



# **SCHOLARSHIPS & TRAINING FOR EGYPTIAN PROFESSIONALS**

**Rapid Assessment of Organizations working in the field of GBV/VAW in Egypt**

## **FINAL REPORT**

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## OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

USAID/Egypt Office of Democracy and Governance is seeking the best approach to address Violence Against Women (VAW) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) (Human Rights components) in Egypt in the current context. Activities are being designed to address domestic violence against women, sexually based violence against women and girls in public and domestic contexts, political violence against women, and harassment against women on the streets and in the workplace. Prevention of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), child marriage, summer marriages and all forms of GBV will also be covered under these activities.

- The objective of this study is to identify the most viable organizations that would be interested in submitting proposals for USAID funding that covers activities focusing on prevention of GBV and VAW as well as provision of services to victims of VAW and GBV including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), among other issues related to violence against women. These organizations should possess the capacity to manage funds/grant ranging from \$500,000-\$1 million, with sound financial systems in place.
- Past experience in working with other donors.
- Adequate and available human resources to implement such activities measured by the number of employees and operations volume.
- Reputation for doing effective work measured by feedback received from few clients/beneficiaries.
- Willingness to accept USAID funding to work on GBV/VAW challenges.

USAID will use the list identified by the market research/assessment to seek proposals from the most effective organizations which could work in their communities and create a network of organizations to support VAW and GBV issues.

USAID intends to collaborate with a Public International Organization (PIO) in promoting VAW/GBV awareness and helping to seek behavior as well as medical and psycho/social treatment as a companion activity for the grants to local organizations.

## CRITERIA ESTABLISHED

The following criteria will be used to assess the capability of the organizations which would receive and manage grant funds from USAID to work in the areas of GBV & VAW. The criteria were discussed and agreed upon with USAID/DG technical office prior to the start of this assignment:

1. Type of Organization: must be an Egyptian legal organization.
2. Sufficient Financial and Administrative Systems: the organization should have existing financial and administrative systems that enable it to manage grant funds, as demonstrated by evidence of previous experience, years of operations and proper records that support its activities. The organization must have a bank account.
3. The organization has sufficient/acceptable organizational structure and qualified human resources able to manage and implement GBV activities.
4. Previous experience in working with international donors is a plus.
5. The organization is technically capable and possesses past experience in working with VAW and GBV issues.
6. The organization is well reputed in the community and provides (or is capable to provide) services to the community as well as has good connections/networks within the community, with other CSOs/CDA, government entities, and the private sector.
7. It is preferable if the organization was audited within the past three years.
8. The organization is capable to coach other grass root NGOs and manage sub-grants or sub-activities with other smaller CSOs.
9. The organization is willing to accept USAID funds to work on preventing/combating GBV/VAW.

## METHODOLOGY / SCOPE OF WORK

The study involved hiring two consultants with VAW and GBV expertise in Egypt to:

1. Review the list of organizations under the CVAWC program and determine how many are still functioning;
2. Review other organizations that are currently implementing VAW and GBV related activities; and,
3. Briefly assess the qualifications of the organizations and recommend a list of 10-12 to receive the RFA.

The deliverable required for this assessment is a list of 10-12 eligible organizations with a one/two-page justification for each. USAID would then use these results to issue an RFA to a limited pool of organizations.

At the start of the assignment, the consultants met with members of USAID Office of Democracy and Governance in order to discuss the scope of work and agree on all aspects of the study. In addition, the consultants reviewed the Project Performance Evaluation of the Combating Violence against Women and Children (CVAWC).

The consultants carried out phone interviews as well as face to face meetings with members of the organizations to determine if the organizations met the criteria agreed upon with the USAID/DG technical office. A questionnaire was developed in coordination with the USAID/DG office (Appendix I). All organizations were requested to fill-in the questionnaire. Most filled the questionnaire in Arabic. Brochures and reports of achievements were also collected from the organizations as well as other documents related to VAW/GBV activities. The consultants attempted to collect as much information as possible in order to validate the information that was provided.

During the field work, the consultants discovered that some NGOs had ceased operations due to lack of resources. The consultants also experienced difficulty in reaching other NGOs due to relocation, closure or not being responsive to emails or phone calls. The consultants also found out from other sources that some organizations chose not to respond because they refuse to accept USAID funds. Few organizations shared similar opinion over the phone but would not put it in writing.

## FINDINGS

The consultants selected 36 organizations to assess their capacity in the field of GBV/VAW and shared the list with the USAID/DG office. Out of the 36 organizations, three were unreachable, five did not respond to our e-mails, two were working only in combating violence against children and two expressed reservations in accepting USAID funds.

The following organizations were contacted and assessed either through e-mails, phone interviews or face to face interviews:

1. Safe
2. The Appropriate Communication Techniques for Development (ACT)
3. El Goura CDA - Sinai
4. Family and Environment Development Association (FEDA)
5. Care Egypt (not an Egyptian organization)
6. Future NGO for Development and Consumer & Environment Protection – Aswan
7. Women & Development NGO in Alexandria
8. Future Eve Association – Menia
9. MAAT for Peace Development and Human Rights
10. New Horizon for Social Development
11. Helwan Association for Community Development (Bashayer Helwan)
12. Family Planning NGO in Alexendria
13. Egyptian Association for Family Development
14. Port Fouad Association for Care of Family and Children
15. Harrasmap
16. Imprint Movement (Bassma)
17. Nazra for Feminist Studies
18. New Woman Foundation
19. The Egyptian Association for Comprehensive Development (EACD)
20. Cairo Center for Development
21. The Association for Development and Enhancement of Women (ADEW)
22. El Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development
23. Center for Egyptian Women Legal Assistance – CEWLA
24. CEOSS
25. Development Organization for the Support of Street Food Vendors and Consumer Protection
26. Future Eve for Family and Environmental Development in Giza
27. Egyptian Feminist Union
28. Tanweer Center for Development and Human Rights
29. The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights
30. Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers (AEFL)
31. Media-Arts for Development (MADEV)
32. El-Horreyia Association for Social and Environmental Development
33. Development Org. for the Support of Streets Food Vendors and Consumers Protection

The following organizations were unreachable (probably inactive):

34. The Egyptian Society for the Care of Street Children

35. Legal Services for Woman and Child NGO

36. Key of Life in Armant

The following organizations were working with the CVAWC project but, when contacted, they indicated that they are currently working only in activities related to violence against children:

1. El-Horreya Association for Social and Environmental Development
2. Development Org. for the Support of Streets Food Vendors and Consumers Protection

The following organizations refused to receive USAID funds. They did not want to express this in writing but during the telephone conversation they shared their reservations in receiving USAID funds:

1. Nazra
2. El Shehab Foundation for Comprehensive Development

The following organizations were contacted by phone or by e-mail but did not respond:

1. Harrassmap
2. Egyptian Feminist Union
3. New Woman Foundation
4. Future Eve for Family and Environment Development
5. Center for Egyptian Women Legal Assistance – CEWLA

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our interviews and the assessments of a total of 36 organizations, we believe that 16 organizations are capable to receive USAID's "Request for Application" for VAW/GBV awards and respond to it. The names of these organizations are:

1. Helwan Association for Community Development (Bashayer)
2. Safe
3. Community Development Association in El Goura – North Sinai
4. Egyptian Association for Family Support – Imbaba, Giza
5. Family and Environment Development Association – FEDA
6. Cairo Center for Development
7. Family Planning NGO in Alexandria
8. The Association of Development and Enhancement of Women - ADEW
9. Future Eve Association in Menia
10. The Egyptian Association for Comprehensive Development - ECAD
11. The Appropriate Communication Techniques for Development- ACT
12. Maat for Peace Development and Human Rights (*see justification*)
13. Association of the Egyptian Female Lawyers (AEFL)
14. Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)
15. Women and Development NGO in Alexandria
16. Media-Arts for Development (MADEV)

The justification for our recommendations is attached in Appendix II of this report.

## APPENDICES

- I. Assessment Questionnaire (Rapid Assessment Tool)
- II. Summary of Assessments for each Organization
- III. Organization names and contact information
- IV. Chart of types of GBV Activities Implemented by the Organizations