



EPISCO CARE

Together to make
a difference





EPISCOCARE

Our approach is development

“ For the people;
With the people;
By the people. ”

GREETINGS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As the Executive Director of EpiscoCare, I am pleased to introduce this booklet and give you the chance to learn about EpiscoCare's work and initiatives.

EpiscoCare is a Non-governmental Organisation which exists to assist the poor and marginalized communities of Egypt. One of our cornerstones is to ensure sustainability by approaching the targeted community based upon the potential, natural resources and the need of the people.

EpiscoCare ensures a comprehensive development to make positive changes and transform people's lives through our many programmes which embrace all groups: children, young people, women, men and the elderly, regardless of religion, gender and social status.

I am encouraged when I see children from very poor backgrounds who are happy and healthy playing at our centers. It brings me joy to know that people from all backgrounds trust in us and are encouraged by the work of EpiscoCare. Our centers become arenas for life changing encounters and life interfaith dialogue.

Because of our dedicated staff, our volunteers from the local communities in which we serve, our partners, and the positive way our beneficiaries are embracing our initiatives not only related to their own lives but to society as a whole, we have achieved great success in improving the lives of Egyptians.

I welcome your partnership with us. Together we can make a difference in people's lives.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Director, EpiscoCare





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ABOUT US

EpiscoCare was established in 2003 as a legal body running the development sector within the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt. Our aim is to promote sustainable development and address poverty in some of the poorest regions and communities of Egypt.

EpiscoCare take a partnership approach with the target communities. This means recruiting and training volunteers and members of staff from amongst the local population, and consulting families and community leaders in order to design and establish the objectives to suit the specific needs of that community. We believe that development is a two-way process. Our work is designed to leave behind the infrastructure for these communities to continue the development process into the future.

OUR FOCUS

Cultural and social development of villages and marginalized communities.

Comprehensive development programmes for women and children.

Support and education for children with special needs and other disabilities.

Combating unemployment and poverty.

Building young peoples' language and computer skills.

Cooperation with partners in various fields such as health and environment .

Advocacy, economic and political awareness.

VISION

Our vision is to reach out to the poorest communities in Egypt to enable them to enhance their own standard of health and living through education and development support.

MISSION

Our mission as a non-profit organisation is to provide development services for everyone in our targeted communities. This covers the fields of health, education, economic development and environment. Our approach is participatory, and without any kind of discrimination with respect to sex or religion.

OUR VALUES

Our values are based on Egyptian principles and traditions. We are committed to justice and we follow the rules, customs and traditions of the people we work alongside showing deep respect for religion.

EpiscoCare is committed to preserving natural resources and our framework is based on love and acceptance of others.

OUR PROGRAMMES

EpiscoCare is committed to working alongside the people we serve. We have therefore established permanent development centers in each of our target communities running comprehensive development. Our programmes in different categories are helping transforming the lives of those in need and are leading to improvements in the quality of life of our beneficiaries.

Education Programme

Health and Environmental Programme

Community Organisation Programme

Training Programme

Motherhood and Childhood Programme

Social Care Programme

Economic Programme

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

“ Education is the key to a better future for children, for their parents, and for the entire country. ”

According to the Human Development report (2003), more than 40% of social problems and crime in Egypt are caused by a lack of education. Around 15% of children between 6 and 18 years of age are not enrolled in primary education or will drop out early. One of the primary goals of EpiscoCare is therefore to raise the standard of education in the communities we work with.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Literacy classes to help poor and marginalized people educationally as a first step to combating unemployment. We have a partnership protocol with the governmental Adult Education Programme.
- Summer reading and writing classes for children who are often illiterate, despite being enrolled in the educational system, to help them keep up with the school curriculum.
- Tutorial classes for boys and girls at all stages of their learning to assist poor children who lack support and suffer from educational difficulties.
- Support girls aged 6 to 13 through our My Dear Daughter programme. In this programme, we train a group of high-school girls as volunteers to tutor and care for girls in primary education. These are girls that may otherwise have difficulties succeeding in the education system.
- Carry out home visits, individual and group tutorials, and social events.
- Build young peoples' skills by offering language and computer support at our institutions in Cairo and Menouf. This helps young people enter the job market once they leave college. We have seen that the academic education offered at schools and colleges is not always sufficient for doing this.
- Caring for people who suffer mild educational disabilities and learning difficulties through our centers in Menouf and Sadat City.
- Supplying children with books, educational materials and schools fees.
- Seminars to build awareness about the importance of education.
- Providing extra training to educational workers to improve their capacity to effectively teach and support children.





HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

“ Good health is one of the most important ingredients for a happy and productive life. ”



Health is a broad subject which has many facets. We particularly aim to improve health provision for individuals and groups.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Primary health care at our clinics as well as through travelling clinics
- Building awareness and combating harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation and diseases such as HIV and hepatitis through health education classes, seminars and public meetings.
- The Way of Life Programme raises awareness about problems related to drug addiction.
- Improving the internal environment of homes and communities through the renovation of houses, roofs, bathrooms and floors as well as street cleaning and planting campaigns.
- Improving provision for family planning and reproductive health through running marriage preparation classes, antenatal classes and parenting classes.



COMMUNITY ORGANISATION PROGRAMME

“ How to claim your rights, if you don't have any awareness or legal existence. ”



EpiscoCare wants to ensure sustainable and increasing development in the communities build the capacity of local leaders to encourage self-reliance.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Training workshops to build the capacity of local leaders and volunteers to lead development projects
- Public meetings to encourage and motivate volunteers
- Seminars to encourage people in the community to apply for official documents, such as ID, birth certificates etc, to ensure they are in legal existence, entitled to political participation and can become involved in the democratic process.



TRAINING PROGRAMME

“ If you want to build the capacity of a community, you have to start with the individuals. ”



EpiscoCare wants to build the capacity and improve the skills of employees and volunteers working in the local community development centers.

It is important to challenge and educate trainees to think more dynamically and train those in positions of influence.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Preparing new staff members to work in the development field
- Training sessions with experts from outside to provide further training
- Having refresher training courses for staff throughout their employment
- Knowledge and experience exchange with other organisations working in the development field



MOTHERHOOD & CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME

“Children are our future, and their mothers are its guardians.”



A mother is the foundation for learning; if you prepare her well she will provide us with good people. We believe that it is our duty to build parents' awareness about the rights of the child and how they can be effective parents.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Monthly meetings with parents to support them in how to deal with their children in a loving, caring and respectful way
- Seminars to build awareness about child rights and to encourage a culture which respects them
- Parties, home visits and social events for mothers and their children

We recognize that the children of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Therefore we try to help them to fulfil their potential and develop their skills to ensure they will be the generation to break the cycle of poverty. We do this through:

- Establishing nursery schools
- Children's clubs



SOCIAL CARE PROGRAMME

“As citizens of the world, we are one big family, and we all have an obligation to reach out a helping hand to those in need.”



This programme involves working with widows and marginalized women, as well as those who don't have the ability to work outside their homes. We aim to empower these people socially, culturally and economically.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Vocational training and the production of handicrafts in their homes. We help them to market their products and make money.
- Helping their children with the expenses to set up a new home when they get married
- Lessons to build health, education, social and cultural awareness
- Social parties and trips
- Family support and home visits to check on their wellbeing and to offer family counselling
- Financial support to the most needy
- Supplying the poorest families with food, households, furniture or improvement of houses



ECONOMIC PROGRAMME

“Don't give them a fish, but teach them how to fish.”



Economic development is the cornerstone of our development work, raising the living standards of poor families & allowing them to take responsibility for their own needs which is our top priority.

Poverty is a difficult cycle to break. Therefore, we try to make the best use of our natural, existing human & environmental resources to ensure the sustainability of our work.

WE DO THIS THROUGH

- Vocational training to build the skills of the people in our target areas.
- Income generating projects. We give loans which allow people to start their own businesses and we support them to establish it and produce a feasibility study.
- Empowering local women by teaching them various practical and creative skills so that they can produce handcrafts to sell in order to contribute to their family's income.
- Assisting young people to find a job in a climate where more than 20% for people aged 15-24 are unemployed throughout the country (MDG report 2010). Our job offices are supporting young people helping with preparing their CV's, sharpening interview skills and identifying local job opportunities.
- Building awareness of field workers and local leaders about the capacity of the private sector to provide work and employment. They will then use this to encourage a culture of private sector employment and entrepreneurship.





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