strategic plan to promote healthy lifestyles and comprehensive and integrated medical care in innovative and sustainable ways that ensure community is prevented from diseases. This session was held in collaboration with the National Council for women and Bahya Hospital for breast cancer, in August 2021.

The symposium addressed the importance of early detection, which raises the recovery rate to 98 % as well as the symptoms of disease, prevention methods and how to self-examine. Bahya Hospital presented its free services and encouraged women to register for a free checkup and in case treatment is required the hospital will provide free of charge.



5th Session “Violence against women”

As the world celebrations on the 25th of November, the International Day to End Violence against Women. The 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence was an opportunity through which POP in collaboration with the National Council of Women held an awareness session in December 2021 to remind women of the declaration issued by the church early 2021 through which the Coptic Orthodox Church supports women’s right to have a life free of all forms of violence, believing that all human beings are God’s creation and they are all equal in dignity. Christianity stands against all forms of violence against women, physical, verbal or psychological.

The National Council for Women briefed the attending ladies on how to reach to the council to report any type of violence they may face and the council will support and protect them.

On this day St. Mark Cathedral was led with the Orange color in line with the UN 18- days campaign to end violence against women.



6th Session: The role of the Egyptian women as a peace maker

The Session came on the occasion of Egyptian Women’s Day, March 16, 2022. The session main speaker was the journalist Nashwa Al Houfi, who gave a speech on the role of women in promoting the culture of peace in Egypt and how the Egyptian women managed during a long journey on which they persisted to get their rights until she now holds the highest positions in the country under a conscious leadership that believes in the role of women and is aware of the importance of women’s participation as an active partner in the process of development and peacemaking. This session was held in collaboration with the National Council for women and the peacemakers committee within the Coptic Orthodox Church.



7th Session: The role of Women in climate change

The seminar was about the phenomenon of climate change and its danger and the proposed global solutions to reduce this environmental phenomenon in the world, and women were urged to rationalize the consumption of water and energy, also reducing the usage of plastic bags due to its danger to the environment and avoid throwing away oils.

As a part of supporting the country in hosting COP 27 world conference through which climate change that threatens global communities will be discussed in order to reach global agreement confirming the ideal way to create less carbon global societies and economies.

This session was held in collaboration with the National Council for women and the ministry of environment.

8th Session: Initiative “No to plastic bags ... Yes to Human Health”

On the sidelines of the COP27 conference and to support the state’s and global efforts in this important file, POP believes in the role of women in rationalizing consumption, protecting the environment and managing natural resources, and that they are also responsible for changing the behavior of their family members.

In collaboration with the National Council for Women and the Ministry of Environment, the POP has launched the initiative to encourage women to reduce the use of plastic bags and replacing it with cloth bags while shopping. During the session the dangers of climate change on women’s health and the dangers of plastic bags was addressed.

In the end, cloth bags were distributed as gifts to the ladies participating and encouraged them to always use them while shopping and limit the use of plastic bags.



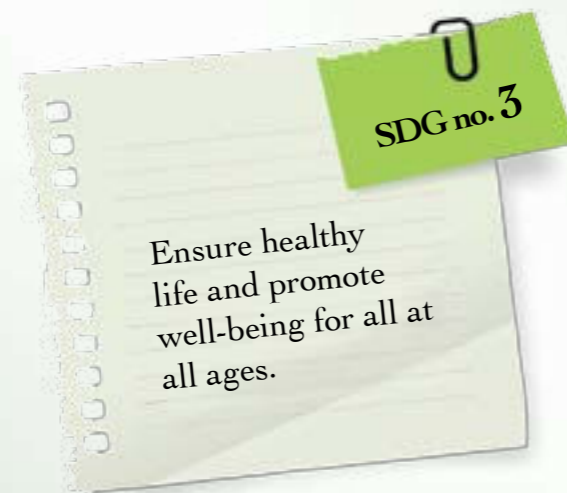
9th Session: “The importance of Technical Education”

With the aim to change the minds of parents and students to realize the importance of technical education and that it is no less important than university degrees, this session was held, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, POP provided to mothers, fathers and children from 13-15 ages sufficient awareness of the importance of the role of technical education graduates in the society, by adequately explaining the importance of technical education and the role of the Ministry of Education in upgrading technical schools and about the role of graduates of technical schools in supporting the state, it is clear that today’s labor market for graduates of technical schools counts the best 59 mothers, 24 father and 7 children attended this session.

A total of
882
persons attended and benefited
from these awareness
sessions & initiatives.

Kimi Program for health enhancement

KIMI Program supplements the efforts of the Egyptian government in implementing the following UN sustainable goal:



Jesus Christ offered healing to all. The Coptic Church is committed to supporting health care provision in Egypt for all. The need for enhanced health care provision cannot be over-emphasized. Health is one of the fundamental human capabilities. The POP has a clear vision in its support of health care provision in Egypt. The vision is to go beyond building health care facilities. Its vision is to provide the highest standards in health service and support the most vulnerable groups.

"KIMI" is a Coptic word meaning Egypt. This name was chosen to emphasize the role of our health program in serving all Egyptians.



Kimi Program consists of two divisions:

1- KIMI Health Care

2- KIMI Integrated Health Complex

1) Kimi Health Care

POP during the past 10 years has helped to uplift the facilities of existing church owned health facilities, as well as the establishment of new health facilities. POP has supported the following:

a) Al Ragaa Center- Cairo Governorate- a church center for Kidney & cochlear implantation:

Since 2018 and up to date, POP has been supporting this center to cover the costs needed for those in need for kidney transplantation, liver transplantation and Cochlear implantation & speech sessions.

Up to date the center has supported 129 Cochlear implantation children ages varies from 3 till 13 years old, support provided was in speech sessions and spare parts. Further the center has supported kidney transplantation for 197 patients, and liver transplantation for 10 patients.



b) Al Ragaa Specialized hospital in Abo Korkas

Abu Korkas is a city that lies between ElMinya governorate and Mallawi. This city has a high-density population around 628,668 residents and unfortunately there is no general hospital or specialized center in Abu Korkas city.

Accordingly, building a specialized hospital in this area to provide appropriate medical services and save lives during emergencies was a necessity.

This hospital supported by POP was built on a total land area 1631 meters square and consists of basement, ground floor and three repetitive floors.

During 2021, the hospital construction work has been completed. Since 2022 and undergoing the hospital is in the furnishing phase, expected to start operation mid 2023.

c) Al Salam Medical Center – Cairo Governorate:

El Salam Medical Center is located in El Matarya, Cairo, a very high population density area, with middle to low class families. POP has supported the development of this hospital in 2016 with some renovations and purchase of medical equipment.

In October 2020, the POP has further purchased for El Salam Medical Center a Hemodialysis machine.



d) Abu El Matamyr Hospital – Behira Governorate:

Abu El Matamyr Hospital located in Abu El Matamyr City in El Beheira governorate and is serving a number of nearby villages, as there is no near by hospitals, and patients had to travel long distance in case they need to do an ultrasound or X-ray, therefore in 2019 these equipment have been purchased for the hospital and are currently benefiting around 2500 patients yearly.



e) Happy heart disability center- Mansoura, Dakhalia Governorate:

During 2019 & 2020 POP supported the finishing work of this center, in the city of Mansoura (Dakahlia governorate). The center addresses the needs of children with mental disabilities, an under-served group particularly outside Cairo. The center offers both a residence and a day school for this group, while providing them with the health care needed.

The center has the capacity to house 72 children, in addition to serving 60 visiting children and teenagers.

It consists of a clinic, physical therapy center, a gymnasium, sensory room, and rooms for play and therapy.

The center provides speech development sessions; skill development sessions; pre-academic teaching; vocational training and life skills.

f) Sehaty Medical Center in Faqous – Al Sharkia Governorate:

A specialized outpatient center with radiology and ultrasound services for the abdomen and the heart, and an integrated laboratory, opened its doors and started operation in 2018.

g) Nursing Training School

In 2015 a Nursing training school was constructed, with the aim to serve the society through educating youth to become professional nurses; the Egyptian labor market is in high demand for qualified nurses. Further this will meet the needs of the Coptic Orthodox church in providing the church owned hospitals and clinics with the highest standards of nurses to ensure we provide the highest standards of health services.

h) Al Salam general Hospital – Moassat El Zakaa, Al Salam Area – Cairo Governorate:

This is a slum area in Cairo, with high density population with shortage of medical facilities, accordingly there was a great need for a hospital. POP supported the finishing work of this hospital in 2014.



b) Kimi Outpatient Clinic:

The clinics will serve the in house elderly, rehabilitation patients, the hospital patients as well as any outsiders.

The Clinics includes:

1. Triage & ER Clinic
2. GP Clinic
3. Ophthalmology Clinic
4. Gynecology Clinic
5. Cardiology clinic
6. Pediatric Clinic
7. ENT Clinic
8. Audiology & Speech Clinic
9. Ultrasound Clinic
10. X-Ray
11. Dental Clinic
12. Internal Medicine Clinic
13. Orthopedic Clinic
14. Rheumatology Clinic
15. Surgery Clinic
16. Gastroenterology Clinic
17. Oncology Clinic
18. Autism Clinic
19. Neorlogy Clinic
20. Chest Clinic
21. Vascular Clinic
22. Dermatology Clinic
23. Pain Management Clinic
24. Urology Clinic



2) Kimi Integrated Health Complex

In November 2019 POP has launched its first Kimi integrated health project, located at El Obour City, Cairo, and consists of the following divisions:

a) Kimi Medical Academy

KIMI Academy will provide technical training to medical professionals in Egypt.

The POP has established the Academy premises and has concluded the agreement with the Royal College of Surgeons of England on November 4, 2019. The academy premises include lecture halls; meeting rooms; and offices for administrative functions.



c) Kimi Rehabilitation:

This center covers all angels of medical problems that need physiotherapy and rehabilitation.

Our facility offers inpatient & outpatient care for all the following departments:

1. Pediatric department
2. Post operative orthopedic department
3. Neurology department
4. Lymphedema & Vascular department
5. Spinal cord department
6. Sports injury department
7. Post operative & burn department
8. Geriatric department
9. Cardiac Rehabilitation department

With the vision to provide the highest standards & highest quality of care, this center is currently in the process of furnishing and will include a state of the art physical therapy department, with all medical equipment needed to driver the patient from limitation to full recovery.

d) Kimi Elderly hospice

Provides comprehensive comfort care for the sick elderly facing difficulties. The Hospice will provide nursing care, elderly care, special need care and physiotherapy.

Due to the increasing number of youth who immigrated after the 2011 revolution, leaving their parents behind, there is a big number of elderly with medical conditions and have no one to take care of. Therefore the establishment of such hospice within this integrated medical complex is a necessity.



E) Kimi Orthopedic Hospital.

Kimi surgical and rehabilitation center is currently under construction. It will be a specialized surgical hospital for orthopedics, spine and neurosurgery together with highly specialized center for postoperative rehabilitation. The hospital is planned to have three fully highly equipped operating rooms and intensive care unit to meet the needs of spine, orthopedics and neurosurgery operation. Multiple specialized units will be available as spine surgery, sports medicine, pediatric orthopedic and neurosurgery operations, arthroplasty and foot and hand surgery unit. The diagnostic unit includes outpatient clinics and laboratory in different specialties to supply a professional medical service for our patients to the side of a radiology department equipped with x-ray, CT scan and MRI. We plan to have a catheter lab for pain management unit and endovascular intervention. The presence of a rehabilitation center with an in-patient attached to KIMI hospital is an innovative medical idea that is rarely presents in Egypt. This idea will provide our patients with the maximum care to get the best outcome in a short postoperative period. We aim to do around hundred and twenty (120) surgical operation per months this is to the side of similar number at the pain management unit and other services provided as a one day services. The rehabilitation inpatient programs will help for a rapid turn over of the hospital patients. We look forward to have a specialized center that befitting the name of the Coptic Orthodox Church that serves God name in a very professional way.

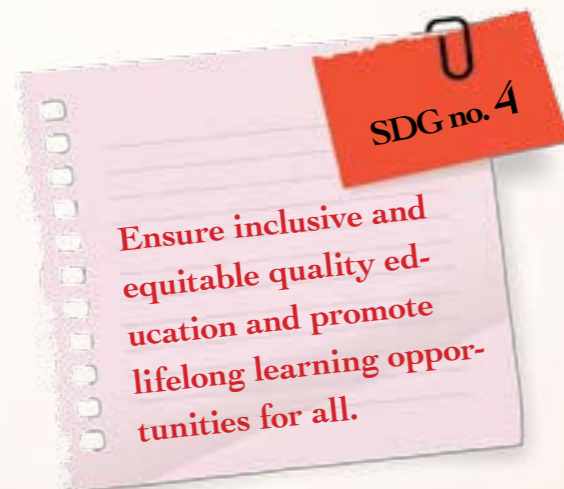
Kimi integrated health complex has been carefully studied in terms of the need for these health services at Obour city, and Cairo in general, and based on our studies, the project is expected to serve and benefit a total of 3600 persons, distributed as follows:

Project	Expected yearly No of beneficiaries
KIMI Academy.....	720 Participant
KIMI Outpatient Clinics.....	1,080 patients
KIMI Rehabilitation.....	288 Patients
KIMI Hospice.....	72 elderlies
KIMI Hospital.....	1,440 patients

Rakoty Program for Institutional Capacity Building Coptic identity and the institutional support of the Church

(Rakoty is the old name of the city of Alexandria)

Rakoty Program supplements the efforts of the Egyptian government in implementing the following UN sustainable goal:



Since its apostolic foundation by St. Mark in the first century, the Coptic Church has had a unique and rich historical trajectory. Its contribution to early Christianity includes the strong role played by the Catechetical School of Alexandria, the oldest Christian education authority in the world, with world-famous theologians such as Origen, Didymus and Clement. The Coptic Church is credited for its significant role in the formulation of the Nicene creed to protect the Christian faith. It also offered the world of Christianity the first monastic movement.



The Coptic Church of today lives to continue this legacy.
The POP has contributed to different projects within this domain:

- 1) The Central Papal Library (CPL) at the St. Bishoy Monastery
- 2) The Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (COPTI-CAD);
- 3) Upgrading theological schools inside Egypt
- 4) The European Academy for Coptic heritage "TEACH"
- 5) The running costs of Koogi TV Channel
- 6) Church Educational Conference "Being a leader"
- 7) Coptic Media Center

1) Central Papal Library

This unique project aims to be a resource center for all scholars interested in the old and recent Coptic studies; a hub for education and enlightenment; and a platform for promoting Coptic heritage and culture.



The library is located at the Papal residence in St. Bishoy Monastery, Wadi el Natron, on a total land area of 4000 M2, the official opening of the library took place on November 19, 2019. Since the opening, the following has been achieved:

- Using Koha program for managing and indexing the books, where around 80 thousand books have been indexed
- Welcoming a number of students from all over the world in need for Coptic references, in addition to providing full support to 4 master students and 2 PhD students
- Indexing Christian magazines- El Keraza and El Karma magazines
- The library consists of a unique collection of important books, references, researches and periodicals, this includes:
 - a) A series of writings of the early church fathers in the original languages and its translations, such as: Sources Chrétiennes, The Fathers of the Church, **Βιβλιοθήκη Ελλήνων Πατέρων και Εκκλησιαστικών Συγγραυέων**
 - b) A total of 1000 references and books on Egyptology and antiquities
 - c) 300 Masters and doctoral dissertations
 - d) 5000 different periodicals and magazines
- The establishment of a website for the Library

www.copticorthodox.church/coptic-cpl

The website consists of a content with all the indexed books available in the library, virtual reality visit to the library, list of the most important publishing houses, series, authors, subjects and library maps. As well as an electronic periodical named "Logos Journal"



2) Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (COPTICAD)

Established and directly supervised by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II since 2015, the Coptic Institute for Church Administration and Development (COPTICAD) supports the institutional strengthening of the Coptic Church in the areas of church management, governance and community development.

COPTICAD vision is “every Coptic Orthodox Church is a purposeful, fruitful, and flourishing Church”.

COPTICAD's mission is to strengthen the institutional setup of the Church through advancing institutional leadership capacities, upgrading Church management and governance systems, and promoting the Church members' engagement in service and witness. Therefore, **COPTICAD purpose** is to equip the Church leaders in Egypt and the diaspora with the knowledge and skills that help them lead the institutional strengthening programs of the Coptic Church at large.

To fulfill its mission, COPTICAD delivers **training** courses to church senior leaders (clergy and laity), provides management **consultations** to diocese and churches to upgrade church management policies and systems, organizes technical **seminars**, and conducts research/evaluation **studies**.

COPTICAD offers two types of **training programs**. The first is the **General Basic Course** in church administration and development. The second is a set of **specialized training courses** in a wide range of church institutional development topics. Courses include: Organizational Development, Institutional Leadership, Change Management, Digital Communication, Crisis Management, Community Development, Human Resources Development, Financial Management and Stewardship, etc. All courses are grounded on scientific bases with biblical references and apply to the church context.

The **COPTICAD team** comprises 25 academically qualified professional experts who volunteer their time and expertise to deliver various COPTICAD programs. All team members (men and women) are Church servants.

Key achievements (May 2015 - Dec 2022):

1. Around 2200 church leaders (clergy and laity) from around 250 Coptic churches have completed COPTICAD courses. In addition, around 800 trainees received formal certificates from COPTICAD signed by HH Pope Tawadros. Around 36% of the graduates are clergy (bishops and priests), and 64% are laity (service leaders, including women).
2. Conducted the mid-term evaluation of the «Integrated, comprehensive community development program» of the Coptic church general Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical, and Social Services (BLESS).
3. Published a field study on «Experiences of the Coptic churches in handling the Covid-19 crisis».
4. Offered a special training course to 17 newly ordained bishops and around 250 priests (during their 40 days after ordination),
5. In November 2021, COPTICAD held a four-day technical seminar for the Holy Synod of the Coptic Church on “Church Organizational Development”. The seminar was chaired by HH Pope Tawadros II and attended by around 100 metropolitans and bishops in Logos Papal Center. The seminar recommendations have set a roadmap for the Church's organizational development strategy.



3) Upgrading Theological Schools

The Coptic Church has a long history of theological seminaries & Coptic Institutes. The POP has provided grants to support relevant development and upgrading projects submitted by these institutes. During the past 8 years nine (9) seminaries across Egypt have been supported - Anba Rewis Seminary in Cairo, El Moharaq Seminary in Assiut, Port Said Seminary, Tanta Seminary, Ismailia Theological School, Beba & El Fashn Seminary in Beni Suef, El Mahla El Kobra Seminary, Aswan Seminary, and the Coptic Studies institute in Cairo.

The support of the POP included renovating lecture halls; the purchase of electronic equipment and smart boards to facilitate teaching; the renovation of auditorium audio systems; the provision of multimedia labs; computer labs for digital access of resources, and the setting of a website for distant e-learning.



4) The European Academy for Coptic Heritage (TEACH)

It's a registered charity trust in the United Kingdom since 2019.

TEACH objective is to deliver courses, degrees and literature on various components of the Coptic culture and heritage to the public benefit. TEACH evolved into becoming the first European Coptic online academy offering courses delivered by highly qualified lecturers and translated to 4 European Languages in addition to Arabic. TEACH delivers courses in Church History, Old Testament Studies, Coptic Language, Hymnology History and Music, Liturgical Studies, Coptic iconography, Christian Counselling, Family and Relationships, Interdenominational Studies, Egyptology and Biblical Archeology, and Patristic Vision of the Holy Bible. Certificates, diplomas and Masters degrees are the current degrees offered at TEACH with PhD prospects in the near future as TEACH is seeking to become a fully accredited UK Academy. Over 350 students have registered to date at TEACH from the UK, Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Sweden and Switzerland. In addition, TEACH started a peer-reviewed scientific journal 'Journal of Christian Studies -JCS' which will uniquely publish original and review articles with abstracts in 4 European languages; English, German, French and Italian, <https://teach-christianstudiesjournal.jams.pub> Also, TEACH started a publisher arm, TEACH Press; specializing in publishing both ebooks and hard copies, in English and Arabic in many international markets; USA, Canada, UK, Europe, Asia and Australia.

5) The running costs of Koogi Children TV Channel

The POP has supported in 2016 the running costs of Koogi Children TV Channel, this channel is dedicated 24 hours 7 days a week to provide children with ethical and educational programs to support our society in raising a generation with high morals and principles.

6) Church educational conference "Being a leader conference"

In 2015 the POP has funded this conference, it was under the supervision of Coptic Orthodox Church Holy Synod, and has targeted a total of 460 priests and church servants from 55 different dioceses to become effective leaders in the church.

7) Coptic Media Center

POP supports the running expenses of the church media center, the main church link for accurate information and news.

Further, in 2014 the POP supported the Coptic Media Center training program for "Sunday School leaders".

A total of 1000 leaders from different dioceses throughout Egypt have attended this training. The training concentrated on creating better effective Christian leaders by developing the following skills: -True Christian Leadership - Communication - Dialogue - Teamwork - Vision - Planning - Motivation - Delegation - Decision-making - Dealing with difficult personalities - Time management & Crisis Management.

St. Mark Aid Program for Humanitarian Aid

St. Mark Aid Program supplements the efforts of the Egyptian government in implementing the following UN sustainable goals:



The past ten years have been quite eventful in Egypt, with serious economic developments in the country. The POP supported the Egyptian community in its response to a number of emergent needs facing Egypt during this period. The response of the POP varied according to the context with a large array of activities.

Further since 2020 and up to date with the Covid-19 pandemic, the war and the current global financial crises, the world faces a new poverty and hunger crises. This placed a great burden on the church to face the massive needs of those facing hunger because they lost their means of living or can't afford the enormous increase in prices.

Humanitarian Aid has been seen as a necessity to be part of the office activities. When the most vulnerable lack access to basic needs such as food, shelter, and health care, humanitarian aid brings relief in times of need. Help is provided based on need, with the goal of saving human lives, soothing human suffering and maintaining human dignity.



During the Past ten years St. Mark's Aid program carried out the following:

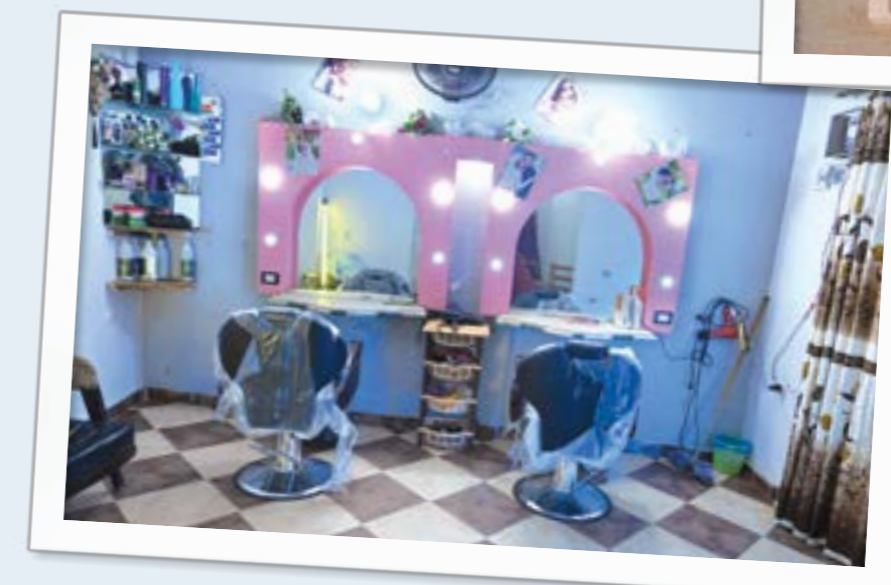
- 1) Income generating projects
- 2) Distribution of dry food monthly boxes
- 3) Supplying basic needs (Blankets, beds, school supplies...)
- 4) Medical support
- 5) St. Simon Elderly Care house
- 6) Orphanage house for Boys
- 7) Girl's orphanage House
- 8) Supporting various church emergency needs:
 - Church Security
 - Libya Martyrs families
 - other emergencies

1- Income generating projects

Having launched the initiative "She Can" to support and encourage women to work, The Papal Office for Projects helped to implement small income generating projects for widows, women and youth. These small projects leads them to a better social and financial level, helps to develop their personality, thinking, and make them responsible and effective members in the society. It also works to fulfill the desire of those in need to support their families and children to live a decent life and to become independent producers instead of dependents and consumers.

The Papal office has implemented a number of income generating projects as follows:-

- An embroidery workshop was established in May 2017 at Tahrir Village, a small village in the governorate of Behira. This income-generating project provided employment and income to needy people, particularly women, in the area.
- During 2020, the POP established Dar Agia Demian Workshop for School Uniform Manufacturing at the dessert area, western Alexandria. The workshop will manufacture school uniform as well as priests and deacons uniform. This project aims to: Provide work opportunities to the widow women in the area and offer reasonable priced school uniforms for Eyon Misr Schools students, with the aim to support parents and provide them the school uniforms at moderate costs, and help minimize the financial burdens they are facing.
- In 2021, the POP completed the construction and equipping of two carpentry workshops in Behira diocese in areas with shortage of carpentries: Catherine and ElBatl Carpentry workshop and Badr Carpentry Workshop. The youth who are working in the carpentry workshops are graduates from technical schools and these carpentries were a good job opportunity for them, today they manufacture any orders placed and are gaining good incomes to fulfill their living needs, while the profits are used to expand and grow the carpentries.
- Also in 2021, the POP has established an aluminum workshop to manufacture aluminum doors, windows and kitchens in Behira Governorate.
- In 2022, the POP implemented a new project preparing, processing and packing food products "vegetables, fruits and legumes" and then distributing to the supermarkets and shop owners.





Further during 2021 and 2022 the POP has implemented a total number of 210 small income generating projects in the Desert area to serve the vulnerable in the area as 80% of the employed women have increased their economic independence while 99% have increased their self-confidence and have a more positive outlook towards the future.

The projects are implemented as per the conditions of each person that differs from one to another, for example some widows can not leave their homes and children and accordingly as per her skills a project is tailored for her to work from home.

The executed projects during the past two years included the following: Breeding white chicks, producing and selling detergents and tissue papers, sewing machines, shoe and bag sewing machine, herbal and handmade perfume shop, grocery shop, selling vegetables and fruits, three wheels motorcycle, toktok, goat breeding, Mobile kiosk, car batteries, a steam car wash machine, photocopier, selling cloth, selling shoes and slippers, selling online accessories, selling filters and spare parts, tools and machines for small carpentry workshops and Men's Barber Salon

2) Distribution of dry food Boxes

Hunger is more complicated than empty bellies. It's a multifaceted problem with many root causes and far-reaching impact. Where extreme poverty and lack of access to nutritious food often leads to malnutrition.

World hunger today is on the rise, the largest in modern history, affecting nearly 10% of people globally. Conflict, climate shocks and the threat of global recession, the interplay of these drivers is making life harder each day for the worlds most vulnerable.

As stated by the World Food Programme (WFP) many as 828 million people today go to bed hungry every night. The number of those facing acute food insecurity has soared - from 135 million to 345 million - since 2019.

Although the gap between needs and funding is bigger than ever before, POP has been supporting and will continue supporting families in need by sending them monthly dry food boxes.

Parallel to creating small income generating projects for those having the capability to work, POP has also given a hand to those who are under sever conditions preventing them from working and gaining their own means of living. POP has been supporting the vulnerable families and will continue to give them hand, despite the enormous increase of food prices. Currently POP supports 4557 families delivering them monthly food boxes, that consists of dry food, as well as vegetables, fruits, meat or poultry.

During the global pandemic, monthly financial support was also provided to many families who lost their means of living, as well as sending them hygienic products to keep them safe.



3) Supplying basic needs

As per the needs, the papal office for projects responds.

During the lock down and covid-19, hygienic products were distributed on a monthly basis, as well as coloring books, colors, reading books and small games were delivered to children to keep them entertained.

Before the school academic year starts, schools bags and supplies are distributed.

Before Christmas and Easter cloth and shoes are distributed.

Before winter blankets are distributed.

As per the need, beds, cupboards and desks are delivered to those in need.

4) Supporting medical needs

POP supports the medical needs as received, up to date a total of 128 medical cases have been supported financially, this includes: surgeries, physical therapy. Chemo-therapy and medication.

5) St. Simon Elderly Care House

In 2014, POP has supported the finishing and furnishing of St. Simon Elderly Care house in King Marriot, accommodating a total of 32 elderies.

6) Orphanage House for boys

In 2014 POP established an orphanage house for Boys in Fayed, Ismailia. The Orphanage house is currently accommodating 104 boys.

7) Girl's orphanage House

In 2014, POP supported the needs of Kafr Eldawar Girl's orphanage House that accommodates 50 girls.

8) Supporting various church emergency needs:

Church Security

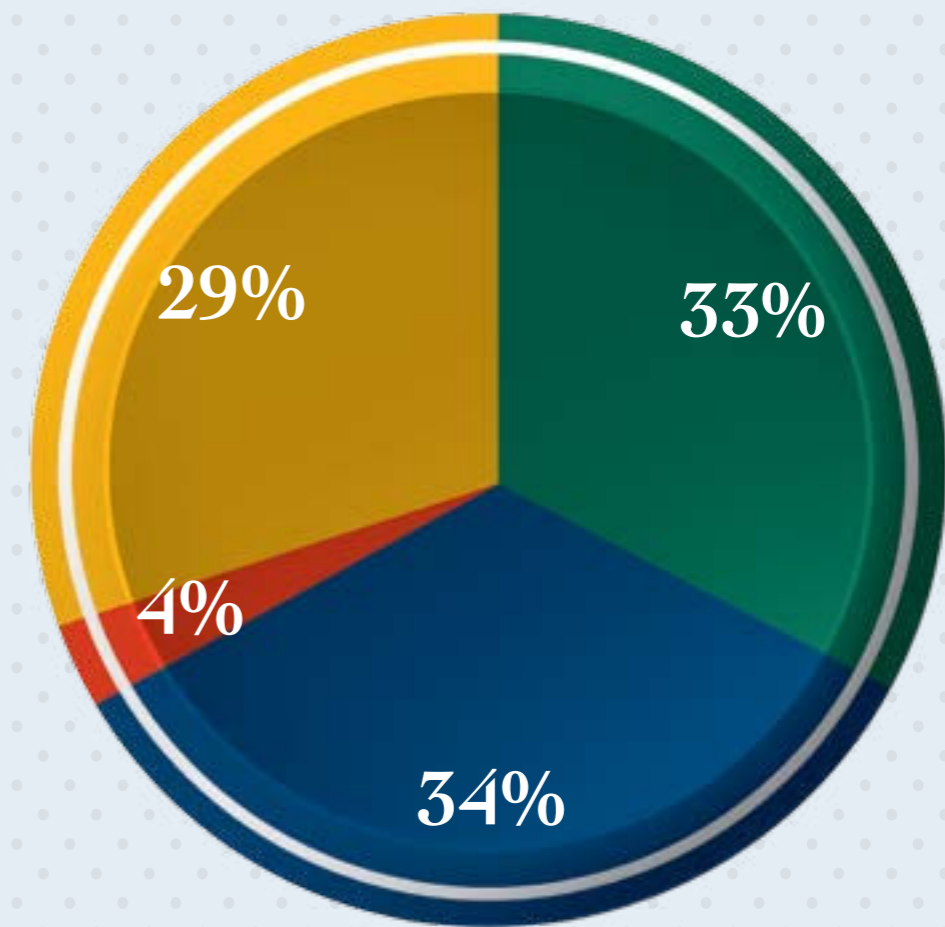
The POP in 2018 supported the supplying of Coptic churches with security equipment as per their identified needs. The POP supported the supply of 202 hand-held metal detectors and 56 security gates to churches in 19 different dioceses in Egypt, to ensure the safety and security of these churches and to face the unfortunate spate of violent acts against Coptic churches that was at that time by extremist groups.

Supporting Libya Martyrs families

In 2015 and 2016, the POP supported 13 widows and 8 martyrs parents by sending them monthly financial support.

Other emergencies

Funds distributed during the ten years to the POP four programs



- Eyon Misr Program
- Kimi Program
- Rakoty Program
- St. Mark Aid Program

Phrases of appreciation from beneficiaries



Eyon Misr Program

From the Summer Languages Program:

Student Perpetua stated: "Thank you His Holiness the Pope for the courses you provided to us. I feel that I know how to speak French Language fluently and understand the teacher without translation."

In Scholarships

Ibram studied Computer Science in year 2017 at RUDN University in Russia and now he is continuing his Masters at the same university stated: "Thank you Your Holiness and The efforts of The Papal Office for projects, for the scholarship opportunity granted to me, It is the best experience and a great opportunity from which I have learned a lot"

KIMI Program:

In Ragaa Center:

Mother of Marina and Youssef stated: "Due to Cochlear Implantation, my two children live a normal life at school and have friends. Without this service, we would not have been able to afford the high costs."

In Abu AL Matamyr Hospital:

Patient Fatma stated: "we are thankful for having this hospital it has saved us money and time as before we used to travel to another village for treatment and to get an x-ray while now it is much easier and less costly "

St. Mark Aid Program:

In Income Generating Projects:

-Mr. Sabry has a chicks raising project stated: "Because of my health conditions, I can not leave my house, I thank the Projects Office for helping me set a project at home, through which I manage to provide the basic living needs for my family."

-Mrs. Mariam, a widow stated: "My hairdresser project helped me raise my five daughters. Thanks to God, to His Holiness pope Tawadros II and to the Papal Office for projects for this successful project, through which I manage to provide my daughters with their main needs without seeking help from anyone "

In Feeding Boxes:

Most of beneficiaries when receiving the box on a monthly basis, they stated: "Thank you God, without this box we might have died from hunger"

POP Strategy 2023+

Everyone must be able to exercise their universal human rights to food, health, education and social security – irrespective of their origin, religion or gender. This is the prerequisite for a life of dignity and self-determination; accordingly, following are POP strategic priorities and focus the coming years:

1. Facing the new global poverty and hunger crises due to the current global economical & food shortage crises

With the current financial crises that has caused the economic and social inequality to worsen, as well as the new global food crises that is expecting to double the number of people in extreme hunger worldwide. POP is committed to fight poverty and hunger

2. Work towards limiting the impacts of climate change and promoting climate justice while fostering the achievements of global climate goals.

POP is committed to ensure climate protection in all our projects to be executed, and promote among our beneficiaries their role in protecting the environment.

3. Women empowerment and strengthening their social position

Many women are structurally disadvantaged and discriminated against in nearly all areas of life. In many places, they have no access to education, careers or social participation and are unable to exercise their rights for themselves. Around the world, women are suffering in greater numbers and more systematically from sexualised and gender-based violence. Many women and girls are excluded from their communities and driven into poverty. POP is committed to continue empowering women and granting them their full rights.

4. Focus on educational enhancements

through innovations in education for sustainable development, digital transformation and academic integrity, while ensuring that learning opportunities are granted to everyone. Further POP will give more focus to technical education and promote its importance and need in the society today.

5. Focus on health enhancements

- Ensure that everyone benefits from health services they need in good quality and without financial hardship.



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