

## **The cooperation of Assiut University with Non governmental Organization**

The University of Assiut established the Civil Society Support Center, which is one of the centers affiliated with the Community Service and Environmental Development Sector of the university. The university council issued a decision to establish it in October 2023, aiming to link the service and developmental role of the university through the "Community Service and Environmental Development Sector" with the developmental role of various civil society institutions. This is achieved by contributing to building the capacities of civil society institutions at the level of Assiut Governorate and neighboring governorates, utilizing all the specializations available within the university, and helping to achieve sustainable development goals.

The center aims to support the capacities of civil society institutions to become more sustainable and effective. The Civil Society Support Center at Assiut University represents a "house of expertise" for various Non-governmental Organization and serves as a link between the advisory and technical needs of civil organizations and the university's units and centers. The center provides support and development of institutional capacities for civil society institutions and organizations to become more sustainable and effective, thereby strengthening the ties between the efforts made by civil society institutions and those made by Assiut University. It also enhances the university's participation in a greater number of programs and developmental projects implemented by Non-governmental Organization.

This is in light of the strategy of Assiut University, which enhances its developmental and service roles. Among the most important proposed work paths for the center, its executive plan, sponsorship opportunities, and twinning between the center and external entities; to contribute to supporting the center's activities, and the center's supervision and organization of the presence and work of Non-governmental Organization within the university, and various programs that Non-governmental Organization independently implement within the university. Additionally, it aims to contribute to building the capacities of civil society institutions at the level of Assiut Governorate and neighboring governorates; in line with the university's vision, strategic plan, and the achievement of sustainable development goals.

In light of the strategic plan of Assiut University, the goal of the center is to become a "house of expertise" for various Non-governmental Organization, by acting as a link between the advisory and technical needs of these organizations and the units, centers, and faculty members within the university who are related to

these needs. This will contribute to the university's participation in a larger number of development programs and projects implemented by Non-governmental Organization. Additionally, the center will organize the presence and work of Non-governmental Organization within the university and supervise the various programs carried out independently by these organizations within the university or in collaboration with other units and centers. This aligns with the university's vision and strategic plan and does not negatively impact the university's name and prestigious reputation.

### **Assiut University and Non-governmental Organization:**

- \*-Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab for the Middle East and North Africa at the American University.
- \*- Development Services Center (Centre for Development Services – CDS)
- \*- Giving Without Limits Association.
- \*- Sawiris Foundation for Social Development.
- \*- Misr El Kheir Foundation.
- \*- United Nations Children's Fund "UNICEF".
- \*- The Swiss Foundation for the Protection of Children and Youth Terre des hommes – Egypt.
- \*- CARE Egypt, an international CARE organization – Egypt.



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### Some activities that the Civil Society Support Center organized during the year 2023

#### \*A seminar titled "Randomized Evaluations in Policy Making: The Importance of Evidence-Based Policy Formulation"

The seminar was attended by Professor Ahmed El-Sayed, Executive Director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Lab and Professor of Economics at the American University, where the Civil Society Support Center works to enhance the role of Assiut University as a developmental actor and contributes to achieving sustainable development goals through building the capacities of organizations. This is within the framework of cooperation between the Civil Society Support Center and the Abdul Latif Jameel Lab for Poverty Alleviation in the Middle East and North Africa at the American University, under the patronage of Professor Ahmed El-Manshawi, President of the University, and Professor Mahmoud Abdel-Aleem, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development.



### **- A seminar on "Labor Market Policies in collaboration with the GWLA**

Association The seminar featured Professor Dr. Bruno Kreibohm, the Scientific Director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab at the American University in Cairo, and Dr. Abdel Rahman Nagy, Director of the Learning and Strategies Sector at the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development. This was part of their academic visit to the university to participate in the seminar organized by the Center for Civil Society Support at the university, titled "What Works and What Doesn't in the Labor Market." The event was attended by Dr. Mahmoud Abdel Aleem, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development, Dr. Alaa Abdel Hafeez, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, and Dr. Abdullah Faisal, Director of the Center for Civil Society Support.

Participation in the symposium activities "affirms the importance of joint



cooperation between the university, represented by the Center for Civil Society Support, and civil society institutions; in the fields of poverty alleviation, providing training and employment opportunities for youth, developing students' skills, and preparing them for the labor market."

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**\*- A seminar titled "Poverty Reduction Programs: Prospects for the Role of the University" in collaboration with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development .**

The Center for Civil Society Support, in collaboration with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, organized a seminar titled "Poverty Reduction Programs: Prospects for the Role of the University." The meeting aimed to review the "Bab Amal" program implemented by the Sawiris Foundation in the governorates of Assiut and Sohag, and to discuss the potential role of Assiut University in supporting some components of this program, as well as the limits of Assiut University's role in various poverty reduction programs. Dr. Abdel Rahman Nagy, Director of Learning and Strategies at the Sawiris Foundation, and Dr. Nahed Yousry, Director of the Social Empowerment Sector at the Foundation, spoke at this meeting.



**\*- The first student training on "Work Market Skills" as part of the "Ruwad" initiative in collaboration with the Misr El Kheir Foundation - Misr El Kheir Foundation**

The Civil Society Support Center, in collaboration with the Misr El Kheir Foundation, organized the first student training on "Labor Market Skills" as part of the "Ruwad" initiative. This training, which lasted for four days, was held under the patronage of Professor Dr. Ahmed El-Manshawi, President of the University, and attended by Professor Dr. Mahmoud Abdel-Aleem, Vice President of the University for Community Service Affairs and Chairman of the Center's Board of Directors, and Dr. Abdullah Faisal Allam, Director of the Center. Dr. Essam Badri, Deputy Director of the Center, Dr. Mohamed Farag, Director of the Egypt Good Office in Assiut, and Dr. Emad Idris, a member of the Center's Board of Directors, supervised the implementation of this training. Forty male and female students from several university faculties participated in the training.







### **\*- Workshop "Writing the Strategic Plan" for the Civil Society Support Center.**

The university witnessed the opening of the strategic planning workshop for the Civil Society Support Center, which is being held over three days, from February 29 to March 2, under the supervision of Dr. Mahmoud Abdel-Aleem, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development, and in the presence of Dr. Jamal Badr, Vice President of the University for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Dr. Alaa Abdel-Hafiz, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Dr. Saoudi Mohamed Hassan, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, Dr. Abdullah Faisal Allam, Director of the Center, and with the participation of a select group of faculty members.

- On the first day of the workshop, the center presented a lecture on analyzing the internal and external environment related to the center's work, in order to extract the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities, and potential challenges facing the center, by Dr. Hisham Issa, Director of Projects at the Center for Development Services (CDS), and Dr. Abdel Rahman Nagy, Director of Education and Strategies at the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development.

-On the second day of the workshop, it was attended by Dr. Mohamed Qarmani, Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the American University, and Director of the Public Policy Sector at the Synergies Center for International Studies, and Dr.

Hisham Shafik, Director of the Projects Sector at the Synergies Center for International Studies and lecturer at the United Nations Institute for Research. The workshop discussed the analysis of the relationship with various stakeholders related to the center's work, whether within the government sector, the private sector, Non-governmental Organization, or at the level of international organizations.

On the third day of the workshop, the strategic objectives of the center were finalized, along with an initial concept for the executive plan, through discussion sessions that included Dr. Saudi Mohamed Hassan, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, Dr. Heba Allah Rashid, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry for Community Service and Environmental Development, Dr. Kamel Naoum, Capacity Building Consultant at Care International, and Dr. Ahmed Bayad, Assistant Director at UNICEF International.

The participants praised the workshop, emphasizing the importance of meetings that bring together knowledge and scientific expertise represented by university faculty members and representatives of developmental Non-governmental Organization. This is to ensure that all developmental interventions provided to the community are based on scientific foundations, contributing to achieving the desired goals and supporting the state's sustainable development objectives.





### **\* -The final conference of the debates and policy papers program in collaboration with the Center for Development Services (Centre for Development Services – CDS).**

Assiut University organized the final conference for the Debates and Policy Papers Program, which was implemented through the Center for Political and Strategic Studies at Assiut University in collaboration with the Center for Development Services (CDS). This program was executed in partnership with five Egyptian universities: Assiut University, Alexandria University, Suez University, Beni Suef University, and New Valley University. The final conference for the Debates and Policy Papers Program is part of the debates component, which is one of the components of the "Dorna" program implemented by the Center for Development Services and the National Development Association in collaboration with the Crisp Organization and the Center for Political and Strategic Studies at Assiut University.

The final conference includes the presentation of policy papers on 5 topics, which are:

- \* The impact of digital transformation on managing youth electoral campaigns.
- \* The role of local administration in empowering Egyptian youth: determinants, fields, and mechanisms.
- \* The phenomenon of the migration of young doctors in Egypt.
- \* The social determinants affecting the political participation of Egyptian women
- \* Mechanisms for the economic empowerment of youth to achieve sustainable development goals in border governorates between traditional means and digital transformation.

### **Collaboration between the Childhood and Development Association and Assiut University**

- Cooperation with the Faculty of Agriculture to obtain 100 fruitful seedlings.
- Field training for third- and fourth-year students from the Faculties of Social Work and Arts.
- Organizing a roundtable in Assiut Governorate to incorporate the harms of female genital mutilation (FGM) into the curricula of medical schools, as part of the "Safer Communities for Children" project in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Partnership with the Department of Public Health to conduct community-based research.



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