

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Maternal Care for Women, Egypt

Improving access to maternal care for women living in impoverished communities

In their own words

‘This project helps women to transform their environments. We direct our efforts in community development to help break the cycle of poverty.’

The Right Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, Bishop of the Diocese of Egypt



Egypt factfile

Capital: Cairo

Languages: Arabic (official), English and French (primary language for higher education)

Religion: Muslim (mostly Sunni) 94%, Coptic Christian and other 6%.

Population: 83 million

Export: crude oil, petroleum products, cotton, textiles, metal, chemicals

Further reading:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt

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About this Project...

▶ **Target: £5,340/€7,120 | Project 500**

Egypt’s maternal mortality rate is 62 per cent. The Improving maternal health is one of the Millennium Development Goals where the Diocese of Egypt is making a difference.

Through lack of awareness and with no outside help, births are often not registered. This means that families have no right to healthcare, education, identity and voting rights. Family sizes are large with often as many as 10 children in a family.

The diocese is working with women from low income communities in Alexandria and Cairo that have little or no access to services including healthcare by enabling

women to have access to medical care. Classes are also provided to help prepare women for motherhood and include hygiene, nutrition and family planning. It also covers sensitive issues such as female genital mutilation. An estimated 81 per cent of women aged between 15 and 19 in Egypt have undergone this procedure.

Through this Project the Anglican Church is improving the well-being and health of both mother and child. Also, providing important social support, this project is usually the first contact women have with the healthcare system.

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