

Coptic Orthodox Church Papal Office for Projects



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His Holiness Message

*“For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You”
(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

A great river of poverty is spreading throughout the world these days. The needs of our brothers and sisters are great and our support and solidarity are much needed today more than ever. The Papal office for projects has been working hard the past 11 years to support the Egyptian community and fight against poverty, respond to emergencies, promote development and advocating for peace and social justice.

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13). Let us remember that we will find Christ in serving the needy. Each one of us today should be personally involved in hearing the cry of the poor and giving them a hand, while recognizing their dignity and treating them with respect and compassion.

Thank you for everyone supporting the work of the Papal office for projects, may the Lord bless you.

Pope Tawadros II
Pope of Alexandria &
Patriarch of the See of St. Mark

POP Director Thank you Message

Our dearest Partners,

It's been over a decade since the establishment of the Papal Office for Projects, through every step of our growth journey the past 11 years; we have felt your presence. For this, we cannot thank you enough.

Your generosity was behind the great collective work and achievements of where we stand today, despite the many challenges we all faced, we managed hand in hand to reach out to the suffering families, trying to eradicate poverty, mainly through focusing on education and health enhancement for everyone, economical empowerment for youth and women, gender equality and fighting hunger. Together we have managed to improve the livelihoods of hundreds in Egypt Thank you for trusting us.

With the current troubled world, the journey ahead will present greater challenges, particularly in light of the ongoing wars and economical situation. We have been struggling during this year due to the enormous increase in prices and shortage of many commodities leading to the escalation of hunger. Further we had to respond to various emergencies mainly supporting the Sudanese refugees arriving into Egypt, providing them shelter, food and education was a necessity, and this demanded urgent actions.

The UN estimates the impact of war in Ukraine alone pushed close to 100 million additional people into extreme poverty. Our emergency, livelihood, health and nutrition, education and integrated programmes will continue to assist thousands living in extreme poverty during the coming years.

It is my honor to represent to you our hard work this year. In particular, we are proud of the stories of resilience and growth. POP will continue to give greater focus to combating poverty and to a hunger free world. Our aim is a world that is just and sustainable. A world free from inequality where no one is locked in poverty and injustice, a world in which women and girls live free from gender-based violence and discrimination. Where the climate crisis is contained.

Thank you to all our partners in the government, private sector and donors. I would also like to praise the dedication, passion and continuous persistence of POP team during this year.

Thank you.

Barbara Soliman
Director
Papal office for Projects



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.

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.WW

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 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”.

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.

POP Executive Committee:

His Holiness Pope Tawadros II

Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark
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Director

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Projects Coordinator

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Financial Manager

Dr. Sameh Wasfy

KIMI Program Director

Mrs. Paula E Sanady

Eyon Misr Program Director

Dr. Magdy Latif

Rakoty Program Director

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Marketing Manager

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Relations Coordinator

Ms. Miret Adel

Documentation Coordinator

Mr. Abanob Adeb

Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting officer

Dr. Neven El Wahsh

Initiatives & Awareness Campaigns consultant

Mr. George Adib

Office Photographer

Thank you to the Coptic Orthodox Channel (COC) and
Mr. Mario Magdy, for filming and documenting POP work.

POP Advisory Board:

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. Nader Younan – Educational Consultant

Dr. Lamia Malak – Health Consultant

Mr. Kamel Saleh – Financial Consultant

Mr. Monsef Soliman – Legal Consultant



POP Operates with the support of our valuable servants and partners:

Our projects and programs are achieved through our loyal servants/volunteers who sincerely carefully study and implement all our projects. All the achievements within this report are through the donations received from our valuable partners:

International Partners:

Barnabas Fund (UK)
 Bread for the World (Germany)
 Evangelical Church of Westphalia (Germany)
 Help Other People Excel "H.O.P.E" (USA)
 Latter-Day Saint Charities (USA)
 Mennonite Central Committee (USA)
 Royal College for Surgeons (UK)
 RUDN University (Russia)
 SOS Chretiens d'Orient (France)
 St. Mark Universal Copts Care (UK)
 St. Verena (USA)
 TEACH (UK)
 Verein Lotus (Switzerland)

National Partners

Ministry of Health and Population of Egypt
 Ministry of Education and Technical Education
 Ministry of Environment
 National Council for Women
 El Khanagry Group
 Fahim Foundation for Mental Health Support
 Kythara Institute for Music
 Saint Fatima School
 Schlumberger
 Social Coptic Foundation for Development
 W. Alaska
 Raouth Foundation

International Partners:



National Partners – Egypt:





POP Ten Years Anniversary

On February 2023, the Papal office for projects has celebrated its tenth anniversary, through an event held at the Papal residence, headed by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, and attended by the Minister of Social solidarity – H.E. Dr. Nevin Al-Kabbaj, the Minister of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs – H.E. Ambassador Soha Gendi, H.E. Ambassador Nabila Makram former Minister of Emigration & Egyptian Expatriates Affairs, representatives from the Ministry of health and the ministry of education, the UN regional director in Egypt, UN Women representative in Egypt, and representatives of various international organizations. As well as, our partners who managed to join us to celebrate ten years of serving together. In addition to many Coptic Bishops & Priests, from the dioceses where our projects have been executed. The event highlighted the services provided and the achievements accomplished throughout the ten years in each of the four programs the office operates and serves through.

The event included a small exhibition with Eyon Misr schools students' artwork, as well as another exhibition with products manufactured by women trained through POP. In celebration of our ten years of serving all participants where gifted a small environmental friendly bag, that was produced by the women trained and empowered through POP and currently have their own means of living.



Selected statements from H.H. Pope Tawadros II speech at the event

- The church has a spiritual role as well as a social role. Churches must serve the societies where they exist.
- A church that does not fulfill its societal role has not completed the goal of its existence on earth. This is what Jesus Christ did. He served the world. It is written, "God so loved the world...", "I came that they might have life...". The societal role was well noticed in the life of Jesus Christ.
- The idea of establishing the Papal office for Projects, ten years ago, came from our willingness to encourage our dioceses to establish schools to serve all Egyptian students, and raise a well educated generation to serve our society. Having started the office with an educational program, throughout the past ten years the office expanded, introducing a health program, capacity building program and humanitarian aid program.
- The government efforts in the development process are very broad, and the church must play a role in supporting this process. The role of the church with the government makes the process integrated.
- We hope the coming years the office further expands and reaches out to more people, through your support.

Selected statements from POP Director speech at the event (Ms. Barbara Soliman)

- POP contributes in the development process and our services are provided throughout Egypt in collaboration with the Bishops of the dioceses to meet their needs
- "Stretch out your hand to the poor, so that your blessing may be complete." (Sirach 7:32) His Holiness concerns for the needy came as one of his first priorities directly after his appointment, therefore he has established this office.
- Today, eradicating poverty and hunger has become a priority before enhancing education and health. With the current worldwide economical situation, the number of people in need for support are increasing.
- We are held accountable before God of our responsibility to serve the needy. Therefore, we work hard with our partners to make the world a better and safer place and to meet the basic needs of every individual so that everyone can live in dignity. In the coming years together we will work to support the process of sustainable development.



Statements from Officials interviewed at the event

- H.E. Nivine El Kabbag- Egyptian Minister of Social Solidarity: I'm pleased to be here today and participate in the celebration of the Papal office for projects 10th anniversary. New achievements are well noticed on the humanitarian level, on the developmental level and in the church contributions to the national projects, especially the investment in people. The Coptic Church works towards building the Egyptian person without any discrimination. Today we see the church further expanding through the Papal office for projects programs mainly in enhancing education, health, institutional development, and women empowerment. It is well noted that these programs are well studied and the needs are clearly identified, reflecting the honesty in the office service towards the community. Together hand in hand we will build the Human being.
- H.E. Soha El Gendi - Minister of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs: I am very happy to be with you to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Papal Office for Projects, the projects presented by the Papal Office today are very important and vital, the office has well studied the needs of the Egyptian community and are providing perfect projects to help people achieve a better life. 10 years ago when the office was established no one imagined it would make a difference but today we are proud of the achievements especially the projects related to education, income generating projects especially those empowering women, and humanitarian aid to support the current economical crisis. There will indeed be cooperation between the Ministry of Immigration and the Papal Office for Projects, as it provides community projects that serve the entire community without any discrimination.
- Dr. Nabila Makram – Former Minister of Emigration and founder of Fahim Foundation: No one neglects the national role of the Coptic church in serving the society and supporting the government efforts in fulfilling the basic needs of all the simple Egyptians. His Holiness Pope Tawadros loves his country and all Egyptians and always gives a hand to support and this is well recognized today through the projects of the Papal Office for projects. I have established Fahim foundation for psychological support and we look forward to mutual collaboration with the office in this field.



Participation of Ministries and UN representative



H.H. Pope Tawadros II and the Minister at Eyyon Misor schools and small income projects exhibition





Statements from Partners interviewed at the event

- H.G. Bishop Yolios – General Bishop of Old Cairo and the Bishopric of Social services: The Papal Office for Projects along with the Bishopric of Social services are the main two arms of the Coptic Church in development and serving the society. The office projects in education, health, women empowerment and small income generating projects are the most needed in the Egyptian society today, therefore the office plays a vital role in the Egyptian development process.
- H.G. Bishop Bavly- General Bishop of Alexandria: Through the Papal Office for Projects His Holiness has granted all the Bishops at all dioceses throughout Egypt the opportunity to better serve the community where they exist. The office consultants well study the project submitted by the diocese and if it meets the needs of the community, it will be funded. Thorough study of the projects and community needs is behind the office success.
- Cor Episcopos Dr Patrick Sookhdeo- President of Barnabas Fund: It is indeed honor and privilege to be here today at the special event 10th anniversary of the Papal Office for Projects. We in Barnabas Aid have been associated with the Projects from the very beginning with His Holiness and the office team. It's been wonderful to see the tremendous work has been done, how many people have been cared for and looked after by the department for projects. So, it is wonderful to be here, we pray God's blessings upon the department, that we will see many more projects being supported in the future.
- Eng. Basil Sami Saad- Member of the office Advisory Board: The role of the church extends to serving the society through the office projects related to education, health and humanitarian care are provided, and these projects complement the pastoral and spiritual role in the church."
- Mr. KATO Ken – Chief Representative of JICA Egypt Office: Today celebration is impressive, the past ten years your organization focused on education and health and it was emphasized your organization spiritual part and the social part, from the view point of Christianity this philosophy touched my heart.
- Sandra Shenk Lapp- MCC Representative in Egypt: We know that the Papal Office for Projects, have many different important projects, we are interested to learn more about them.

POP Volunteers



Members of POP Advisory Board



The event gift manufactured through our office small income generating projects.



POP at a glance

POP projects and programs are spread throughout many governorates in Egypt:

POP is currently present at the following governorates throughout Egypt

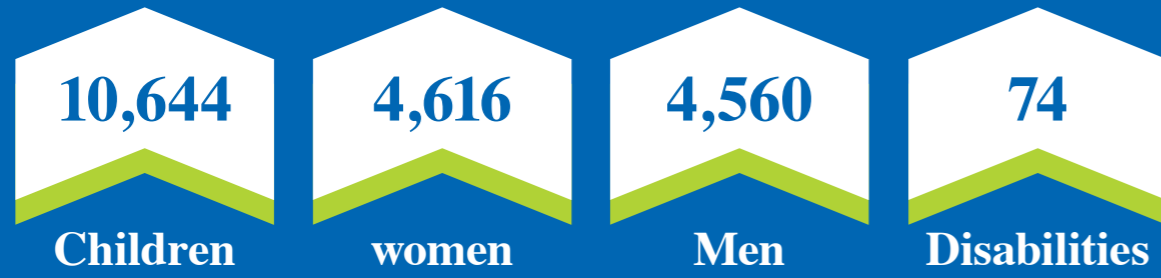
- 1- Cairo
- 2- Giza
- 3- Alexandria & Desert Area western to Alexandria
- 4- Beni Suef
- 5- Menia
- 6- Souhag
- 7- Beheira
- 8- Port Said
- 9- Quena

This is in addition to 1109 beneficiaries from other dioceses across Egypt and outside Egypt.

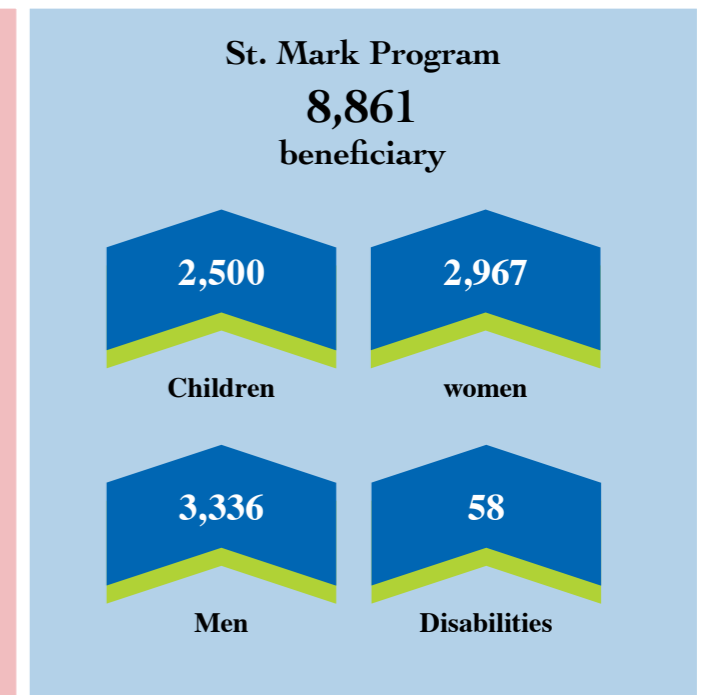
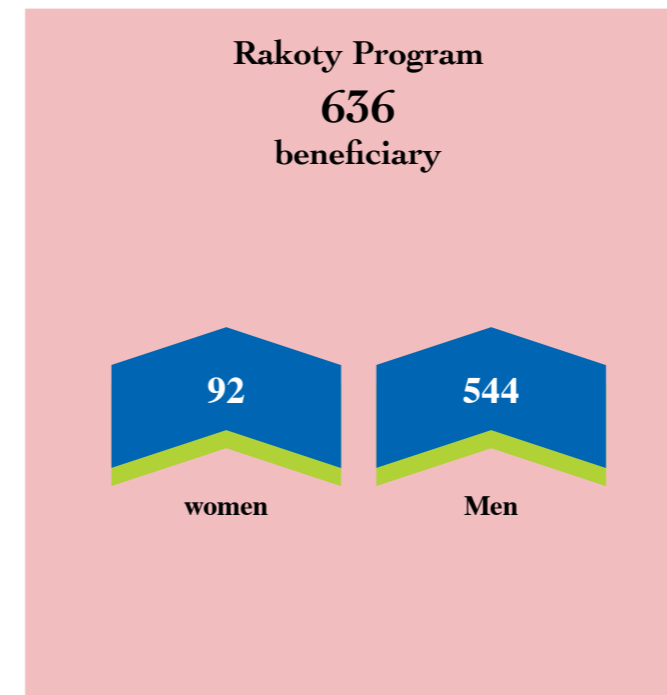
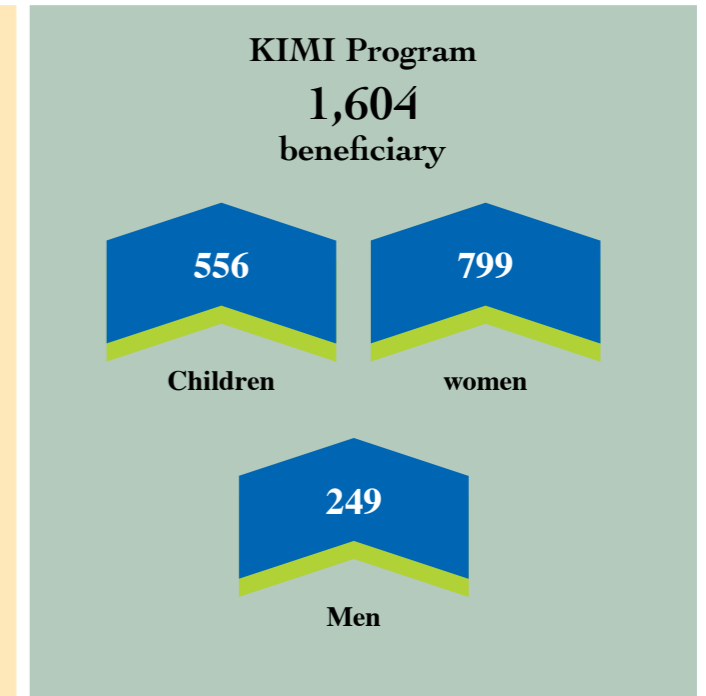
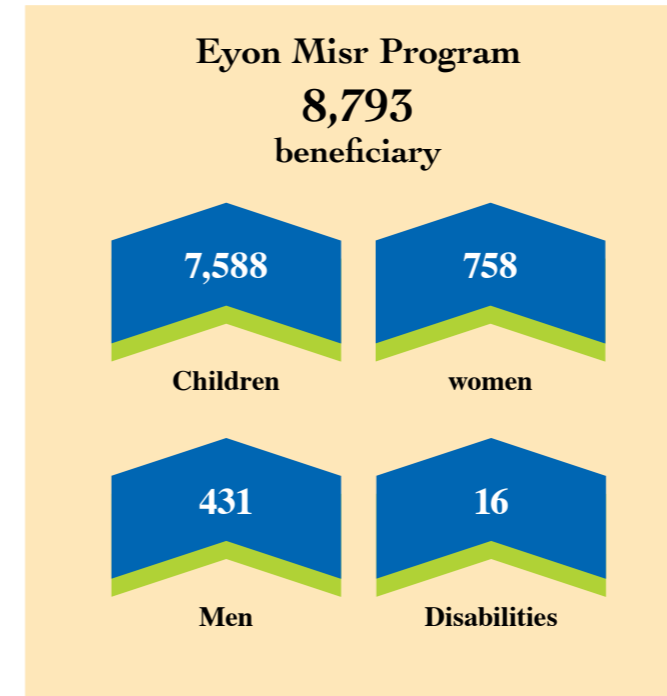
POP 2023 in numbers

Total number of POP Beneficiaries in 2023:

19,894



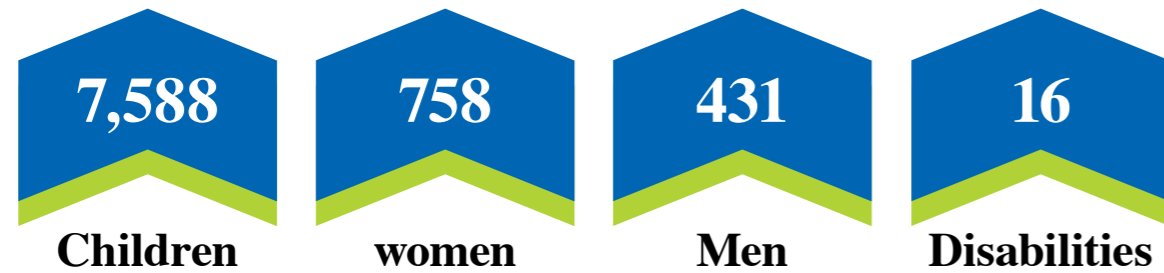
Divided as follows:



Eyon Misr Program

8,793

Beneficiary

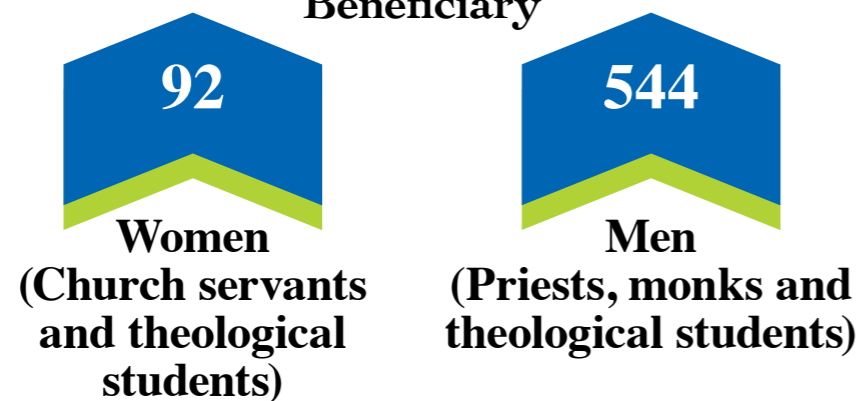


Eyon Misr Schools 6032 students currently enrolled at Eyon Misr Schools.	Sudanese Refugees School 397 369 students 28 Jobs for Teachers and worker
St Mary School for Primary and Secondary Education in Burundi 255 238 students 17 Teachers, administrators and workers	Languages Program 527 382 students in English 139 French 6 German Language
Eyon Misr Child Creativity Center 186 child	Scholarships 20 students 14 Russia 6 Hungary
Awareness sessions 1,118	Youth Technical Training Program 258 youth

Rakoty Program

636

Beneficiary



Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (COPTICAD)
636 trainee

KIMI Program

1,604

Beneficiary

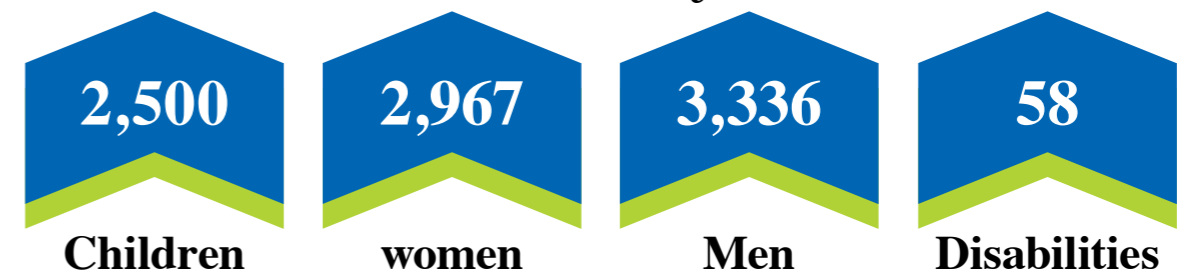


Al Karma Clinics – Zwaida in Alexandria Governorate 600 patients from Medical Convoys made inside the clinics until they start operation.	Medical Convoys for women and children 643 patients
Medical convoy for Sudanese Children 361 patients	

St. Mark Aid Program

8,861

Beneficiary



Income generating projects 314 job opportunities for women, widows and youth	Monthly dry meal box 5216 families
Initiative Learn and Educate 2,500 children supported with school bag.	Supporting the Sudanese refugees "Emergency" 831 800 families 31 church priests and deacons

POP Programs

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

POP operates with four programs:

Our programs supplements the efforts of the Egyptian government in implementing the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Eyon Misr Program for educational enhancement

- *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.*



Kimi Program for health enhancement

- *SDG no.3: Ensure healthy life and promote well-being for all at all ages.*



Rakoty Program for capacity building

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



St. Mark Aid Program for humanitarian aid

- *SDG no.1: End Poverty in all its forms everywhere.*
- *SDG no.2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture*
- *SDG no.3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.*
- *SDG no.5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*
- *SDG no.8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all*

2023

Key Achievements per program:

1

Eyon Misr Program for educational enhancement

- Raise the equal opportunity of education for both genders
- Raise the awareness and knowledge of Egyptians

3

Rakoty Program for capacity building

- A better management system at all churches to better direct church resources

2

Kimi Program for health enhancement

- Raise the awareness of health services through collaboration with the local communities and government to establish health projects and promote the presidential initiatives to boost the health of all Egyptians

4

St. Mark Aid Program for humanitarian aid

- Build resilience to crises
- Raise the living standards of the vulnerable through small income generating projects that reported a great change in the lives of all those supported



1

Eyon Misr Program (Egypt Eyes Program) for educational enhancement

POP believes that every child has the right to safe, quality education. This program focus specifically on the most vulnerable groups, such as girls, children with disabilities, and those living in areas of poverty and from low-income families. POP strives to increase access to education for girls, increase inclusive education for children with disabilities, and increase access to education during emergencies, as for the refugees.

Caring for child education will reduce street children, child marriage, early pregnancy, and poverty.

Eyon Misr is a chain of schools, child creativity centers and educational enhancement programs aiming 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 technical school in Burundi.

The POP has also supported different education-related activities in Egypt including various language programs; Eyon Misr Child creativity Center; a scholarship program for education abroad; and education grants.

A- Eyon Misr Schools in Egypt

With the enormous increase in the Egyptian population reaching over 109 million. The need for more new schools is increasing day after day. Eyon Misr chain of Schools owned by the Coptic Orthodox Church operates with the aim of providing quality education throughout Egypt to all Egyptians

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.



Eyon Misr School, Dessert Area

Since the establishment of POP in 2013 and up to date, POP has successfully contributed in the establishment of 11 schools in seven different 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 6,032 students today



Eyon Misr – St. George School, Subag

Following are the currently operating schools under Eyon Misr Chain:

1. Eyon Misr -St. Mark School, New Menya area, Menya Governorate (Started operating September 2014);
2. Eyon Misr - St. Mary School, Abu Korkas, Menya Governorate (September 2015);
3. Eyon Misr School, King Marriot, at desert part of Alexandria Governorate (September 2017);
4. Eyon Misr- St. George School, Port Said Governorate (September 2017);
5. Eyon Misr- St. Arsany School, Boulak, Cairo Governorate (September 2017);
6. Eyon Misr- Al Karma School, Damanhour, El Beheira Governorate (September 2018);
7. Eyon Misr- St. George School, Suhag Governorate (September 2020);
8. Eyon Misr- St. Joseph School, Al Giza (September 2022);



Eyon Misr - St. George School, Portsaid



Eyon Misr - St. Stephan School



Eyon Misr - AlKarma School

This year we have completed and opened a new school in the chain of Eyon Misr Schools:

9. Eyon Misr – St. Stephan Language School, Naqada, Qena (September 2023)
It's a National School "English Language", from KG till secondary stage with a total capacity of 924 students with 3 classes in each grade, 22 students in each class.
The school was built in a very slum village in Naqada where no languages schools exist.
The school started operation this academic year 2024/2023 with 225 students.



*Eyon Misr
St. Joseph School*



*Eyon Misr –
St. Mark School*

*Eyon Misr –
St. Arseny School*



Eyon Misr – St. Mary School



Eyon Misr schools still under construction:

10. Eyon Misr Rakoty School, Alexandria (Expected to start operation September 2024)
 In 2023, POP started the construction of a new school Rakoty Eyon Misr School in Om Zagheo, Alexandria Governorate. It is a national English Language school and will operate with classes from KG to High School with total capacity of 1700 students with 3 classes in each grade, 40 students in each class. The school is under construction and is built on a total land area 4589 meters, and consists of a basement, ground floor, and four repetitive floors. The school is located in a very slum area, with high population density raising the need for more schools in the area.

11. Eyon Misr Amoun School, Suhag
 The school located in Akhmim, Nagaa Fadel Suhag, Suhag Governarate. It is a national school divided into two sections English Language and Arabic and will operate classes from KG to High School with total capacity of 650 students, the school consist of 28 classes were 23 students in each class. The school is under construction and is built on a total land area 2713 meters, and consists of a basement, ground floor, and four repetitive floors.

Phrases of Appreciation from students, parents and teachers at Eyon Misr Chain of Schools:

Kindergarten student: *“I love my school and teachers, I love the hug I receive each morning”*

High School Student: *“My school strengthened my character and presentation skills through its interactive educational system, approaching the end of my school education, I believe with the quality education received I will have a better future”*

Parent: *“Eyon Misr School has been second home to my children, they provide all forms of care in addition to the quality education, I believe I selected the best school for my children”*

Teacher: *“I’m honored to be working at Eyon Misr school, the school cares for quality before anything else, quality not just in education but also in the proper behavior of the students, Eyon Misr chain of schools is raising a promising generation”*

B- The Sudanese Refugees School in Cairo “The African Society School for Primary and Secondary Education”

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. In addition to the Social development goals no 5 & 4 this program follows, this school also helps achieve SDG no.10 to reduce inequality within and among countries, as well as SDG no.16 to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Due to the current situation in Sudan more refugees are coming to Egypt and are in need for full support, 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, by supporting their educational path and ensuring they are granted quality education.

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 young Sudanese people and adults who have qualifications and did not have suitable job opportunities in Cairo, as the school provides job opportunities for 26 teachers and 2 workers.



During 2023 POP supported the Sudanese school as follows:

1. Payment of tuition fees for those incapable, this is around %60 of the total number of enrolled students
2. Renovation of the school building, this included painting the whole school from inside, changing floor tiles in some classes that were broken, and renovated all school desks
3. Purchasing new desks, fans and water cooler machine
4. Distributing school bags to all students enrolled for the academic year 2024/2023

The school currently has 369 students enrolled in the school year 2024/2023.

The Papal Office for Projects under the directions of His Holiness Pope Tawadros is always keen to provide the refugees children not just education but also mental care and support. Accordingly during the summer vacation a carnival was held for the school primary stage, 165 child attended this day were they had an opportunity to practice drawing, painting, playing games and watching puppet theater. And also a fun day was held for the preparatory and secondary stages inside the school. These carnivals have played a great role in boosting the children psychologically, during the difficult time they are facing, where they had to leave their country, due to the ongoing conflict.

Further POP also cares for the health of these students and periodical medical checkup is provided to them.



Statements of appreciation:

1. *I Love Papa Tawadros because he helped us to continue our education (Martin, year 7)*
2. *The summer carnival was the best day in my life (Mathew, year 3)*
3. *Every day when I pray I thank the Lord for allowing me to continue my education despite the current situation me and my family face (Jessica, year 9)*
4. *I lost my Papa at Sudan, and came to Egypt with my mother and siblings, only through the support of the Papal office I managed to continue my education, Thank you Lord for bringing me another Papa – Papa Tawadros (Emily, year 10)*
5. *Thank you for the medical checkup, I was diagnosed with anemia and this I would have never known about if the Papal Office for projects did not do the medical check up for us. The office is also providing me with the medication and healthy nutritional food. (Amina, year 11)*

C- St. Mary Church for Primary and Secondary Education in Burundi

St. Mary Technical Primary and Secondary School was established in Burundi at Ruigi Governorate, which is about 160 km from the capital, a governorate where there are no technical secondary schools, and is in high demand. Similar to the Refugees school, POP established this school to help reduce inequality within and among countries, as well as promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Since the school started operation in 2021, it has been taking care of the students enrolled, not only academically through providing them high quality technical education that will open doors for them in the job market, but also mental and physical support. The school provides a daily hot lunch meal to all students, medical check up and fun activities.

Today the school has a total number of 238 students enrolled: 130 girls and 108 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.



Statements of appreciation:

1. *I had no hope for a good future until I got enrolled at this school (Student: Kevin)*
2. *I never liked technical education before, but here at school, I enjoy it very much (Student: Ophran)*
3. *My boy is gaining a technical talent that will be his future support and means of living (Mother)*
4. *Thank you for all the care provided to the students, I'm glad to be part of the school team (Teacher)*



D- Languages Program

1. Summer Languages Program for English and French

Since 2011, POP has been concerned with the language skills of the Egyptian students, as with today's globalization languages became a necessity. The language summer program has been running with offline and online classes for both English & French languages.

In summer 2023, a total of 521 students benefited from this program: 382 students have been enrolled in the English classes and 139 students in the French classes.



2. German Language for nuns, priests and Seminary students.

In 2022, and in collaboration with the GOETHE Institute Cairo, POP promoted the learning of the German language, through which participants will be more capable to communicate and interact with German speakers. In 6, 2023 have continued in the advanced level for the German language courses.

POP is currently studying the possibility of adding the German language to the summer language program.



Phrase of appreciation:

1. "Thank you your Holiness the Pope for this summer courses. Now, I have a good command of the English language, which will assist me a lot in my school study" (High school student: Mirna)
2. "I come from the United States every summer to teach this course, I believe these children have the right to learn English, thank you for the great organization and management of this program" (Head of Teachers: Joan)
3. "My son never liked languages, today through this program, he loves the French language and he practices often at home, thank you for granting my son this opportunity" (Mother)

E- Eyon Misr Child Creativity Center

Since 2020 a child center has been running in a rural area in Cairo 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 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..).
- Sports activities
- Summer educational and health awareness sessions.
- Periodical medical check up.
- Daily nutritional meal.



During 2023, the center opened its doors to 186 children ages ranging from (18-6) as well as the Summer Languages Program classes that was held inside this center.

The activities are running successfully in Kung fu, gymnastics, arts and music (piano – guitar- drums and violin).



Success Story:

One of the young girls who is taking the gymnastics training at our center, entered the Egyptian Gymnastics Federation competition and got the first level individual at the National Level.

F- Scholarships



POP has been offering scholarship opportunities to Egyptian students since 2017. Scholarships provide an opportunity for students to earn an education they need in order to enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society. During 2023, through POP a total number of 20 Egyptian students received scholarships in different fields, 14 students got enrolled at the Russian Universities while 6 students got enrolled at the Hungarian Universities.

Since 2017 and up to date 78 students have been granted scholarships.

Success Story shows how the scholarships made a big difference in the career of the students:

- A very successful student got into an accident in the last day of her high school exams and she was hospitalized for almost 4 months, she missed the universities registration and enrollment in this year, Moreover, her family living conditions didn't allow her to travel and study abroad and she missed a whole study year staying at home with a very deep depression.
- Through the POP, this girl has successfully registered and got accepted at one of the Russian Universities and is currently studying General Medicine.

G- Youth Technical Training Program:

Technical skills today in Egypt play a vital role in driving economic growth and development, bridging the skills gap in the workforce, and empowering individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Therefore, POP over the past year has been focusing on promoting technical education, and encouraging students to get enrolled at technical schools.

Various workshop sessions have been held to provide individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to work in specific fields and industries, which can lead to immediate employment opportunities and higher earning potential. During 2023, POP held six Awareness Sessions about the importance of technical education, to raise awareness among parents and students about the importance of vocational education and its future prospects, highlighting the diverse career paths and job opportunities available to graduates of technical programs.

This in addition to a workshop held by the Papal Office in collaboration with the Coptic Social Foundation for Development (EGYCOPT). This workshop was launched to promote vocational training among the children in preparatory stage aging 15 - 14 years old under the name of "Self-discovery and awareness of the importance of technical education and the most important future fields."

The methods of learning and training were through interactive activities with the presentation of visual content for the student to discover himself and his abilities. Technical skills activities were implemented for the following professions: "Refrigeration and air conditioning, Electricity, and automotive mechanics and electricity."

21 students participated in this workshop.





Lastly during 2023, on November 11th, the Papal office for projects arranged a child day under the name “I’m son of Egypt” with the slogan “Egyptian child development is the basis for Egyptian family development”. This was a cultural day targeting children between the age 13 to 16, a total of 237 boys and girls have participated, they received various technical skills workshops throughout the day, as well as a meal and small gift. The workshops were very successful, as many of these children stated that they had no intention to go to a technical school, but after these workshops they are considering technical education, others stated they found it more interesting than high school.

We are planning early 2024 during the mid year break to hold a 4 days camp with a more comprehensive serial of technical workshops and include in the program a site visit to a technical school as well as a site visit to one or more technical manufactory/ plant.



Success story:

- “I learned new things about how to achieve my goals and technically I learned a lot of things which I never heard about before and discovered that car mechanics is so interesting.” (Student)
- “I am very grateful for His Holiness and the church for highlighting the importance of the vocational education because I was thinking to enroll my children in one of the technical schools while in the same time I was very shy from my family, but now we are aware enough of that Vocational Education is no less important than university degrees.” (A parent)
- “Thank you His Holiness Pope Tawadros for the Day (I am son of Egypt) in the Cathedral, we hope to be repeated again. Your concern for children, especially those with special abilities means a lot to us. My son Ahmed is an autistic child, but he is very talented in drawing.” (Autistic Child parent)

H- 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.

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



During 2023, POP has held 3 initiatives/awareness sessions as follows:

1st session:

«Women's development for community development»

In Egypt we celebrate on the 21st of March, Mother's Day, the Papal Office for Projects, in cooperation with the National Council for Women, Cairo Branch, organized a celebration to honor Egyptian women and their tangible role in the society.

His Holiness Pope Tawadros II toured the exhibition that was set as part of this celebration, where an opportunity was given to all the women supported by the Papal Office for projects to display their products as well as sell. Their products were of high quality and they managed to sell a good quantity.

The day also included a session about financial inclusion with the aim of supporting women in light of the difficult global economic conditions followed by a medical session to raise awareness among women about the importance of periodic medical checkups and the necessity of early detection, as well as proper nutrition to maintain a good health.

Then Dr. Jacqueline Azar, Deputy Governor of Alexandria spoke about the importance of the societal role of women and how to have an effective role in the Egyptian society.

While H.G. Bishop Axios spoke about the tangible role of women today in society, encouraging women to have an effective role in their local communities.

At the end of the celebration, a number of women who presented examples of struggle and success were honored.

POP had a medical convoy that day and all participating women were encouraged to visit and receive the necessary medical checkup. The convoy included dental, ophthalmology, internal medicine, and women's clinics as well as the early detection of breast cancer.

120 women attended the celebration and awareness session, in addition to many more women who visited the medical convoy and a big number of people visited the exhibition.



2nd Session:

Importance of Technical Education

The POP held six Awareness Sessions during 2023 about the importance of Technical Education to raise awareness among parents about the importance of vocational education and its future prospects, highlighting the diverse career paths and job opportunities available to graduates of technical programs.

598 parents and 21 students attended these sessions



3rd Session:

Initiative “Devotion to my Health ... Devotion to my Country

On the sidelines of the Presidential initiative “100 Days of Health” and the National Council for Women campaign “devotion to my Country”, the POP held this initiative in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the National Council for Women where Dr. Mona Khalifa, Director of the Public Health Initiatives Unit in the Office of the Assistant Minister of Health talked about the presidential initiatives launched by the Ministry of Health, and spoke about the government’s concerns with the health of citizens and the services that every citizen can benefit from.

As well, the journalist Nashwa Al-Hofi gave a lecture as part of the National Council for Women’s campaign, where she raised women’s awareness about their role towards their country.

A medical convoy was present with all specialties within the presidential initiative 100 Days of Health, at St. Mark’s Cathedral in Abbasiya included the specializations of family planning, women’s health, and early detection of breast cancer, as the Ministry provided a mobile vehicle to provide the mammogram service free of charge.

The number of women who benefited from the initiative’s services throughout the day reached 328 women.

At the end of the day, the women attended the sessions have been gifted a small environmentally friendly bag bearing the slogan of the day. This bag was produced by the women supported by the Papal Office for Projects, who were trained to sew and where provided a sewing machine and necessary material to operate their own small business, in support to them we give them orders and try to market their products whenever we can.





4th Session:

Finding Solutions to Plastic Pollution

On the World Environment Day 5th June 2023, The POP with cooperation with the National Council for women and Eye of Environment Association has held an awareness session under the name of «Finding Solutions to Plastic Pollution»

During the session, Dr. Rania Abu Nema, General Director of the Eye of Environment Association presented a briefing about the association and their activities in the field of preserving the environment, then she made a detailed presentation on the risks of plastic on the human being, animals and the environment and also Dr. Rania talked about the proposed solutions to reduce the use of plastic, including:

- Avoid single-use plastic materials such as plastic water bottles and grocery bags.
- While shopping use reusable bags for the store (paper and cloth).
- Use reusable water bottle
- Donate unused plastic for recycling. This helps to ensure proper disposal of plastics.
- Aware others on the benefits of reducing plastic usage.

A total of 86 women and men attended the session.



5th Session:

POP participation at Logos Coptic Youth Forum Service Week «The role of the Coptic Orthodox Church in sustainable development – women empowerment”»

The aim of the LYF Service week is to get our youth aware of the SDGs and of the importance of their role towards the society. During this week the youth received various lectures of the different SDGs and how the church serves through these goals, while also implementing this practically through servicing the community.

The POP participated with an awareness session about the role of the Coptic Orthodox Church in sustainable development mainly concentrating on Women empowerment and women rights and sharing success stories of our office implemented small income generating projects and how this changed the lives of many women.

The number of youth attended the session are 198 youth girls and boys.





Statements of appreciation:

- *Dr. Jackleen Azer, Alexandria Deputy Governor: "I extend my congratulations to every mother and every Egyptian woman. The day was special and rich by successful sessions and it also included an exhibition which display products made by creative and qualified women."*
- *The journalist Nashwa Al-Hofi: "It's always my pleasure to be here in the Cathedral, talk and share opinions with women. Today in the Papal Office, there is an initiative Faithfulness to my Health ... Faithfulness to my Country."*
- *Dr. Mervat Kamal, Health educator from the Medical convoys sector from the Ministry of Health: On the Children International Day, we managed the convoys in coordination with the Papal Office for Projects so that we hand in hand together can help and take care of children's health."*
- *Ms. Wafaa Boltaya, Member of the National Council for Women Cairo branch: "I was honored to be at the Papal Office for Projects to celebrate the World Environment Day. The session was very rich about waste recycling and reducing environmental pollution, and the solution. For more success and progress"*
- *Ms. Demiana from St. Demiana and St. Tomas church: "I am very happy that i attended the session today, and I was very interested with Dr. Nevin's lecture and her presentation about how every women should take care of her health as the women is the main column of the house."*

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KIMI Program for health enhancement

Since the establishment of POP, there has been 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.



In 2023, POP has supported the following:

1) Renovation of Al Karma Clinics in Alexandria

The clinics are located in Zawaida area, the Montazah 1st district in Alexandria, is very well known with its high population density. The people of the region suffer from extreme poverty. The renovation was finished by October 2023 and now we are furnishing the clinics and expected to start operation by April 2024, to provide its services to the neighborhood and offer job opportunities.

The clinics will provide the following medical services:

- Integrated lab.
- X-ray
- Gynaecology clinic.
- Pediatrics Clinic.
- Dental Clinic.
- Internal medicine clinic.
- Ophthalmology clinic.

As well as it will provide job opportunities for many people in the area.

Until the Ministry of Health licenses are obtained and we start operation. The place is currently used in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to implement and provide the ministry's different initiatives and provide the related health services.



2) Mental Health Support

In 2023, The Papal Office for Projects has signed an agreement with Fahim Foundation for mental health support with the Presence of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II.

The Foundation aims to spread the culture of mental health and increase community awareness for families about the necessary needs of the psychological patient and the possibility of treating him and integrating him into society, through holding seminars and workshops on the importance of awareness of the seriousness of mental illness.

The POP has assisted in sending blankets to the children of Al Abbasiya Mental Health Hospital through a big carnival made for them. Those children have been exposed to psychological trauma and have behavioral problems.

We are planning in 2024 in collaboration with Fahim foundation to hold a number of awareness sessions for the parents who have special needs children to support them, and help them better deal with their children and understand their needs.



3) Medical Convoys for Egyptians

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the POP has held 4 medical convoys with all specialties within the presidential initiative 100 Days of Health at St. Mark's Cathedral in Abbasiya.

The convoy included the following specializations:

- Family planning, reproductive health and women's health.
- Early detection of breast cancer, as the Ministry provided a mobile vehicle to provide the mammogram service free of charge.
- ophthalmology
- Internal Medicine
- Dentistry

As well as a mini pharmacy for some medications for the patients if needed.

Total number of beneficiaries: 448 women and 195 child





Statements of appreciation:

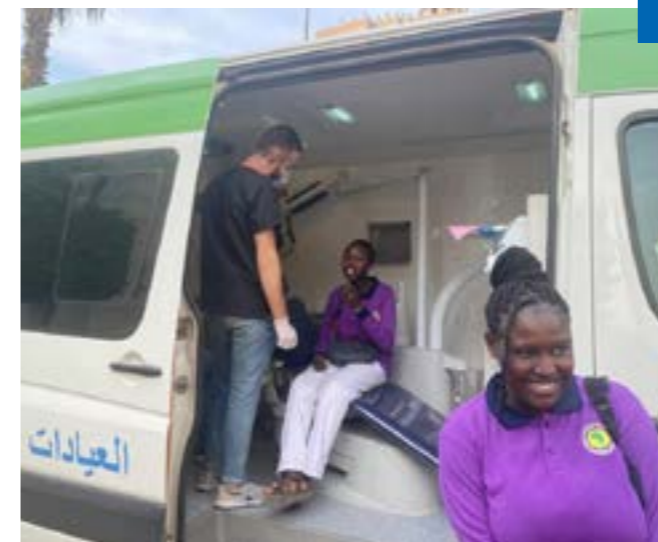
- *“Without the mammogram, I wouldn’t have known that I have benign tumor” Nadia, 42 years*
- *I was not planning to take any birth control, but the family planning convoy, explained to me its importance and they gave me the suitable birth control free of charge, Eman 31 years*
- *I have been feeling weak for many months but never thought to see a doctor, at the medical convoy held at the Cathedral, I was diagnosed with Anemia and was given the medication free of charge, Maria 17 years*

4) Medical Convoy for Sudanese Refugees Students in Egypt

The POP has organized a medical convey for the Sudanese students. The medical convey included internal medicine and dentistry. A total number of 361 students received the medical checkup this day.

Statements of appreciation:

- *“My teeth always hurts me and my parents cannot afford to pay for the dentist to check my teeth. Through the medical convoy offered to us through the Pope’s office, they treated my tooth decay and finally no pain.” A Sudanese refugee student, 11 years old.*
- *I always felt dizzy and couldn’t read well with my eyes, after receiving eye checkup, I was in need for glasses and this was provided to me through the convoy and the Papal office for projects. Thank you. Sudanese refugee student 14 years old*



3

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, in which the first worldwide Theological institute was founded in the 2nd century. During 2023 the Papal Office for Projects continued supporting the clergy and church leaders & servants to enhance their skills in management, governance, strategic planning, digital communication, community development, crisis management and many more, through the Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development (COPTICAD)

During 2023 the following has been achieved:

- 1) A total number of 314 (198 priests and monks + 116 church leaders and servants) attended the General Basic Course from different dioceses inside and outside Egypt.
- 2) A total number of 20 priests attended the specialized training course about the “Strategic thinking skills of Christian Leader” from Alexandria Diocese
- 3) A total of 121 senior students from the theological school in Cairo attended the “Service Management System” course
- 4) Also general awareness sessions were held for example;
 - “The role of the church council in the administrative management of the church: why - how it works - how it succeeds” for churches’ councils of Central Cairo churches.
 - “The Method of Christ in Managing Service” for the priests of Samalout, Minya diocese.
 - “The priest’s wife and areas of administration” were 30 priests’ wives attended from Tanta Diocese.
 - «Leadership in institutional work» from the leadership preparation program in Alexandria.



H.H. Pope Tawadros II with the new priests ordained and COPTICAD professors during the special training course to the new priests at Logos Papal Center.



Statements of appreciation:

- *H.E. Metropolitan Daniel, General Secretary of the Coptic Holy Synod: when he was asked by an interviewer “what does the administrative work add to the service?”*
- *H.E answered that: “The administrative organization is approximately %50 of the success of the service provided and this is what His Holiness the Pope teaches in Coptic Institute for church Administration & Development.”*
- *Father Augustinos, Tamoh diocese: “This training course helped us as new priests in our upcoming service. Here we learned to have a clear mission and vision towards a purposeful and fruitful church. Also they talked with us about many topics and the challenges we will face and how to solve them.”*

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St. Mark Aid Program For Humanitarian Aid

The Papal Office for Projects has been supporting Humanitarian aid since 2020 with the start of Covid19-pandemic, further the ongoing wars and climate crises are producing a downward spiral effect on the world economy.

Humanitarian aid serves as a lifeline for hundreds of people facing crises, offering the most vulnerable the basic needs such as food and nutrition, shelter, healthcare and promote empowerment, self-reliance and community development.

In 2023, the Papal Office for Projects has supported the following:

- 1) Income Generating Projects.
- 2) Animal Production project
- 3) Youth recovered from addicts project: Animal production and cheese & yogurt manufacturing
- 4) Teach and Educate initiative.
- 5) Distribution of dry food monthly boxes.
- 6) Supporting the Sudanese refugees



1) Income Generating Projects

The Papal Office for Projects helped to implement small income generating projects to empower widows, women and youth to alleviate poverty, improve the wellbeing of communities; and promote empowerment, self-reliance and community development.

In 2023, the Papal Office for Projects implemented a number of 289 of small income generating projects. The projects are implemented as per the conditions of each person that differs from one to another, for example some widows cannot leave their homes and children and accordingly as per her skills a project is tailored for her to work from home.

A total number of 303 widows, women and youth have a monthly income and their own means of living through these projects.

Following is a brief description of the projects implemented during 2023:

A) Sewing machines

This year, we provided a sewing training course to 100 Christian poor women/widows in the Dessert area. In this training, beneficiaries learned and developed skills in making shirts, trousers, skirts, school uniforms, bags and bed sheets.

The most talented 51 women have been granted a sewing machine at their homes to start their business which gave them a daily income to support their families.

The POP not only purchased the machines for them but also markets for their products and give them orders throughout the year, in order to support the operation of their small business.



Statements of appreciation:

- **Moushira, 37 years old said:** "My husband was willing to drop off my daughter from going to school in order to save the school expenses. While by this project I am now capable to pay the school fees for my daughter; I feel that I saved my children and provided them a secured future."
- **Soaad, 43 years old "a widow":** "After my husband passed away, I was trying to find a job but I failed due to lack of skills. POP offered me the sewing course training, and afterwards they gave me a sewing machine to start to sew from my home as well as to take care of my children. They also send me orders for manufacturing products requested from different suppliers. Thank you papa Tawadros"

B) Mobile Kiosk

A total number of 19 mobile "moving" Kiosks have been established. The Mobile "Moving" Kiosks are more like street vendors, they don't have a specific location, they pick and choose the locations by themselves where many consumers are located. They target selling in front of schools, clubs, churches and transportation stations while some of them managed to make a deal with permanent kiosks and grocery stores to take their products.

The main products they sell are chocolates, candies, biscuits as well as homemade cookies and cake. The Papal Office for Projects has also trained a number of women to bake cake and cookies at home and then sell to the mobile kiosks to give them a source of income. The mobile kiosks then sell to consumers and make profit.



Statements of appreciation:

- **Essam, 29 years old:** "Before, I used to ask my church for support to get my mother's monthly medication, now through this basic project I can afford to purchase the medicine while fulfilling the needs of my family."

C) Goat breeding

The Papal Office for Projects have supported 28 widows with 4 goats for their goat breeding project. Six of them are already having 2 or 3 goats and they were in need to expand their project and the others are starting their projects with the 4 goats.

The widows are raising the goat on the roof of their houses or in the ground floor.

They bought the goat at the age of 6 to 8 months and feed them for a whole year, then after the year they sell it by kilo or by goat.

Through this year they are gaining their income from the milk of the goat.

These widows were very poor and now they are very grateful to God with the support they gain to start supporting their families.

Statements of appreciation:

- **Wadea, 51 years old:** "I feel the hands of Jesus in my life with this project."



D) Selling vegetables and Fruits

POP implemented this project to 45 widows, these women were in deep need for a source of income to help them to raise their children, they chose the most populated locations were no nearby other vegetables and fruits sellers. Some of them implemented the projects in front of their houses.



Statements of appreciation:

- **Fawzya, 39 years old:** "I am very thankful to the Pope's office because of the support I received to start my project, now I am able to continue the education of my children."
- **Aksany, 47 years old:** "My elder son is a special need and after the death of my husband no one assisted me in our monthly expenses, thank you Saydna for giving me the opportunity to endure the needs of my family and saving my dignity."

E) Selling online Accessories

The POP supported 15 women selling online Accessories.

They target wide segments of customers: women, men, children and babies.

They post online different factories and companies' accessories as: different types of bags, various shoes (sports shoes, sandals, women shoes with different models), jewelry (bracelets, earrings, necklaces, rings, hair pins, bands, hair clips), children toys, Kitchen accessories and cosmetics.

POP pays for their first few orders, and then they proceed with the profit they make.

Statements of appreciation:

- **Treaza, a single mother for 2 girls:** "My dream to take more and more orders to expand this project and have a small shop and I will work hard on this to educate my daughters and after they grow up, they will assist me."



F) Selling shoes and slippers

POP offered this project to 16 women mainly widows; they either have space at their home or have a store to display the goods that we purchased for them. They start growing step by step through the profit they gain; they manage to buy more products.

All these widows had no source of income at all, and the church was giving them a monthly allowance. Today they no longer receive financial support from the church and are managing to support the children needs and have become financially independent.

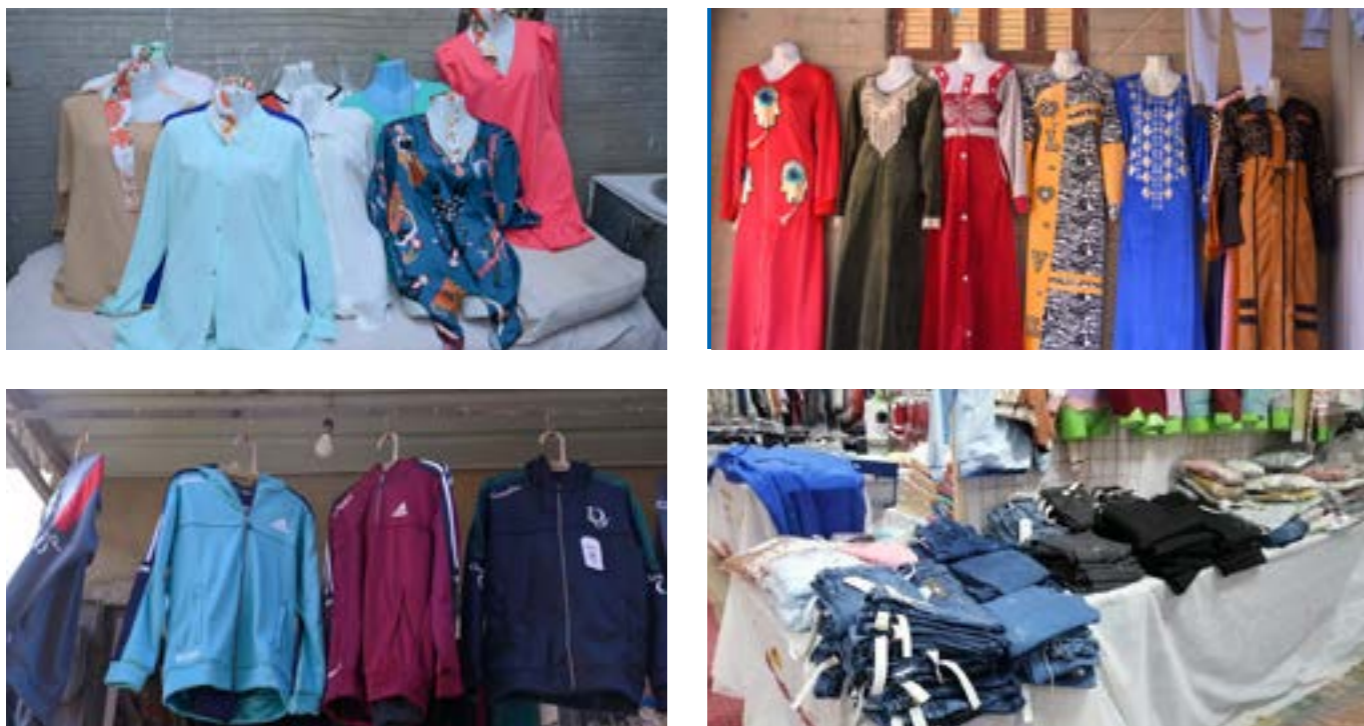
Statements of appreciation:

- **A woman, her husband was working in the construction and got a workplace injury that prevented him from moving and working again. While the wife was starting this project she stated:** "This project is considered a hope and a new beginning for us to have a source of income to feed our children as well as cover the school expenses, without the project we would have dropped them off school."



G) Selling clothes

POP offered this project to 18 women; they either have space at their home or have a store to display the goods that we purchased for them. They start growing step by step through the profit they gain; they manage to buy more products. They sell cloth for women, men, babies and toddlers.



Statements of appreciation:

- *An 8 years old boy told his father who purchased a filter "The water tastes much better now, I used to hate drinking water before"*
- *Mina, 35 years old: "I feel the Bible verse when Jesus said "Ask and it will be given to you." A week before taking the project grant I was crying in the church asking God for his favour to help me in my time of need to find a job and He replied to me through the Papal office granting me this project, that I consider a source of life"*

H) Selling water filters and spare parts

The Papal Office for projects have supported 4 water filters projects for youth.

All of the youth are aware of plumbing work. The villages where these projects have been implemented at have unclean water; therefore filtered water for drinking is in high demand, to protect their lives. From this perspective, we supported this project not just to provide a means of living but also to save the lives and protect the health of the village residences.



I) Selling Car batteries

The Papal Office for projects has supported 7 car batteries projects for youth.

All of the youth have had an experience in car workshops and have the knowhow of repairing damaged batteries and even manufacturing car batteries.

Statements of appreciation:

- *Nagy, 26 years old: "I live with my widowed mother, our house got destroyed and we have been staying since then at my uncle's house. Today with the income I make I managed to rent a room where me and my mother live in peacefully."*



J) Grocery shops and Fawry machines

The Papal Office for Projects offered 21 grocery shops to women and youth

The beneficiaries are having the space whether inside their home or a store and we provided them with the grocery goods as a start, then from the profit they buy more goods and expand.

They ensure that they have a wide variety of products available at all times. Also, The Grocery shops has Fawry service to pay electricity, gas and mobile phone bills.



Statements of appreciation:

- *Ashraf, a grocery owner his mother and father are dead and he has a sister who is supposed to be married in January 2024. She wasn't able to buy all of her cloth, curtains and carpets as the church already assisted in the furniture.*
- *While Ashraf is assisting his sister with all her missing supplies and this make them feel their dignity that instead of borrowing money from their neighbors, friends or family, they managed to buy their needs.*

K) Tools and Machines for small Carpentry workshops

The Papal Office for Projects offered tools and machines for 5 carpentry workshops.

The selected youth that we supported already have the basic tools but to help them take bigger orders and become independent and have a good source of income we provided them with more tools/machines as per their need to expand and grow.

Each workshop serves the village located in by manufacturing reasonably priced furniture for the people as well as any request from the churches. Before, they were producing small products as doors, windows, desks, wooden medals, while now with the expansion of their workshop they can produce heavier furniture as; chairs, cupboards, beds and so on



Statements of appreciation:

- *Sami 33 years old: "We couldn't send my daughter to school every day, due to the transportation cost that I couldn't afford, today with this expansion at work, I'm receiving more orders and making more profit and my daughter goes to school everyday"*

L) A steam car wash machine

The POP has supported 2 youth with this project.

Both projects are located in inhabited areas and occupied by cars. they wash all types of vehicles; cars, motorcycles, buses and minibuses, three wheels motor cycle.



Statements of appreciation:

- *Mina, 24 years old: "without this project, and with the current enormous increase in prices, I wouldn't have managed to buy the rest of the furniture in order to get married as planned winter 2024."*

M) Herbal shops

The POP assisted 21 widows with small herbal shops.

The herbal shop project is a good idea, as people are always in need to buy all kinds of spices and herbs from one place.



Statements of appreciation:

- *Afaf, 42 years, widow: " Before this project I has no means of living and depended on the church on all expenses, this my 18 years old daughter didn't like and always felt embarrassed, as well as I couldn't fulfill all her needs. Today, through this project we live with dignity and my daughter is proud of me, and all her needs are fulfilled"*

N) Three wheel Motor cycles

The Papal Office for Projects purchased 12 three wheels motorcycles used but in very good condition. These offered job opportunities for 24 youth as every 2 youth share one tricycle; one works the morning shift and the second in the evening shift.

The three-wheeled motorcycles are mainly used in Egypt villages as a source of transportation for products and goods. The youth working on these tricycles have become known in their villages and people ask them to transfer goods and personal belongings, as food products, household items, building materials and small machines.



Success story:

- *Kirolos one of the youth who works the evening shift, was engaged for sometime and couldn't marry due to his low income from his morning job and could not manage to buy all the house needs for marriage, today with the income he makes, he has set a monthly plan to buy the missing items and plans to get married next summer.*

O) Tuktuk

The Papal Office for projects have supported 4 youth with 2 tuktuks as 2 youth are working on each tuktuk, one in the morning shift and other in the evening shift.

Tuktuk is the main source of transportation in the villages and it is of high demand. They work around 17 hours a day, morning and night to transfer people within the village.

Statement of appreciation:

- *Naguib, 30 years old: "I have one son 7 years old and recently God granted me 2 twin girls, the expenses has increased and my salary wasn't enough to cover all the needs. So, the additional job I got in the evening shift on the tuktuk helped me a lot to fulfill my family needs."*



P) Women hairdresser Salon

The Papal Office for Projects assisted 4 women who had the experience, to set their own hairdresser saloon, POP purchased them the requested tools, today they successfully manage their salons in their villages that had no women salons before.

Statements of appreciation:

- *Amira, 41 years old: "I have 2 children, one of them is a special needs, he needs speech and sensory sessions 5 times a week, however we managed to send him only once a week due to lack of funds. Therefore I decided to help my husband and the Papal office assisted me with this project as I used to work before marriage at a hairdresser and had the know-how. Today we manage to send our child for all the sessions needed"*

Q) Selling stationary and photocopier

POP has supported 16 stationary and photocopier projects to widows and youth.

All of the 16 projects are located at locations where a large number of targeted customers are located; near universities, schools, educational centers and government offices with high demand for a nearby photocopier to make copies of their studies, projects when needed



Statements of appreciation:

- **Nadia, a widow 44 years old:** "I have a girl 18 years old, she is engaged and about to get married. The monthly income of this project will help me a lot in purchasing my daughter's bridal needs. Thank you Pope Tawadros for not leaving us"

2) "Animal Production" project in Behira Diocese

The POP has supported this project with 5 calves as a start. Then, the farmer follows a 6 months nutritional "feeding" program to raise these calves, to reach 500 KG each.

Then he sells them and with the profit he buys more calves to expand.

This project also serves 150 needy families in the nearby churches by giving them 1 kilo meat quarterly.

This project is currently providing a job opportunity for 1 farmer and by expansion it will provide job opportunities to two more farmers.



3) Youth recovered from addicts project: Animal production and cheese & yogurt manufacturing

This project is to support 10 youth recovered from addiction, they were in need for motivation, stability and gain their own means of living, while being under the supervision of the church to ensure they do not return to the addiction.

The POP has supported this project with 10 cows. This project is for milk and cheese production, as each cow produce daily around 35 KG of milk, they sell them as milk or manufactured cheese to the nearby markets and church markets.

The project also supports 42 needy families of the church with the milk they need for their children.

Statements of appreciation:

- **Nabil, 43 years old:** "After the long recovery journey I've been through, I have never imagined that one day I be productive in my community. Thanks to God for giving me a new opportunity and thanks Pope Tawadros."

4) Teach and Educate Initiative

Through the past years, the Papal Office for projects provided sewing training courses to a total of 321 poor women; beneficiaries learned and developed skills in making shirts, trousers, skirts, school uniforms, bags and bed sheets.

The most talented women have been given a sewing machine at their homes to start their business through which they gain a daily income, most of these women are widows and the income made helps them a lot in raising their children.

This year, the POP has launched the initiative "Teach and Educate" where the women we trained and have been given a sewing machine, have been given an order to manufacture school bags, this was a great source of income for them, and they managed to produce 2500 handmade school bags, POP distributed these bags to 12 government schools in different slum areas as a support from the POP to help the parents in the school supplies needed to educate their children.

Statements of appreciation:

- **Mr. Asbraf Farghaly – Director of Al Sbarabia Educational Directorate:** Thank you Pope Tawadros II for the generous initiative "Teach and Educate", which benefited a large group of Egyptian women by teaching them a craft, and at the same time they benefited from their products in various schools across Egypt. May Egypt always live Inshallah!
- **A student from al shabið Osama Wafa School in Ain Shams:** "Thanks Pope Tawadros for my new school bag. My parents couldn't afford to buy me a new bag this year due to the high cost, I was worried that my old school bag will get tornd"

Photos while manufacturing and distributing the bags:



5) Distribution of dry food monthly boxes:

Hunger is getting worse worldwide, over %10 of the global population, regularly go to bed hungry. Economic shocks, extreme weather events, conflicts and wars have restricted global food supplies. This has driven up prices and presented threat to vulnerable populations and countries. In Egypt today we are facing shortage of many basic food items leading to enormous increase in prices. This the vulnerable families cannot afford, and all of the families supported by POP used to go to bed hungry.

Further over %40 of Egyptian children have anemia due to poor nutrition, and at POP we consider we have to support the needs of the children and ensure they get a balance meal to avoid any future health issues.

Therefore, on a monthly basis, the Papal Office for projects has been supporting thousands of vulnerable families “mainly widows” who have lost their means of living, can’t work due a specific condition, or have a small means of living that isn’t sufficient due to the current high inflation rate. We therefore give them hand by delivering them a monthly dry food nutritional box along with fruits and meat or chicken, or fish (varies each month) to boost their immunity system, and ensure they don’t go to bed hungry.



Statement of appreciation from the widows served:

- *Without the cheese pack we receive every month I won't have managed to send my children to school, as I won't have managed to afford school sandwiches everyday. You are not just feeding us but also supporting my children education.*
- *Vegetables and fruits prices are very high and with my minimal income I would have never managed to provide my children their needs at this age to grow healthy, thank you for taking care of us*
- *Before receiving from the Papal Office the monthly food box, I used to buy one chicken for my children every four months, today on a monthly basis my children get to eat a chicken or meat or fish, thank you.*





POP on social media

- Website: <https://copticorthodox.church/pop/home/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PapalOfficeforProjects/>



6) Supporting the Sudanese refugees “Emergency”

Due to the current situation in Sudan which led to the death and injury of thousands of Sudanese, and forced hundreds of thousands of people to leave their homes and evacuate to nearby neighboring countries, especially Egypt who is doing the best efforts to receive and protect Sudanese refugees who are in dire need for safety and help.

Therefore; The Coptic Orthodox church has opened its doors to the Christian Sudanese who arrived Egypt.

The Papal Office for projects supported 800 families, 25 priests and their families and 6 church deacons with their families with monthly financial assistance, house rent, and assistance in their children’s education as well as distributing food, towels, blankets and cloth.

These families POP will continue to support until they find jobs in Egypt and have their own means of living

POP strategy 2023-2030:

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:

2023

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. Supporting the Misnistry of Health presidential campaigns and initiatives, with great focus on the first 1000 days after birth, and family control.

2030

2024 Proposals

1. Small income generating projects – Phase 3
2. Feeding the needy
3. Caring for the Sudanese refugees
4. Sudanese refugees school running expenses
5. Establish a new Sudanese school to meet the increasing number of refugees into Egypt
6. Establish a technical center for the disabled
7. Technical summer school
8. Technical education awareness sessions
9. Furnishing two schools – Suhag & Alexandria
10. Furnishing Alex Clinic
11. Furnishing Hospice in Obour city
12. Cochlear implantation
13. Language programs
14. Medical conveys
15. Awareness sessions
16. COPTICAD administrative and management skill courses

2024 New Initiatives

1000 Golden Days Presidential Initiative - in collaboration with the Ministry of health, aiming “towards Optimal Solution to the population issue” with a particular focus on the critical first 1000 days of a child’s life and the promotion of safe vaginal deliveries. POP will work on this initiative by holding a number of awareness sessions for doctors and nurses at the church owned hospitals and clinics, training healthcare professionals on primary care, obstetric care reviving midwifery services and neonatal care services, and practices related to childbirth and early childhood development. Also awareness sessions will be held for women on family planning & the importance of breastfeeding. As well as TOT Building capacity for Counselors’ servants, Youth servants and Women servants “Initiative Ambassadors” to promote for the new concept and change the behavior

Threads of Hope initiative - providing sustainable dignified work for Sudanese refugees, targeting 120 Sudanese refugees.

Free to Feed - Cooking classes for refugees and distributing the food among them.

To respect their dignity, cooking classes will be offered to Sudanese women, and a healthy meal that they cook will be given to her and her family members, to ensure they get a weekly nutritionally balanced meal, along with milk and dairy products. Targeting 100 families on a weekly basis.

Healthy generation - To boost children and teenagers health, a monthly nutritional box will be provided to the needy children POP serves. Targeting 300 children monthly.

Second Chance initiative - Technical Skills training for youth dropped off school, targeting 200 youth – training programs will include mobile repair, AC maintenance, sewing classes, hair care/salon and caring for elderly

Our Youth = Our Future - Involve youth in the community, through various activities with the Ministry of Youth, through which they will be trained and receive awareness sessions to gain new skills. Targeting 200 youth.

Educate to empower - Small income generating projects for widows and youth, expecting to empower 220 widows and 80 youth

Empower to Educate - Distribute school bags and school classroom desks manufactured through our trained and empowered women and men.
Give a hand- Distributing dry food boxes to the most vulnerable, 5000 boxes to be distributed monthly

Women leads program - To enhance the capabilities, knowledge and skills of women, in order to avail opportunities for them in the market to secure their economic well-being, find better job opportunities and get them involved in community social work in line with the Egyptian state’s vision 2030. Targeting 180 women.

2024



I’m different not less - Skills educational school for the disabled at lower Egypt, Al Nahda village. Targeting to enroll 120 students.

Be wise - to educate women on how to manage their homes, spend wisely and save better, awareness of financial inclusion, through speakers from the central bank of Egypt. Targeting 150 women,

Select wisely - Awareness of danger of early marriage and marriage of relatives. To minimize inherited diseases and ensure a successful happy marriage. Targeting 250 persons.

Share the joy of Christmas - Christmas carnival for the children in slum areas, to see and feel the joy of Christmas, as well as a bazar for POP empowered women to sell their products. Targeting 250 children & 25 women.

Events:

March 2024 - Women conference to encourage the empowerment of women and share success stories. As well as honor the successfully empowered women.

June 2024 - 10 years of the establishment of the first Eyon Misr School & launching the general secretariat for the Coptic Orthodox Church schools.

Thank you