



SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASELINE SURVEY For New Assiut Barrage and Hydropower Plant. Authors Mona B. Abdel-Meguid Claudia Eckhardt, Ahmed Mohamed M.H. Elbriary Publication date 2011

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Abstract:

Abstract: The socio-economic baseline survey was carried out from January to July 2010 under the overall supervision and coordination of RGSB as survey owner. The survey approach, the design of the questionnaires and the survey schedule were developed in co-operation with RGSB by the ABDC sociologist, Ms. C. Eckhart. Survey fieldwork at household level was carried out between February and June 2010 by a team of qualified field researchers co-ordinated by two social scientists, all from the University of Assiut, Faculty of Social Work. The survey was carried out in (i) the areas required by the project, and (ii) the residential locations of the potentially affected households. Preparation of the fieldwork programme as well as focus group discussions were assisted by the local Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS) office in Bani Murr. This report compiles the results of the socio-economic baseline survey. The report will serve as reference for the establishment of the project's Social Action Plan and as a baseline for the project's monitoring programme. The survey identified four main groups of potentially project affected people: Farmers using government land required by the project, Agricultural laborers obtaining income by working on land required by the project, Fishermen operating in the stretch of the river Nile downstream of the existing Assiut Barrage and around Bani Murr Island, Owners of private land and assets required by the project. The survey generated lists of the names of project affected households (households using land required by the project). These lists were compared with the names obtained by ESA during their surveys for land acquisition, with a 100% match of names for the right bank area (after the integration of 4 additional households in the survey) and an almost 100% match on Bani Murr Island. The survey also generated name lists of (i) potentially affected fishing households and (ii) potentially affected agricultural laborers working on Bani Murr Island. The survey generated lists of members of each surveyed household and their occupational skills (as indicated by the interviewees).

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