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PROJECT FACT SHEET

LITERATE VILLAGE

Literate Village is a four-year activity that focuses on 2,150 economically disadvantaged villages in the Sohag, Beheira, and Assiut governorates with high rates of illiteracy among mothers and low school attendance rates among children. Using an intergenerational approach to learning to eradicate illiteracy, this activity strengthens literacy among children in community schools and improves early grade reading instruction, particularly for remedial readers. The Literate Village activity works simultaneously with adult learners – namely mothers and women’s groups – to provide literacy classes and teach women how to engage their children in learning in the home. The activity also works with community associations and leaders to garner support for literacy and encourage school attendance, creating an entire network that supports reading at every level.

Implementing Partner: Save the Children Federation, Inc.; Life of Project: March 2017 – March 2021; Total Estimated Cost: \$17 million; Governorates: Assiut, Beheira, Sohag

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Ensure that women and primary-school children in targeted villages possess the necessary literacy skills for continuous learning and self-improvement through community-led adult literacy classes for women, and through community school education for primary school children.
- Improve the quality of reading instruction for rural, primary school-aged children in community schools by training instructors in specialized approaches to evidence-based remedial reading instruction, and by providing reading materials in community school classrooms.
- Provide adult literacy classes to increase mothers’ ability to contribute to their children’s primary education.
- Offer intergenerational literacy activities between mothers and their children.

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RESULTS TO DATE

- Engaged 652 community governance structures in primary education, which helped 529 villages develop village literacy improvement plans to better draw the whole community into the educational experience and set expectations for learning among children and adults alike.
- Established 793 summer camps, providing 17,395 children with engaging educational experiences to improve reading ability and reduce regression over the summer months when school is out of session. These camps provide supplementary opportunities, free-of-charge, for village children.
- Trained 54 master trainers, who have rolled out training for nearly 1,700 primary school educators on how to implement evidence-based reading instruction. Nearly 23,000 community school students have been impacted by these improved lessons.
- Trained 570 adult literacy facilitators, who have in turn engaged over 7,700 mothers in intergenerational adult literacy activities.
- Provided 826 school Book Banks, totaling more than 75,000 books across Beheira and Sohag, ensuring children have authentic, level-appropriate reading material to encourage stronger reading habits.
- Refurbished 276 Community Schools to create an engaging learning environment. Community schools are one-room schools where children of various ages and abilities come to learn.