National Programme on Children at Risk
Social Development & Civil Society

Goal
The Children at Risk Program was established to reduce poverty among specific groups of children at risk and thus improve their social development. It also aims to enhance the capacity of NGOs to contribute effectively to social development.

Time Span
The Children at Risk Program was set up for 3 years:
It started May 1st, 2005 and will end June 30, 2009.

Geographical Scope
The program is active in 11 governorates: Cairo, Giza, Sharqiya, Alexandria, Qalyubiya, Minya, Beni Suef, Fayoum, Sohag, Qena, and Aswan.

Target Group(s)
The Children at Risk Program targets 5 main groups of children:
- Girls who are especially vulnerable regarding access to education;
- Girls at risk of FGM;
- Street children;
- Working children, especially those in dangerous sectors / environments;
- And disabled children.

The Program also reaches out to NGOs working with these categories of children at risk and the NGO departments of Ministry of Social Security (MOSS) and selected governorates.

Objectives
The Children at Risk Program works to improve the living conditions and prospects of five groups of economically vulnerable and socially marginalized children with the support of a strengthened NGO sector.

It does so via different activities / projects:
• *Girls’ Education Initiative (GEI):* building 200 one-classroom schools for girls; preparing training manuals for facilitators of GEI schools; equipping schools with educational material and furniture; monitoring and evaluating progress and obstacles; and improving families’ living standards through capacity building.
• Creating *female genital mutilation-free villages,* in cooperation with UNDP.
• *NGO funding:* grants allocated to lead NGOs and their partners and associates to implement the Project's activities: combating child labour, addressing the issue of street children, and helping and assisting children with disabilities.
• *Capacity building:* CaR organizes trainings for NCCM personnel, the NGO Department in the Ministry of Social Solidarity and its branches in the governorates, and the NGOs involved in the Children at Risk Program.
• *Advocacy:* the objective is to create awareness of the goals of the project and the participation of the EU through audio-visual spots, posters, billboards, and pamphlets, in addition to documenting the activities and results of the project.

**Achievements**

So far, the Children at Risk Program:

• Constructed 99 out of the 200 planned schools, in 7 governorates;
• Awarded grants to 14 lead NGOs along with 15 partners and 72 associated CDAs;
• Organized several training programs on monitoring and evaluation as well as report writing;
• Prepared training manuals for GEI school teachers to provide quality education;
• Prepared the Geographic Information System (GIS) for the governorates where the Girls’ Education Initiative is implemented;
• Formulated a plan of action for the Social Marketing Program and prepared and distributed promotional material.

**Partner(s)**

The Children at Risk Program is implemented and /or supported by:

• NCCM;
• The European Commission (EC), as its main donor;
• The Ministry of Social Security (MOSS) and relevant governmental entities;
• And NGOs.