A commitment towards sustainable development
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN
Yousriya Loza-Sawiris

Our Commitment toward Sustainable Development is not just a slogan; it is our objective, and the driver behind the foundation’s work for more than 18 years now. Since its establishment, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD) has contributed to empowering the most vulnerable and marginalized communities economically, socially and culturally.

Throughout our journey – now spanning two decades – we are proud of the tremendous balance of achievements that have been able to touch and transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of Egyptian people, with a focus on children, youth, women, and people with disabilities. We have invested more than EGP 940 million in the foundations core sectors: economic empowerment, social empowerment, education and scholarships, to address the most pressing and urgent social issues, including access to quality education, provision of healthcare services, community development, and job creation.

The year 2018, in particular, witnessed significant and decisive changes in the history of the Foundation. The Board of Trustees approved a new strategy for the years 2019-2021, aiming to further develop SFSD’s institutional performance in order to achieve greater impact for the communities that we serve. Our new strategy continues our focus on supporting economic and social empowerment programs, contributing to poverty alleviation and working hard to provide decent livelihoods to the most impoverished and marginalized groups, in all the governorates with a focus on Upper Egypt.

As part of our focus on alleviating poverty, we have launched a program targeting the ultra-poor in Upper Egypt in cooperation with Bangladesh-based BRAC, the pioneer of this program, which has had tremendous success globally. Meanwhile, and given our continued commitment to maximizing our impact, we are making further investments in comprehensive and rigorous evaluation systems for our programs, in order to learn and do better in the future.

Personally, I have always been a strong supporter, first and foremost, of education, having seen its transformational power for both the individual as well as the community. To that end, we have established more community schools in Upper Egypt, and launched a new scholarship program to support students with disabilities. We have also launched the Sawiris Arts and Culture Scholarship to support young talented Egyptian artists to pursue their education in the best universities in the world. This scholarship is an addition to other local and international scholarship programs supported by the SFSD in various fields, since its inception.

Yousriya Loza-Sawiris:

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Noura Selim

Dear friends and partners,

For Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, 2018 was a year of significant transformation, and also a year of great achievements across a number of social and economic empowerment programs.

In 2018, Sawiris Foundation reaffirmed its goal of serving the most marginalized Egyptians across all governorates, particularly where poverty is most severe, with great focus. This focus allows us to be able to measure and report our results to continuously learn and adapt, and most importantly, this focus enables us to achieve the highest impact in our chosen areas of work in the most cost-effective manner.

Our ambition is to tackle the toughest social issues head on, whether it be extreme poverty, children without shelter, malnutrition or poor educational quality. To fulfill this ambition, we work in an integrated manner, with dedicated and inspiring partners from the governmental, non-profit and private sectors.

We have seen firsthand the importance of rigorous monitoring and evaluation in the development sector, where billions of pounds are annually invested with scarce results tracked and reported. To that end, in 2018 we set up a Learning & Strategy department within Sawiris Foundation, mandated with through monitoring and evaluation across all our key programs. Our aspiration is to become an agile learning institution, and for that learning to be disseminated and debated with the development community in Egypt and globally, for the benefit of all.

As we learn and grow, we can further ensure that every pound we spend will have the greatest impact possible, reaching the right people at the right place at the right time.

In 2018, we also developed our 2019-2021 strategy, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and Egypt’s Vision 2030. Our strategy will enable us to fulfill our aspirational institutional goals, through a focus on:
- Strategic, well-defined programs across three sectors (Economic Empowerment, Social Empowerment, Education & Scholarships).
- Serving the most marginalized and most impoverished communities.
- Learning & global dissemination of learning products.
- Partnerships for impact.
- Utilization of new technologies internally and externally.

As we planned for our future, we continued to work diligently to serve our communities in the present. I am particularly proud of our support to people with disabilities (PWDs), which encompassed raising awareness and support for true integration, training and employment, and a higher education scholarship “Qaderon” in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Mier El Kher Foundation.

We also launched a significant program, “Baby Amal”, in partnership with Bangladesh-based BRAC and Abdulatif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Baby Amal pilots – for the first time in Egypt – the highly successful “Targeting the Ultra-Poor” program, with the aim of holistically addressing a number of poverty drivers, and in turn, getting the poorest communities out of extreme poverty within a span of 3 years. Driven by our core belief in the power of education, we continued to invest in our state-of-the-art Gouna Technical Nursing Institute (GTNI), which has graduated 329 students to date, all of whom have been catalysts in transforming the nursing quality in the institutions they have joined. We have continued to support our students at the Gouna Hotel School, a vocational school established in partnership with the German government, to deliver dual-education in the hospitality sector. Finally, we are immensely proud to have added the “Sawiris Arts & Culture Scholarship” to our roster of higher education scholarships, with the goal of supporting aspiring Egyptian artists to receive quality education.

All of our achievements would not have been possible without our outstanding partners and grantees whom we are honored to have joined forces with. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our Board of Trustees whose vision, dedication and stewardship have been vital throughout the years. Last but not least, I am honored to be working with a team of dedicated professionals at the foundation, who continue to drive us forward to fulfill our duty and deliver on our goals. We not only dream of a better, more equitable world together, but we work diligently for it – every day – with resilience, courage and most of all, passion for what we do and for the people we serve.

I leave you with our detailed report for 2018 that shares our journey and our learning. I hope that you will be inspired by the many stories from across Egypt, and that through them, you too will be able to see a better tomorrow.

Noura Selim
THE FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

The Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSF) was established in 2001 with an endowment from the Sawiris Family as one of the first national donor foundations in Egypt. Since its establishment, SFSF focused on addressing the most pressing issues facing the most marginalized Egyptians such as poverty, unemployment, provision of health services and little access to quality education. Over the past 18 years, SFSF has succeeded in funding and delivering programs aimed at achieving comprehensive and sustainable development, in partnership with the governmental and private sectors, as well as civil society. This has resulted in the creation of thousands of job opportunities, availing quality education, and providing access to basic services for more than 280,000 beneficiaries. The geographical coverage of the foundation includes 24 governorates, with a focus on the most remote marginalized villages. The total budget allocated by the foundation since its inception is approximately EGP 960 million.
VISION
As a partner in development in Egypt, we seek to present a pioneering model for the role of civil society organizations, through promoting and supporting innovative solutions targeting comprehensive and sustainable development.

MISSION
Our mission is to support sustainable development solutions in order to alleviate poverty and social and economic exclusion, as well as provide equitable educational opportunities for the most marginalized groups in Egypt. This is done through cooperation with civil society, and the private and governmental sectors.

OBJECTIVES:

Our primary objective is to support developmental projects, programs and initiatives that improve the lives of the most marginalized communities through:

1. Economic Empowerment:
   - Financing training programs that lead to employment;
   - Encouraging the development of small and microenterprises by providing technical, administrative and financial assistance through grants and loans;
   - Supporting and financing programs for agricultural development.

2. Increasing Access to High-Quality Education:
   - Providing scholarships for distinguished Egyptian students to complete their studies at home and abroad.
   - Establishing specialized higher education institutions capable of meeting the urgent needs of society;
   - Supporting and financing education programs at all levels: kindergarten (KGI), primary, technical and vocational education, as well as higher education.

3. Social Empowerment:
   - Improving access to health care services (e.g., fighting Hepatitis C, liver transplants, improved maternal and child health);
   - Providing marginalized children with the needed protection and support;
   - Improving the infrastructure of the most underprivileged villages and areas;
   - Empowering women.

4. Encouraging Artistic and Cultural Creativity:
   - The Annual Competition "Sawiris Cultural Award"
   - Sawiris Scholarship for Arts and Culture.
CORE VALUES

We are committed to the fundamental principles and values that boost our mission and objectives, including accountability, transparency, equity, justice, and integrity. Hence, all of our work seeks to promote the best developmental practices and to effectively respond to the needs of the Egyptian people.

HOW WE WORK

The SFSD adopts an approach based on five pillars:

1- Building effective partnerships with civil society, as well as the governmental and private sectors;
2- Adopting a labor-market-responsive employment and training model, in which labor market needs are comprehensively assessed prior to the design and provision of training in order to maximize job potential for trainees;
3- Promoting the spirit of honest competition and celebrating excellence among beneficiaries through annual competitions, scholarships and cultural awards;
4- Boosting the best practices in the design and management of development projects through impact measurement, follow-up, evaluation and capacity-building of partner NGOs;
5- Scaling-up successful initiatives to maximize impact and ensure sustainability of results.
SFSD’S PORTFOLIO (2001-2018)

**Geographic Reach**: with a focus on the poorest villages (551) of SFSD’s support (goes to villages in Upper Egypt)

- **24 governments**
- **280**
- **960 Million EGP**

**Total Of Beneficiaries**

- **55,000** beneficiaries received small and micro loans with a total budget exceeding EGP 61 million
- **48,000** beneficiaries have been trained and employed with a total budget EGP 230 million

**Economic Empowerment Sector**

- **Microcredit Program**: Total funding 291+ Total number of beneficiaries 103
- **Training and Employment Program**: More than EGP 60 million have been allocated to support infrastructure and development programs.
- **Infrastructure & Investment Programs**: Total funding +323 million EGP

**Social Empowerment Sector**

- **Healthcare Program**: 124,000 beneficiaries have received healthcare services (screening and treatment of Hepatitis C and liver transplant) with a budget exceeding EGP 178 million
- **Supporting & Promising Children Without Shelter**: 8,000 children have received a range of integrated services (rehabilitation, education, safe shelter and proper health care) with a budget exceeding EGP 50 million.

**Education and Scholarships Sector**

- **Scholarship Programs**: 1,120 international and local scholarships were offered to support outstanding Egyptian students with a budget exceeding EGP 182 million.
- **Technical and Creative Education Programs**: Total number of beneficiaries: 311 Total funding: EGP 92 million
- **Education Programs**: Total number of beneficiaries: 34,000 Total funding: EGP 368 million

**Partnerships Sector**

- **SAWIRIS Cultural Award**: 172 writers won prizes with a total budget exceeding EGP 15 million.
- **The foundation joined forces with additional partners, bringing their total number to 23, whom we are collaborating with on the implementation of developmental programs and initiatives with a total budget of EGP 306 million.**
OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SDGS

SFSD’s vision is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Egypt’s 2030 vision. We work through an integrated development approach that treats the beneficiary as a key partner in finding solutions to change. In addition to that, we use all means available to us to build partnerships and networks locally, regionally and internationally. Our main target is to eradicate poverty and inequality, as well as to achieve real economic and social empowerment, and provide opportunities for quality and equitable education to the poorest and most marginalized groups.
Economic Empowerment

GOAL 1:
End Poverty in All Its Forms Everywhere

Goals 2:
End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture

Goals 8:
Promote Sustained, Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth, Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work for All

Goal 12:
Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

Social Empowerment

GOAL 3:
Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for All at All Ages

Goal 5:
Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls

Goals 6:
Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All

Goal 10:
Reduce Inequality Within and Among Countries

Education

Goal 4:
Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Promote Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All

Partnerships

Goals 17:
Strengthen the Means of Implementation and Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
Active membership in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Network of Foundations Working For Development NetFWD

In 2013, SFSD joined the OECD-NetFWD, which includes institutions and organizations from 15 countries on 5 different continents. As the only member from Egypt in this network, we are keen to participate in the annual meetings of the network for the purpose of exchanging best practices and learning, and networking with other institutions and organizations.

Regionally – SFSD chairs the Board of Trustees of the Arab Foundations Forum (AFF)

In 2018, our Executive Director, Noura Selim, was elected as Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the AFF. The SFSD was previously the treasurer of the AFF during the period 2015–2017. The AFF aims to contribute to improving the growth and development of Arab philanthropy by building bridges of communication between institutions and partners, supporting the development of the most professional and strategic social philanthropic mechanisms, creating an effective dialogue to drive forward Arab social philanthropy.

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

In order to promote dialogue and achieve best practices in sustainable development, SFSD is keen to have an active role both regionally and internationally. In 2005, as recognition of our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), we received a special consultative status in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). The recognition further extended to include:
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

SUMMARY OF IMPACT IN 2018

Financially:

184 million EGP have been invested in our development programs and initiatives;

9% General and administrative expenses of the total budget
**TECHNICALLY:**

- **Promoting effective and sustainable development work**
  - Cooperating with BRAC, one of the leading anti-poverty organizations in the world, to implement the Targeting Ultra Poor Program, "Slab Amal" (A Door of Hope), in Upper Egypt.
  - Coordinating with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) to measure the impact of SFSD programs through randomized control trials (RCTs).
  - Supporting forums and platforms that aim to promote the exchange of best practices.
  - Establishing a "Learning & Strategy" department to rigorously monitor and evaluate the Foundation’s programs.

- **Supporting and protecting children without shelter**
  - More than 2,000 children received a full range of integrated services (rehabilitation, education, safe shelter, and proper health care).

- **Contributing to the elimination of Hepatitis C**
  - 1,801 liver transplant operations conducted.
  - 72,000 beneficiaries received medical checkups, and the ones who tested positive underwent free treatment.

- **Improving housing infrastructure**
  - Providing 973 of the poorest families in some villages of Sohag governorate with ‘decent housing’ through the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

- **Economically empowering the most marginalized people**
  - Implementation of 28 projects aimed at economic empowerment.
  - A total budget of EGP 139 million.
  - More than 16,000 beneficiaries.

- **Building active and effective**
  - 13 new partnerships.
  - 19 ongoing partnerships.
  - EGP 89 million co-invested in development projects with our partners.

- **Increase access to quality education**
  - Establishing 15 new community schools in Upper Egypt.
  - 37 students received scholarships through local and international scholarship programs.
  - Launching the scholarship program "Qadaroun" for people with disabilities, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

- **Promoting culture and encouraging artistic innovation**
  - 14 writers and authors have been honored through the 14th Edition of the Sawiris Cultural Award.
  - Awarding cash prizes for shortlisted works of Egyptian emerging writers in the fields of novels, short stories, and screenplays.
  - Launching the Sawiris Scholarship for Arts and Culture.

*"Schools for Egypt" - Sawiris Initiative for the Education & Development of Our Children - Coptic governorate*
We are committed to supporting people with disabilities and empowering them to integrate into society. SFSD's strategy since its inception includes the integration of people with disabilities into all its programs and projects. This is in addition to designing training and employment programs for them, as well as educational programs and integration into schools for children with disabilities. Through the economic empowerment program, we trained and rehabilitated close to 1,000 people with different disabilities to enter the labor market and get hired in sustainable jobs in various companies throughout the country. To support their right to quality education, an English language lab for people with visual disabilities was established to educate and qualify them for the labor market. In addition to that, textbooks and curricula in sign language have been issued and teachers have been trained to eliminate illiteracy of people with hearing disabilities. We also supported children with disabilities through projects aimed at creating the right environment and community awareness, providing the necessary rehabilitation services for integrating them into education as well as the rehabilitation and training of teachers supporting the educational process in schools and nurseries. In line with the government’s plan and strategy which is geared towards the integration of people with disabilities into society and in line of the announcement of 2018 as the year to enable and raise awareness on the rights of people with disabilities, SFSD has directed further support through the following initiatives and partnerships:
"QESETNA FI HERFETNA"

In partnership with ALEXBANK—“Ebd3 Men Masr” Initiative

“Qesetna Fi Herfetna”, which translates to “Our Story is in Our Craft” is a three-year initiative, in partnership with ALEXBANK, with an allocated budget of up to EGP 16 million. It was launched at the end of 2018, aiming at integrating people with disabilities into the “Ebd3 Men Masr” initiative. One of its targets is to empower and build the capacity and skills of more than 500 young men and women with disabilities (motor, visual, audio, mental) in four governorates by training them in various handicrafts. Integrating them with their parents through inclusive training is also a target for the initiative, in order to prepare them psychologically to engage the labor market and enhance their professionalism, as well as raising awareness among their families on the importance of integration.

Towards the end of 2018, a major event was held to celebrate the closing of 2018 as the Year of People with Disabilities, under the auspices of H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, who inaugurated the “Our Story is in Our Craft” exhibition and visited about 30 exhibitors and organizations working with people with disabilities.
"Know Me, Accept Me"

An initiative in partnership with Majid Al Futtaim Retail Group - Carrefour

This initiative, implemented in cooperation with the SETI - Caritas Egypt, has succeeded in carrying out awareness activities on various types of disabilities through a series of artistic activities for children and their families in Carrefour stores in Cairo and Alexandria. A team of specialists was hired to answer all questions related to various disabilities.

The initiative also works to integrate youth with disabilities into society through providing them with training opportunities in Carrefour's outlets in five governorates: Cairo, Alexandria, Daqahliya, Gharbia and the Red Sea, and appropriate sustainable jobs within the labour market. The approach here is to raise awareness among employers and companies of the rights and capabilities of persons with disabilities, which in turn encourages their employment.
Sandra defies the odds and receives a scholarship at the French University in Cairo

Sandra was born blind, but that did not prevent her from achieving academic excellence. She received a good score (92%) in Tharaweya Amma (General Secondary Education). She joined the French University in Cairo in 2017/2018 with a scholarship from SFSO, where she was awarded the first place with the highest score.

“Through my studies in the Applied Language Department, I have learned many skills, including how to present, the processing of creating executive summaries of reports, as well as how to write reports; which qualifies me to join the job market upon graduation. I particularly like languages and am pleased to be studying in this field. When I graduate from university, I wish to work in translation.”

Sandra

Qaderoun

Scholarship for Top Students with Disabilities

In Partnership with Misr El-Kheir Foundation and the Ministry of Education

Believing that their capability is stronger than their disability, this year we launched a scholarship for top students with disabilities to pursue their bachelor’s degree from leading private universities in Egypt. Seven students were accepted in 2018 to study at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport in the fields of pharmacy, computer science, logistics management and international trade logistics. Meanwhile, in cooperation with Helm (Dream) Foundation, SFSO offered a training package to the beneficiaries of the program in order to enhance their personal and professional skills.

“Qaderoun” scholarship helped me study in the field I chose, which in turn enhanced my confidence and capabilities. I was 15 when I realized that I wanted to achieve something! I didn’t want society to view me as a successful person with disability, but as a woman of will and reason. The scholarship showed me that what is different in me is the way I think, and I hope to share that with everyone with a disability or illness.”

Rahma al-Husseini

In 2018, Rahma al-Husseini received a scholarship to study computer science at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Marine Sciences, Aisan Branch.
My Will - “Eradaty” Project
Empowering and Supporting People with Disabilities

The second phase of this project was launched in 2018 with the purpose of integrating persons with disabilities into society, enabling them to develop their skills and expand their opportunities for a decent and productive life. The project is being implemented by the Egyptian Youth Association for Social Development in Fayoum governorate, and aims to create 800 job opportunities for young men & women with disabilities through supporting them in launching and/or enhancing their small businesses and building their capacities through hands-on vocational training on ready-made garments, wooden crafts, carpets, furniture, and foodstuffs as well as training on managerial and soft skills. The support provided includes interest-free loans to help them start new projects or expand their existing ones. The project also aims to establish a permanent support center for training and funding people with disabilities in the governorate of Fayoum.

There is Always Hope

Hussam lost hope on obtaining permanent income early in his career. That was due to the fact he left his work in a textile factory, and after that in the wider industry because of his motor disability. He suffered poliomyelitis in one leg. However, he never lost his ability to dream. The first phase of the project Eradaty (My Will), in Fayoum governorate, was the door to achieving his dream of learning the craft of pottery and launching his small project which helps him live in dignity. Disability did not prevent Hussam from joining the craft training in the art of pottery, in addition to the managerial training courses on how to prepare feasibility studies and make calculations on profits and losses. After the training, Hussam received a loan to buy materials with which he can start his small project. He was assisted by the Egyptian Youth Association for Community Development in Fayoum to have a permanent outlet to display and market his products. Seeking further development, Hussam received a training of trainers (ToT) course to improve his skills and help his peers who wish to learn the art of pottery. “I am now confident about the future of my children, and I feel my value in society,” Hussam said. He still has many aspirations for his future.
I. Economic Empowerment Sector

SFSD established in 2018 the economic empowerment sector, which combines its training and employment, and microcredit programs. This is done in order to ensure the highest level of efficiency and quality of delivery to beneficiaries.

This sector aims to economically empower the most disadvantaged groups by providing them with the necessary skills to enter the labor market or microfinance and training to establish their small business, thus providing them with a sustainable source of income.
"A DOOR OF HOPE"

Targeting the Ultra-Poor (TUP) program

“Sawiris Job Creation Competition” to empower Upper Egyptians, provided the foundation with the opportunity to learn more about the many drivers of poverty. It became clearer over time that poverty is not only a lack of money, but also the lack of education, health services, housing, awareness, and as a consequence of social exclusion. Poverty is also the inability to integrate and participate in society and in decision making. Based on this perception, we adopted an approach that includes several integrated programs to tackle poverty in a holistic manner.

In 2018, we launched the Bāb ‘Amal “A Door of Hope” program in cooperation with BRAC and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) to target the poorest families and provide them with sustainable pathways to graduate from extreme poverty and reach a more stable situation. The different interventions of the program include provision of income-generating assets, improved income management and trainings on saving techniques, as well as immediate relief for basic needs.

The program is funded by SFSD and targets 2,406 households facing extreme poverty in numerous villages in the governorates of Assuit and Sohag, with a total budget of EGP 55 million invested over 3 years.

The team working on implementation consists of Dr. Ragui Assaad, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, USA, who oversees and assists in the design of the program, the J-PAL team functioning as the research institution that measures the impact and evaluates the program, and the BRAC team, who are providing technical support in project design and follow-up.

ABOUT BRAC

BRAC, the top ranked NGO globally in 2018, is one of the leading anti-poverty organizations in the world. It was founded in 1972 with the aim of alleviating extreme poverty. In 2002, it launched its pioneering program “Out of Extreme Poverty” and, until 2018, was able to implement its “Targeting the Ultra Poor” program in 47 provinces in Bangladesh, which has reached nearly 1.8 million households (8.1 million people). The program has been piloted in 8 other countries through BRAC itself, as well as the World Bank, Ford Foundation, and the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). The program has achieved strong positive results.
“Transform Your Village”

An Integrated Development Initiative in Naga al-Fawāl, and al-Dair village in the Governorate of Luxor

An Integrated Development Initiative in Naga al-Fawāl, and al-Dair village in the Governorate of Luxor

Within the foundation’s direction towards expanding partnerships with committed organizations working for the community, the Integrated Development Initiative “Transform Your Village” was launched in partnership between SFSD, EFG-Hermes Foundation, Orascom Construction Limited (OCL) and the Kuwaiti Initiative for the Support of the Egyptian People. The initiative seeks to provide a comprehensive and sustainable development model aimed at bringing about holistic positive change to the people of Naga Al-Fawāl, and al-Dair village.

An amount of EGP 70 million was allocated to this initiative. SFSD and OCL are financing the economic empowerment component of the people of Naga al-Fawāl by providing a variety of administrative and vocational trainings followed by cash grants of up to EGP 10,000 targeted to support 350 beneficiaries to set up or improve their own small projects.

The initiative also includes vocational trainings on crafts such as handmade carpets, ready-made garments, and leather goods. SFSD also funds the education component, which focuses on the training of teachers and student activities; this is done in collaboration with the Elisa Sednawi Foundation. SFSD also works to improve the quality of health services for the people of Naga al-Fawāl through training and strengthening the skills of the medical and nursing staff there, and the implementation of more than 16 medical convoys to screen for and treat child anemia, eye disease and virus C. Meanwhile, EFG-Hermes Foundation is responsible for improving infrastructure and sanitation services, and providing access to clean water, in addition to establishing a health-care unite and a community center.
Stories from Nagaa al-Fawāl

How to Keep it Sustainable

I am Azzam, I’m 37 years old. Like most of the youth of Nagaa al-Fawāl, we suffer from unemployment. However, we work for daily revenue in agriculture and construction. My income does not cover the basic living expenses to sustain my large family, which includes my mother and brother.

My situation gradually changed after the project “Transform Your Village” team visited our village. During the visit, they explained to me the project’s educational and health - care services as well as its economic grants, and explained the terms of application. I presented my project idea and wrote the feasibility study. I was chosen to attend a three-day management training course, which was very useful. I learned how to run my project and market it, and how to keep it sustainable. Now I have a plow, my income has doubled from about EGP 50 to EGP 100 a day.
Stories from Nagaa al-Fawāl

TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER

I am Suhair, I’m 33 years old, and am a single mother of two children. I used to feel I was a burden on my family because I live with my father, who is responsible for a five-person household. I do not have any experience in any work, just sheep farming, and this is where my idea was born, which I presented to the initiative.

Based on the visit of the project team, I received a training course on how to take care of the health of sheep, with a focus on their nutrition, vaccination and protection from disease. I also learned how to help them give birth and when to call a veterinarian when needed. Within the training there were very useful visits to large farms that gave me great exposure. We also received training on management in order to maintain the continuity of our projects and, in my case, improve the sales of sheep products.

My project has raised 7 sheep, and now I see that tomorrow will be better with the regular follow up by the project officials and the veterinarians.
"Empowering Upper Egyptians"

**Sawiris Job Creation Competition 2016 -2018**

In 2016, 41 projects were launched in the poorest villages in 8 governorates of Upper Egypt through the Sawiris Job Creation Competition (JCC), which was launched under the slogan “Empowering Upper Egyptians”. In 2018, the final phase of all the projects of the competition was concluded. The target of that phase was 20 thousand jobs for the people of Upper Egypt in the fields of rural and agricultural development, handicrafts and heritage.

**Results of the job creation competition projects**
Bishoy received training, then started to innovate

As of 2018, the "Get Trained, Innovate and Produce" project had achieved its targets of creating job opportunities, developing the skills of beneficiaries, expanding existing projects or starting new ones for trainees. It is one of the projects that won the JCC for empowering the people of Upper Egypt.

"The most useful step was the training that taught me how to take advantage of all the available resources I have and how to increase my success and income,"

Said Bishoy Izzat, a resident of Ibdat Shalabi in Mania, when he met with SFSID team during a field visit aimed at checking in on the beneficiaries of the "Get Trained, Invent, and Produce" project, which is implemented by Al-Ghad Al-Mushriq Association in Minya with the aim of financing small and micro enterprises after a series of administrative and professional trainings.

Through the project, Bishoy received an EGP 5,000 loan to start his goat breeding project. He also received an administrative training in which he learned how to manage the project and

Behind every success story is a great woman

Manal is an Egyptian woman with a commercial high school certificate, and a mother of four children. Her life turned upside down after her husband, a laborer, was in a car accident which resulted in many injuries and left him completely out of work. Poverty struck Manal’s family and they became dependent on aid and worked in simple jobs for little money.

Despite her difficult situation, she was keen to seek a better job with her certificate, so that she could sustain her family, provide her children with education, and pay for her husband’s medical treatment. Through friends and relatives, Manal was introduced to “Bina’a’; a project that provides a training program on primary health care and special care for the elderly.

Manal benefited greatly from the training at both the professional and personal levels. After completing the training, she began working as a healthcare provider for the elderly, earning a good salary. She proved to be very efficient at work, and that resulted in her living conditions to improve significantly.

"I’m very happy to have received this training, which has given me many job opportunities that have raised my income from a few pounds to about EGP 2,500 per month. This is what I dreamed of to help my children complete their studies and cover my husband’s treatment costs," Manal said.

Bina’a is one of the projects that won the JCC. It is implemented by the Association of Giving without Borders in the governorate of Assiut, with the aim of training and employing young men and women in the villages of Assiut in the fields of primary health care, elderly health care, and running nurseries."
SFSD’s Initiative to Create Jobs in Gheit al-Enab, Alexandria

The initiative was launched to create job opportunities for the youth of Gheit al-Enab in cooperation with the Governorate of Alexandria. The objective was to finance three projects aimed at providing young women and men with vocational training programs that enable them to join the labor market in various fields, including working in making ready-made garments, creating handicrafts, car maintenance, etc. Through this initiative, the SFSD supported the Alexandria Association for Home Economics in establishing a youth training center for ready-made garments.

Farida Fashion

Umama, Safiya, Buthayna, and Rasha, four women from Gheit al-Enab in Alexandria, have joined the training course provided by the Alexandria Association for Home Economics in the field of ready-made garments. They received an intensive 30-day training, which simulated the real process of production. At the end of the training, they received two different kinds of sewing machines, and then rented a location and shared the rental cost. They decided to specialize in the manufacture of sportswear and costumes for children, where they labeled their products “Farida Fashion”. They also created a Facebook page to start marketing their products. The result was that they received many requests from clubs in Cairo and Alexandria, as well as the Rashid center in
Hand-made Carpets Initiative in Abu Tig

In partnership with ALEXBANK and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (MSMEDA).

The aim of this initiative is to support the diminishing handicrafts manufacturing industry, as well as to provide employment opportunities for young men and women in al-Dounia village, Abu Tig Center, Assuit. The approach is to provide the beneficiaries with training by a group of trainers and professional consultants in the field of hand-made carpets using international standards and best practices. The objective is to qualify them to manufacture a product capable of competing locally and internationally.

I’ll learn a craft that benefits me

_quotes

after my husband passed away, I faced several difficulties with his relatives. When I told them that I wanted to train on the hand-woven carpet project, they stubbornly refused, but I challenged their decision and insisted to learn a craft through which I could earn a reasonable income to provide a decent life for my children. I went to the project management office and applied to the training and started to learn the whole process, getting to know the tools, color coordination in threads, how to weave, and so on. Now I have a dream to own a loom and a private project to secure the future of my children.”

Hanan said.
The Egyptian Initiative for Integrated Development (Nid’a) - Phase II

In cooperation with the UNDP

SFSD allocated EGP 14 Million to fund the 2nd phase of the sustainable agricultural development and off farm component of this initiative. Established in 2012, the ENID initiative’s primary objective is to enhance the well-being of the people of Upper Egypt, by implementing an integrated approach for income generation, food security, improved basic services combined with activities in knowledge management and networking for local economic development. Through this initiative, thousands of beneficiaries are trained and well-informed about different aspects of sustainable agricultural and rural development and share their experiences and acquired knowledge with other farmers in their communities.
II. SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT SECTOR

The Social Empowerment Sector focuses on providing the most marginalized groups with their basic rights including access to clean water, sanitation, health nutrition and basic education in order to enable them to better manage their lives and interact positively with society.
In 2018, SFSD partnered with ALEXBANK, jointly allocating EGP 15 million to support and reintegrate 230 children through a comprehensive rehabilitation program based on international quality standards.

Supporting Children without Shelter

Every child has the right to a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive. Therefore, we support children without shelter in and out of the street through our partners, Ana al-Maer'i “the Egyptian” & “Banatî” Foundations. Over the past several years, thousands of children have been able to receive long term accommodation, psychological rehabilitation, legal support, healthcare and education through rehabilitation shelters, daytime reception centers & mobile units. In addition to that, thousands of children living in street conditions receive healthcare, psychological support and educational interventions.

- 246 children at the rehabilitation center of “the Egyptian” Foundation
- 230 children at the rehabilitation center of “Banatî” Foundation
- 43 more than EGP million: Total funding provided from SFSD to “the Egyptian” Foundation
- 44 more than EGP million: Total funding provided from SFSD to “Banatî” Foundation
- +2000 Children in street conditions receive support through daytime reception centers and mobile units.
Playing and Music at "Banati" Foundation

She is a delicate girl, but with a rough character. When she refused to rob or beg following her mother’s orders, her mother forced her to leave home, where she found no place but the street to live. "I love soccer," that was the first thing she shared about herself when she arrived at Banati Foundation. She was only seven years old when she came, she’s filled with a lot of energy and spontaneity.

She joined the Banati soccer team and became the most important player. She excelled not only in sports, but also in music. She learned how to play the violin! When you listen to her playing it, you would never imagine that she is the same person on the soccer field, who plays soccer in a similarly skilful way, she’s as good as a professional soccer player. Throughout the three years she spent in Banat, her rough character changed, thanks to music that eased her worries and revived her spirit. Now, she spends her days studying and playing soccer, and at night she relaxes and plays the violin.

Her soccer abilities further developed when she and the whole team traveled to Russia to participate in the Street Children Championship, which is similar the World Cup for children in street conditions. Traveling was one of her most inspirational experiences. It fueled her dream to play soccer professionally and become a legend in women’s soccer.
I want to Create Art

When she arrived at Banati, she was not aware of anything. She was only five years old and had come from another shelter without any identification papers or information about her family. She had trouble adapting in the previous shelter and did not feel safe. When she arrived at Banati, the supervisor realized that she had special qualities. She was very sensitive when dealing with other people, which made her always suspicious. She did not easily engage with her peers, but was always sympathetic with younger children. Her strongest feature was her passion for art, which meant that owning a drawing toolkit could be the gateway to helping her manage her sense of loss.

Her skills and sense of colors developed so quickly that her art teacher chose her painting for an exhibition organized outside the foundation. It was a surprise for the girl that the painting received the admiration of many art fans and quickly sold, but it was not a surprise for the supervisor, who knew exactly the quality of the piece of art.
“Decent Housing”

In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Misr el-Kheir Foundation.

This initiative aims at improving the health and environmental conditions of the poorest families in 5 villages in the governorate of Sohag. The target group chosen are beneficiaries from the Takaful wa Karama program. The activities include installation of potable water connections and proper sanitation connections, as well as improving the infrastructure of the beneficiaries homes. The most important results expected for the beneficiaries are:

- Improvement of health indicators;
- Reduction of mortality rates under the age of five;
- Strengthening the capacities of NGOs in the management of social protection initiatives.

The first phase was launched in November 2018, in cooperation with Misr el-Kheir Foundation with a budget of EGP 13 million (SFSD’s contribution was EGP 10 million, and Misr el-Kheir contributed EGP 3 million).
Supporting the Treatment of Hepatitis C

In 2018, through the “Egypt Free of Virus C” initiative, the SFSD, in cooperation with the Tahya Mısır Fund (TMF), conducted a medical survey and provided therapeutic doses to more than 71 thousand patients from the governorate of Luxor, with a total budget of EGP 10 million.

We also continued our efforts which began in 2008 to combat the Virus C through funding the Egypt Liver Care Society and The Association for the Protection of the Environment (APE), to carry out liver transplant operations, provide treatment for the people infected by it, as well as conduct awareness campaigns to prevent contracting Virus C.

+72,000
Beneficiaries

1018
Liver transplant operations

EGP million 102.5
Total funding

In 2018, 120 liver transplant operations were conducted with a grant of EGP 12 million.
One Dream

In partnership with ALEXBANK, Star Care – Egypt and Sherouk Misr

The aim of the project is to improve the living conditions and reduce the spread of diseases related to the environment and lack of awareness of 6,000 beneficiaries from Manshiait Nasser and the Tora districts of Cairo. The target group includes all ages starting from infants who are one day old. There are medical check-ups and tests to detect eye diseases, anemia, and malnutrition. The project provides free treatment for the infected and includes other activities to reduce dropout rates in primary and secondary schools, as well as develop creative children’s personalities capacity in dealing efficiently with modern technology.

The project will be implemented over two years in partnership with the ALEXBANK, Star Care – Egypt, and Sherouk Misr, with an budget of EGP 12 million.
Hand on a Hand - ‘Id Al ‘Id

To alleviate poverty, in cooperation with the Association for Protection of the Environment (APE).

The aim of the project is to support approximately 2,500 families who live in Haram City, Othman residence, and the neighboring areas by empowering them socially and economically. The activities include spreading awareness on proper healthcare measures, the provision of quality education, spreading environmentally friendly practices in these communities, providing employment opportunities for the youth, giving technical and financial support to target families in order to start small income-generating projects, and helping students in primary school. The project also conducts medical examinations to detect eye diseases, anemia and malnutrition, and to provide appropriate treatment for the people infected.

You Made My Life So Bright

I am Reda, I live in Haram City. I have a daughter named ‘Ala’a (7 years old). She has a lot of problems at school because the teachers mistreat her. Her grades aren’t the best and she is easily distracted. My husband is very busy with his work as a painter, and we are both illiterate and cannot help her study.

‘Ala’a has benefited from her participation in the special support classes through ‘Id Al ‘Id project, where she learns in new ways through the educational activities that she undertakes without any sarcasm or bullying. This has made her enjoy studying and improved her level. The project also provides health screening services for students and their families, and this helped us identify the problem facing ‘Ala’a; she had eyelid laxity which was causing her distraction.

‘My life as well as ‘Ala’a’s life changed, thanks to ‘Id Al ‘Id Project. My girl had the medical operation in her eyes and she is now active and doing well in her studies.

“Hand on a Hand” Project, Haram City, Giza
III. EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTOR

This sector aims to support top-notch educational programs to promote human progress, as well as enable individuals to realize their full potential and contribute to Egypt’s socio-economic development.

36% of our total budget has been invested in education and scholarship programs

“Schools for Egypt” - Initiative for the Education & Development of Our Children, Giza governorate
1. Basic Education Program

SFSD supports basic education by building and renovating a number of public schools; supporting various initiatives aimed at developing the educational system; building the capacity of teachers and students; and providing educational opportunities in poor and marginalized communities through the Sawiris Community Schools. The following are the main initiatives implemented through the program:

- **1350+ students**: Total number of students enrolled in school.
- **60 schools**: Total number of community schools.
- **EGP 8.5 million**: Total funding.
- **120 teachers**: Total number of teachers trained.

**Schools for Egypt**

Sawiris Initiative for the Education and Development of Our Children

Through this initiative, SFSD has supported and developed community schools in order to provide quality education in a safe and healthy environment for all children who have not attended basic school, or who have dropped out, in order to promote the principle of justice in education. In support of the State’s efforts to improve education in Egypt, the “Schools for Egypt” Initiative started in 2013 with 30 community schools in a number of villages in the governorates of Assuit and Sohag, with 15 schools in each governorate. In 2015, the second phase of the project was implemented, with 15 schools in the governorate of Qena, in partnership with Star Care Egypt and Sherouk Misr.

In order to maximize the return to the Egyptian society, in 2018 the SFSD signed a partnership with Orascom Construction to establish 15 new community schools in the governorate of Assuit. This decision was made based on an assessment conducted by CID Consulting for the first and second phases of the project. The most important findings of the evaluation were as follows:

- The noticeable success of the community education model in the Sawiris Community Schools;
- The development of the students’ reading and writing skills and basic mathematics;
- Students acquired positive values and behaviors after joining the school;
- The beneficial effect of rehabilitation and infrastructure development to positively influence the teaching environment;
- The clear effect of the interventions which are aimed at developing the standard of the teacher and introducing modern technology in the educational process, as well as economically empowering the students’ families.

“The SFSD is committed to investing in quality, equitable and inclusive education that will improve economic prospects and promote social cohesion.”
The Digital Schools

In Partnership with Orange

This initiative aims at supporting digital education and developing the capacity of teachers in our community schools in Assuit, Qena and Sohag. It also seeks to create a new learning environment based on modern technology by providing more than 1,028 students with tablets and educational content in a simplified and easy way that can be regularly updated on low-cost servers to facilitate students’ access to this content via the internet.

Me and My School

In partnership with CARE and Dubai Cares

This initiative aims at directing efforts towards improving the efficiency of the educational process and providing a safe school environment for students in 30 primary schools in the governorates of Minya, Bani Suef and Assuit. The activities include improving the infrastructure of the schools, building teachers’ capacities, and supporting student activities, thus contributing effectively to providing an attractive environment and atmosphere. This initiative is implemented with a total budget of EGP 36 million.
"Together for Change"

In Partnership with Commercial International Bank (CIB) & Star Care - Egypt

In order to enhance the economic, educational and healthcare conditions in the areas where the community schools are located, we implemented this project to upgrade the health units surrounding these schools as well to economically empower the families of the students.

Change with the Simplest Steps

Sabah is 31 years old, has 6 children, and cannot afford basic life requirements because of her husband’s unsteady working conditions. As one of the parents of the community school students, she attended the induction meeting of the “Together for Change” project, which introduced the concept of economic grants and the criteria for application. The project provides training on life skills and supports the positive values of education which in turn provides children with a healthy psychological and physical lifestyle.

After the assessment visits, Sabah was selected to implement her proposed project (raising poultry), and she received the necessary technical training for health treatments of poultry and how to feed them, as well as doing therapeutic aids. After the training, Sabah received a small loan of EGP 2,500 to implement her project. We have monitored the stages of the project and the increase in sales and profit, as well as the increase in the number of chicken, and most importantly the positive impact on Sabah’s life, which is reflected in the stability of her house and in sustain her children’s education.
Technical and Vocational Education Program

The Technical Education and Vocational Training Program aims to provide quality educational opportunities in poor and marginalized communities. It also works to link technical and vocational schools with the needs of the labor market by supporting and developing technical schools. It also provides scholarships to distinguished students in internationally recognized technical and vocational institutes. In addition to that, it established two world-standard technical education institutions:

- Gouna Technical Nursing Institute (GTNI) in partnership with Lawrence Memorial University / Regis College of Nursing in the USA.
- The German Hotel School in Gouna (GHS) in cooperation with the German government and accredited by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Leipzig. (IHK)
Gouna Technical Nursing Institute (GTNI)

Through an international partnership with Lawrence Memorial/Regis College Nursing Program in the USA, and under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education and Health in Egypt, the GTNI contributed to the development of the healthcare system and the provision of qualified and highly trained staff in nursing. Over the past years, 103 students have graduated from the GTNI, where they also got job opportunities in major Egyptian hospitals such as Hospital 57357, and Dr. Magdy Yacoub Alwan Heart Center.

The Institute is built on an area of 6,000 square meters and is equipped with the latest educational methods; laboratories with all needed equipment, a specialized electronic library, and computer lab connected to the educational database, in order to enable students to develop their scientific and practical skills.

Scholarship Program for Technical Diplomas in Nursing

Sawiris Foundation provides full scholarships to secondary certificate holders who wish to enroll in the GTNI. The theoretical and practical study period is two and a half years, followed by three months of practical training in one of the hospitals as a condition for obtaining a nursing diploma that is accredited by the Technical Health Education Section at the Ministry of Health and Population and by its National Accreditation Department. The students also receive a license to practice the nursing profession, which makes employment 100% guaranteed.

Inspirational Successes

I was lucky to be one of the first students at the GTNI. It was my dream to study hard and be professional in my field of work, so I had no luxury of wasting time. In three years, I was the best in my class, and I’ve been given a scholarship to get a bachelor’s degree in nursing. At the same time, I was studying and working in the child cancer hospital in Egypt, 57357. I got married and had my daughter while studying in the second year. I honestly felt difficulty at times, but I passed the test and got an international award from Queen Margaret University for the best overall performance in the last year of my studies. My dream did not stop here, I resumed my studies and received a diploma for quality health care management in parallel with my work at al-Salam International Hospital, and I had a second child.

Throughout these different stages, my sense of appreciation always encouraged me to pass every difficult step. I am very grateful that I studied at the GTNI, and more grateful for the great faculty who taught me and never stopped providing their support. Although I was supposed to be a nurse, I chose to be a medical instructor at the GTNI.

Sara Adel,
GTNI Class of 2013
The German Hotel School in Gouna (GHS)

The first of its kind in Egypt, the GHS offers the opportunity to learn the profession of hotel management on a proper professional basis. It was founded in 2002 with the aim of establishing a dual education system in the field of hospitality. The school is designed to qualify students to acquire a language and the theoretical and practical skills necessary to work in the tourism and hotel sector. After three years, the graduates are awarded a hotel technical diploma accredited by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Leipzig (IHK), and the Ministry of Education in Egypt. Students also have the opportunity to work in the largest hotels and resorts immediately after graduating from school.

The school has a large building with a capacity of 432 students, consisting of 10 classrooms, a computer lab, a training kitchen, and a restaurant equipped with the highest level of education and training for the students. There is also a residential building to accommodate the students who come from governorates that are far away, which is subject to stricter supervision.

The German Hotel School Scholarship Program

In 2002, the Sawiris Foundation launched a scholarship program for students with a preparatory certificate to obtain a hotel technical diploma. Over the years, hundreds of students have graduated and joined the labor market inside and outside of Egypt.

In 2015, the SFSD launched the “Future Within Borders” program, in cooperation with the Misr El Kheir Foundation, to fund scholarships for 200 students holding preparatory school certificates from Upper Egypt and the border governorates, for five consecutive years. The grant covers accommodation and living expenses over 3 years.

I had the honor of being among the first cohort who joined the GHS in 2002. I studied and received training at the Mövenpick Hotel in El Gouna for three consecutive years. I then received a diploma from the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry after finishing my training at the hands of excellent teachers. They took special care of me, as I was young at that time, and that reduced my sense of alienation. They also took into account the fear every family has regarding their son at this age.

If I had not studied at the GHS, I would not have become a member of Egypt’s national cooking team, and my ideas and thoughts would not have expanded that much. I have participated in many competitions and achieved a big portion of my goals by obtaining a diploma in the art of cooking, which is certified from England. All of these steps helped me find work in the largest hotels in Egypt.

Hussain Fakhri
Chef at Mövenpick Hotel Aswan
“Seeds of Hope”
Initiative to support technical education

“Seeds of Hope” is an international project being implemented in more than one developing country by the European Institute for Cooperation and Development (IECD). The second phase of this project is being implemented in partnership between the SFD, the European Institute for Cooperation and Development (IECD), the French Development Agency (AFD), the Lord Michelham Foundation, the Elle Foundation, the Air France Foundation, and Maitre Junod. The target is to raise the efficiency of four technical and industrial schools and institutes in Cairo and Alexandria: (Don Bosco Institutes in Cairo and Alexandria, Al-Wardian Industrial Schools for Girls, and Ras El-Soda Industrial for Boys in Alexandria).

Seeds Sprout Quickly

“A teacher called to tell me that the school needs help installing the equipment at the electrical workshops that have recently been renovated. I found that it was a great opportunity to apply what I learned during my internship and increase my involvement in school. My parents feel that I have been integrated into a successful process, so they encourage me to study and gain more experience and skills.”

Raymond Shukiri Aza
First year student, specialization in electricity,
Ras El-Soda School, September 2018
Higher Education Scholarships Program

SFSD has provided more than 1,300 scholarships through 40 international and local scholarship programs to enable outstanding Egyptian students to achieve their goals of acquiring top-notch education that gives them the opportunity to contribute positively and effectively to the development of their communities.

1,320
students
Number of beneficiaries until 2018

182
million
Total funding
Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program (OSSP)

The OSSP was launched in 2001 and is sponsored by Orascom Construction through the SFSD. This program offers fully funded scholarships to a number of outstanding Egyptian students to pursue their Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in engineering, economics, finance, political science, business administration, and construction management, at prestigious universities in the USA such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Stanford University, Harvard University, California Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, and University of Pennsylvania.

Because of my strong interest in making a social impact, I was pleased to receive the Onsi Sawiris scholarship through the SFSD, which has a proven track record of programs and initiatives that have had a real impact on the lives of thousands of Egyptians. It is an absolute honor to have such an opportunity to obtain an MBA from one of the world's best universities. It is a great investment in a young man’s dream to help make the world a better place and an inspiration for a generation that believes perseverance and hard work bear fruit and that all dreams are possible.

Ali Megdi Gurneya
- Onsi Sawiris Scholarship for Management Studies at Yale University for the academic year 2018
Mr. El Hoshy is the CEO of OCI NV in the Americas. He has led and engaged in new investments, developments, financing, mergers and acquisitions in North America and Europe across multiple sectors including fertilizers, methanol, and infrastructure. From 2009 to 2011, during his tenure with Orascom Construction, El Hoshy organized a joint project between Orascom Construction and Morgan Stanley, where the project focused on infrastructure investments in the Middle East and Africa. Prior to joining Orascom Construction in 2008-2009, Mr. El Hoshy was part of the Goldman Sachs investment banking operations in Dubai, in addition to having a portfolio of special projects focused on the Bank's balance sheet investments in the Middle East. He began his career at the Goldman Sachs Leveraged Finance Group in New York in 2006, where he organized and implemented acquisitions and recapitalization, with a special focus on clients connected to industrial and natural resources.

"The program was a great opportunity to attend university in the USA. I started studying engineering and expected to graduate in this field, but the flexibility of my university as well as the scholarship program allowed me to focus on economics. I was only 17 or 18 years old, and it is really difficult to know what you want to do at that age. However, going to a university that adopts a flexible program allowed me to take an elective course in economics and choose to concentrate on this field."

Ahmed El Hoshy
BA in Economics from Harvard University (2002-2006)
The Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship Program.

This two-year program provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the challenges of sustainable development, through a multidisciplinary curriculum.

“...The opportunities I have had through this program are innumerable; the basic concepts I have learned have helped me to develop my perceptions and rethink many of the things that I used to take for granted. This made me capable of making the right decisions and enhanced my understanding of the implications of the different decisions the managers might make, which go beyond what is tangible.”

Al-Muhanad al-Sayad

Al-Muhanad al-Sayad, from Port Said, was one of the first recipients of Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship to obtain a master's degree in development practices from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from the American University in Cairo (AUC). He is interested in international development work and management of development programs. After completing his current academic training at the University of Minnesota, he wants to work as a development practitioner in areas related to economic development and infrastructure. His academic program, which takes a year to complete, helps him combine his education and experience for what he calls "a better future for Africa."

SFSD – DAAD Scholarship Program

The program was launched in 2005 for German School graduates to complete their studies and obtain a bachelor's degree, and then master's degree or the equivalent from a German university in economics, engineering, science, international development, business administration, literature, or music.

“My scholarship was not only a wonderful educational experience, but it also provided me with the tools to think and design urban and rural architecture. My return to Cairo after spending several years abroad was an opportunity to rediscover my country. My work in teaching is not just a way of giving back to my society; it is also an effective and influential way to build a local network of architects that can, we hope, be the basis for further cooperation and achievements in the future.”

Alia Murtadha

Alia graduated from the German Evangelical School in Cairo in 2008 and received a scholarship from the SFSD in cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to study architecture at the University of RWTH Aachen. She received her BA and MA degrees in architecture in 2012. After returning to Egypt, she worked as an assistant professor in the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at the German University in Cairo. She also collaborated with the Bell Office of Architecture in Cologne and presented her work at the Egyptian Pavilion at Venice Biennale 15th. She was nominated for the Prize of Architecture.

In 2017, Alia developed her capabilities in film editing through the Foundation of Film Workshops in Dusseldorf, Germany, and in 2018 she became a member of the Chamber of Architects in North Rhine-Westphalia Germany. Now, she is working to establish her own office as consultant architect in Cairo.
Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) Campus El Gouna Scholarship Program

The University was established on an area of more than 10,000 square meters, with a financial contribution of about EGP 200 million paid by Eng. Samih Sawiris, a member of the SFSD Board of Trustees. He proposed the establishment of this branch as one of the alumni of this prestigious university. The University offers a master's degree in three majors, including: Energy Engineering, Water Engineering and Urban Development.

“This program has helped me expand my understanding of various energy sources and how to use them efficiently. The program has really met my expectations and enabled me to identify the tools of research and work better for a sustainable future. I received a Master’s degree in Energy Engineering in 2018 and volunteered for a month in Uganda with the Ambassadors around the World Organization to help with various projects. The projects included educational and energy programs. After I completed my volunteer work, I returned to Egypt and worked as an online remote research engineer for 6 months for a company in England. We were working mainly to find new and innovative ideas on how to use and recycle carbon dioxide in the industry. This academic and practical experience greatly improved my technical and personal skills, and by working with individuals from different backgrounds, I have been able to see things from different perspectives.

Mahmoud Mustapha

Special & Inclusive Education Scholarship Program

This program started in 2007 in collaboration with the Learning Resources Center (LRC) in Cairo and the Institute of Education (IoE) of the University of London. Teaching in this program is run through online lectures and video meetings held at the British Council in Cairo.

“I wanted to support students with learning disabilities in Egypt and to make a difference in their lives, giving them a fair chance. This grant helped me develop my abilities as a teacher. After graduation, I worked as a special education coordinator for students with learning disabilities as well as gifted students, and I have been promoted from coordinator to director. Currently, I work as a principal of a kindergarten and elementary school. In addition, I work at AUC as a part-time teacher in the Professional Teachers Diploma Program. This experience changed my life and opened a door to excellence and inspiration. Now I am working on my Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University, where my thesis focuses on the educational leadership and the management of international schools in Egypt. ”

Suha al-Zalatani

Nursing Scholarship Program

This scholarship provides an opportunity for the graduates of the nursing institute in Gouna to obtain a B.Sc. in Nursing from the British University in Egypt (BUE).

“During my years at college, I worked as a nurse at the Magdi Yacoub Heart Center and was able to provide patients who suffer from serious illnesses with the best nursing care. Most of these patients were children born with heart abnormalities who needed high-quality care based on knowledge and skills. Since graduation, I work in the field of “Interventional Radiology,” trying to discover new areas and treatment ranges. This field has been updated with the latest developments in medical innovations. I was able to help vascular surgeons and radiologists during their interventions with the most serious and complex cases of patients with vascular disease. ”

Abdullah al-Tayib
Sawiria Cultural Award Ceremony, Cairo Opera House, January 2011

IV. SUPPORTING THE CULTURAL MOVEMENT IN EGYPT

SFSD recognizes that supporting and empowering Egyptian artists and writers in various fields of culture and arts, is essential to the development of healthy and sustainable communities that work together and support each other (SDG 11).
Sawiris Scholarship for Arts and Culture

The program aims to encourage artistic and cultural creativity by supporting talented Egyptian students who wish to further develop their talents in the vast field of the arts and culture and pursue their studies whether a bachelor’s or master’s degree in one of the following fields: Music, Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Digital Arts, Performance Arts, Theatrical studies, Film Studies, Art History, Artistic Criticism, Media Design, and Art Management.

*The Foundation launched the first scholarship program to study arts in the world’s top universities towards the end of 2018*

Sawiris Cultural Award

The 14th Edition of the Sawiris Cultural Award (SCA) has honored 14 established and emerging writers, whose works have been chosen out of 615 literary works presented in the various fields of the Award. The awards were evaluated by six neutral committees, which included leading writers, novelists, filmmakers, playwrights, critics and drama teachers in Egypt.

This year, the Board of Trustees of the SCA have also decided to allocate financial rewards to young writers whose work has reached the short list in the branches of novels, short stories, and movie scripts. The award ceremony was held on the 25th of January, 2019 at the Egyptian Opera House in the presence of a number of ministers, ambassadors, dignitaries, public figures and a large number of Egyptian artists and intellectuals. The opening ceremony was presented by the guest of honor, and the well renowned actress, Yousra.

The SCA is one of the most important roles the SFSD plays in supporting cultural enlightenment efforts and enriching the ethos of the nation. Since 2005, the SFSD has been organizing the competition to select literary works of established and emerging writers in the fields of novels, short stories, movie scripts, drama, and literary criticism.

SCA Development Timeline in 14 years

- **2005**: Launch of the award and awarding prizes for best novels and stories;
- **2007**: Best Screenplay Award has been added for the top two established and emerging writers;
- **2009**: The Best Playwright Award added;
- **2013**: The best literary work prize in literary criticism added;
- **2015**: Prizes value in all branches of the Award raised;
- **2018**: Financial prizes have been awarded for all works that reach the short list in the branches of young writers and screenwriters.

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The SIAC Working Group visit to implement the Targeting Ultra-Poor program “Door of Hope”
THE NEW SFSD STRATEGY (2019-2021)

A Focus on Integrated

In order to optimize the use of human and financial resources, we have restructured our sectors to be more focused and thus have greater impact. Within this approach, we work through multiple mechanisms of governance, transparency, accountability, financial and human resources development, based on planning, diligent follow-up and evaluation.

The Board of Trustees has approved the implementation of the new strategy for the years 2019-2021, which was updated on the basis of our accumulated experience in line with the SDGs and Egypt 2030 vision. In the new strategy we seek to achieve our vision through three sectors:
1. Economic Empowerment Sector
2. Social Empowerment Sector
3. Education and Scholarship Sector.

The 3 sectors complement each other working for the well-being of the individual and enhancing the quality of life by investing in people so that they are more self-aware, self-reliant and have the ability to participate, as well as influence, and interact with the environment in which they live.

Within the new strategy, we work on enabling the various sectors to manage their programs, provide a significant degree of decentralization in the decision making process so that sectors are more independent and transparent. This should also result in more effective work with our partners and implementing partners as we set priorities, design programs and celebrate achievements and success stories. Our new strategy continues our focus on the most vulnerable groups, and most improvised and marginalized villages.

Measuring the Impact of the SFSD Programs in Cooperation with J-PAL

In 2016, we began a collaboration with J-PAL to monitor and measure the impact of our job creation competition titled “Empowerment of the Youth in Upper Egypt” through a randomized control trial (RCT), which is the gold standard in monitoring and evaluation. J-PAL also assisted in building the capacities of NGOs implementing the winning projects of the Sawiris Job Creation Competition. On the other hand, the measurement of the programs’ impact contributed directly to building our future frameworks in light of assessment results, the most important of which were:

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- The success of the SFSD projects in providing services to approximately 97% of the overall target
- Reaching the targeted youth group (age group 21-34), who made up 87% of our microcredit beneficiaries and 86% of our training for employment beneficiaries
- More than 50% of the participants in the competition were female (58% were microcredit beneficiaries and 69% were training for employment beneficiaries)
- 10% of people with disabilities received small loans to start their own projects
- The income of most of beneficiaries' families did not exceed EGP 2,000 a month
- The NGOs that implemented the training and employment projects achieved 75% of the target while the NGOs that implemented the microcredit projects achieved 100% of the target.
PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS
About the Partnerships Sector:

We believe in the importance of building and expanding partnerships with development actors in Egyptian society in order to amplify and enhance the desired impact. This is why we established the partnership sector in 2015 as a practical application of our philosophy of building new partnerships. The objective is not limited to maximizing investments, but also to enrich the intellectual and developmental interventions of the joint programs through the exchange of experiences and best practices in the field with our national and international partners, in order to design and implement more effective and integrated programs.

Sector Vision
Strengthen the SFSD position as a leading model in developmental work and create effective partnerships with governmental, local, international, and the private sectors in order to meet the challenges to sustainable development.

Sector Objectives
- Strengthen and build multi-stakeholder relationships;
- Design innovative and more effective initiatives and programs by integrating the experiences of different partners within our scope of work;
- Provide a set of mechanisms that enable each partner to share their resources and to benefit from technical, in-kind, as well as financial resources;
- Reach more groups of beneficiaries by expanding the scope of work with our partners;
- Share with the Egyptian and international community our achievements and scope of work as well as highlight the SFSD's leading role in the development of society and raising the quality of life.

9 new initiatives with 13 partners were launched in 2018, with a total funding of EGP 89 million.
Percentage of total partner contributions is 63%.

"From 2015 to 2018, the number of our partners reached 21, 33 initiatives were implemented in partnership, with a total budget amounting to EGP 306 million."
Our Partners in Development

International Partners

Private Sector

Governmental Sector
- Ministry of International Cooperation
- Ministry of Higher Education
- Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- Ministry of Education

Local Donor Institutions
THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2018

The Alumni networking Forum, Cairo
January

Sawiris Cultural Award Ceremony – Edition 13

The SFSD celebrated the Edition 13 of the Sawiris Cultural Award (SCA) on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the presence of Culture Minister Hli Mi al-Namam, Minister of Social Solidarity, Dr. Ghada Wali, More than 1,200 guests of public figures, ambassadors and a group of the most renowned of the Egyptian intellectuals, artists, creative, and politicians.

During the ceremony, 19 winners of established and emerging writers were honored for their works, which were selected out of 668 literary works presented in the various of the award.

The ceremony was inaugurated by the Egyptian star Ahmed Hilmi. Where the late Shams Al Etrebi, founder and member of the Board of Trustees of the SCA, was honored through a documentary about her life in the presence of her family, friends and fans. Dr. Mohammed Abu al-Ghar, and Eng. Samih Sawiris, members of the Board of Trustees of the SFSD, delivered words in appreciation and gratitude to Shams for his valuable contribution to the support of creativity, culture and heritage.

February

Launching of "Mishwar Aman" project in partnership with "Uber" in cooperation with the Youth and Development Consultancy Institute - El Ejla

A new partnership agreement was signed on February 1st with Uber to launch the "Mishwar Aman" project, which aims to train 500 young men and women to work for Uber in the Cairo and Alexandria. The project also seeks facilitation of those trainees access to car loans with only 15% advance amount of its value for 5% interest. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Youth and Development Consultancy Institute - El Ejla, which is responsible for providing a training package on how to use GPS, customer service, traffic rules, security and safety, communication skills, English language principles, etiquette rules, and so on.

"We are very proud of the partnership with SFSD, and will continue to provide more innovative services to our partners, empower young people to join the system and increase their incomes, especially in areas where we have difficulty to contact." - Rena Kortan Policy at Uber Egypt – Director of General

March

International Women’s Day at the French Cultural Center

The 5th Annual Conference of the Egypt Network for Integrated Development - El Nidaa/ENID

Under the title “Youth Entrepreneurship as a Catalyst for Growth and Employment”, SFSD has supported the 5th annual conference of the ENID, organized in Qena governorate. The conference was held in the presence of the Minister of Local Development, Major General Abu Bakr Al-Girri, Richard Dictius, the resident representative of the UNDP, Dr. Heba Handusa, Director of the Egypt Network for Integrated Development - El Nidaa.

During the conference, Eng. Noursa Selim, Executive Director of the SFSD, along with representatives of Qalaa Holdings, ALEXBANK and Nahdet Al Mahrous, participated as a keynote speaker at a panel discussion entitled “The Role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Incubators, and Social Entrepreneurship”.

"Towards Engaging the Private Sector in the Economic Empowerment of Girls" Conference

Under the auspices of the National Council for Women (NCW), and in collaboration with our partners: French Embassy in Cairo and the UN Women in the "project of Egyptian Women: Pioneers for the Future", the conference was organized to highlight the role of the private sector in reducing the unemployment among girls. It also aimed to discuss the impact of our common project in promoting gender equality in employment by giving the chance for young women from disadvantaged areas to work in the largest French and Egyptian partner companies, after going through a very professional development training to enhance and improve their skills. This outstanding project is implemented by the Association for development and Enhancement of Women (ADDW), in addition to 3 other NGOs: Maadi Youth Training Center, Gozour and Youth with a Vision.

In the presence of the French ambassador Stéphane Roumier, the actress Hind Sabri, and many institutions working in the field of women’s rights and empowerment, SFSD participated in the celebration of the International Women’s Day that was held at the French Institute in Cairo, on the 8th of March. Noursa Selim, the Executive Director of SFSD, delivered an opening speech, and shared with audience a presentation on our most outstanding initiatives to empower and protect the girls without shelters. The event has also included a review of the most important initiatives implemented by the French Development Agency, Plan International, and Sue Ellen Legal Foundation for Community Development.

During the ceremony, the First Prize for “Equality between Women and Men” was awarded to the Women and Memory Forum for their media campaign to publicize specific definitions related to gender equality and feminism.
April

SFSD is a Strategic partner and official sponsor of the 4th Annual CSR Conference

SFSD participated as a strategic partner and official sponsor in the 4th Annual CSR Conference, which was organized in cooperation with the Federation of Egyptian industries (FEI), the International Labor Organization (ILO), ALEXBANK, the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the Professional Development Foundation (PDF). The conference was marked by the presence of more than 2,000 members from several business associations, chambers of different industries, investors associations, NGOs, universities, research centers, numerous benefactors and international organizations, in addition to a number of senior government officials, academics and media representatives.

Eng. Noura Selim conducted a panel discussion titled “Comprehensive Development” hosting Dr. Aleksandar Bodiroza the representative of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Heba Iksander, the Corporate Development Director & Board Secretary, Orascom Construction Ms. Hanan al-Rihani the head of the Education Sector in Misr el-Kheir, Dr. Mustaz Shohidi the CEO of the Egyptian Food Bank. The session focused on the importance of comprehensive development, which considers the beneficiaries as whole: their health, education, economic activity. Additionally, each of the panelists presented different case examples of integrated development initiative.

SFSD Participates in the “Sustainable Development Goals: Models and Mechanisms of the Philanthropic Sector” workshop

The workshop was organized by the League of Arab States to highlight the role of civil society organizations in implementing the 2030 Plan for sustainable development in the Arab Region. The discussions included the social contribution patterns in the Arab region that seek to improve quality, access to education, and health services, and build the capacities of the marginalized groups to empower them with sustainable sources livelihoods.

Noura Selim, the Executive Director of SFSD and Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Foundations Forum, participated as a keynote speaker at the closing session entitled “Philanthropy and SDGs”. The session included Atallah Kuttab, the Chairman of Sanid (Support) Foundation for Social Giving, and Dr. Noha El-Mikawy, Director of MENA Office of Ford Foundation.

May

The Annual Iftar for the Heroes in Partnership with ALEXBANK

For the second consecutive year, ALEXBANK & SFSD held their annual Iftar event dedicated to children without shelter. The event took place at the Al-Horreya Park in Zamalek and hosted joyful and lively entertainment activities for 800 children. The event was organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and was attended by Dr. Nevine El Kebir, the Deputy Minister of Social Solidarity, Mr. Dante Campioni - Managing Director & CEO of ALEXBANK. Eng. Noura Selim – Executive Director of SFSD. On the sidelines of the celebration, ALEXBANK and SFSD signed a cooperation protocol for EGP 50 million. The protocol aims to increase support to marginalized children in Egypt in the fields of health, education and the improvement of their living conditions, in addition to providing safe housing opportunities, especially for children with special needs.

Opening of the Exhibition “Irada” for People with disabilities

In the presence of Dr. Gamal Samy, Governor of Fayoum, and the start of SFSD, the exhibition took place in April 25-26, with the aim of providing the opportunity to display and market the products of the trainees in the field of sewing, handicrafts, carpets, pottery and food. The exhibition came as a consummation of the success of the first phase in empowering 600 young men and women with disabilities who got training ended with microcredit to start their small business.
The Annual Award Ceremony of the SFSD-DAAD Scholarship Program

The ceremony witnessed the announcement of results of the 2018 SFSD-DAAD scholarship programs for high achievers graduating from German schools to study for 5 years and earn their bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Germany. This year, Khadga Ahmed Zaky was awarded the scholarship to study electrical engineering and information technology at Munich Technical University, and Gannah Muharram was awarded to study physics at Munich Technical University.

The Gouna Technical Nursing Institute (GTNI) Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony

In an educational cooperation agreement with Lawrence Memorial Regis College Program in Massachusetts, USA, and under the supervision of the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Health, SFSD held the graduation ceremony of the Gouna Technical Nursing Institute (GTNI). The 3rd graduating class is composed of 22 females and 37 males, representing various governorates in Upper Egypt.

The graduation ceremony was honored with the attendance of Major General “Ahmed Abdalla”- Governor of the Red Sea Governorate, Mrs. “Yousria Loza-Sawiria”- Founder and Chairwoman of SFSD board of trustees, esteemed GTNI staff members, and the families of the graduates. The graduation ceremony started with the keynote speaker, Mr. “Hazem Hassan”- Vice Chairman of SFSD board of trustees and chairman of GTNI board of directors, followed by a speech from the governor of the Red Sea governorate, then a word by Dr. Hassanat Nagoub - expert consultant to the GTNI, and finally a speech by one of the graduates. The ceremony was concluded with the nursing oath by all the graduates and a celebratory picture.

An inaugural conference was held to mark the launch of a new partnership with Majid Al Futtaim Retail Group – Carrefour to launch the “Know Me, Accept Me” initiative, that aims to provide training and employment opportunities for youth with disabilities, and to raise awareness among society about different disabilities, in cooperation with SETI Center – Cartas Egypt. The conference was held in the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Social Solidarity, several civil society institutions, pioneering companies that run successful projects to support people with disabilities, in addition to a group of community leaders. This partnership comes in conjunction with the declaration of H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi of 2018 the year of people with disabilities.

“We are delighted to partner with the SFSD in the framework of our role towards the community and our responsibility to implement projects that achieve comprehensive, real and sustainable development in local communities. Community development comes as one of our three main CSR pillars, which focuses on awareness of health and nutrition, as well as preserving the environment. Today’s partnership is to ensure this role and complement it, as we do believe in the potential of people with disabilities and are interested in helping them build their future and integrating them into the work environment so that they can rely on themselves.”

Herve Majdier, Chief Operating Officer, Majid Al Futtaim Retail-Carrefour

At the headquarters of the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and in the presence of H.E. Dr. Ghada Wali, SFSD signed this protocol of cooperation with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and Mier El-Kheir Foundation, to launch Sakan Kareem Initiative. The initiative aims to develop the infrastructure of five of the most disadvantaged villages in Sohag governorate, and to improve the health and environmental conditions of the most marginalized families, particularly those who benefit from “Takah Wa Karama” (Solidarity and Dignity) program.

“It’s a pleasure to sign this cooperation protocol today, because every pound counts when delivering services and rehabilitating houses in the most marginalized villages, because that’s when families’ health improves, education advances, and a higher standard of living follows. NGOs represent an important partner in the development process, they have practical knowledge and their work is on the ground, thank you to the SFSD and Mier El-Kheir Foundation for their partnership and we look forward to more cooperation”

Dr. Ghada Wali
The Minister of Social Solidarity

Launching “One-Dream” Project

SFSD signed a partnership agreement with Sherouk Misr, ALEXAIBK, Star Case Egypt and the Association for the Protection of the Environment (APE), to launch the ONE DREAM project, to improve the living conditions of communities involved in waste recycling active in Marsheyet Nasr and Tolun’s informal areas. Over the period of two years, the project targets 35,000 individuals through health care and education initiatives.

The signing ceremony included a panel discussion, moderated by Ms. Nermatt Guennea, Research and Development Consultant, to discuss the new partnership and its objectives with Eng. Neuras Elm, Executive Director of SFSD, Ms. Laila Horii – Head of CSR and Sustainable Development Officer, Eng. Omneya Hanna – Secretary General of Star Case Egypt, Ms. Hada Shathour, Vice Chairwoman of Sherouk Misr, and Dr. Salah Mahmoud El-Haggar, Vice Chairman of APE.

During the ceremony, examples of the success stories from APE and its impact on the Egyptian society were also presented. The event ended with an exhibition of handicrafts products from waste recycling carried out by the APE.
BRAC Team Visits to Egypt in Preparation for the "Targeting Ultra-Poor" program

The visit comes as part of conducting a field assessment to adapt the Ultra-Poor Graduation Approach in the local context of Upper Egypt. SFSD supports and funds the pilot program Bab Amal (A Door of Hope), in partnership with BRAC as a technical partner, two local NGOs in Assiut and Sohag governates as implementing partners, and Mafalat Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), who will evaluate the program using randomized control trial (RCT) methodology.

During this five-day visit, SFSD and BRAC team traveled to Upper Egypt to conduct the necessary field assessment for the implementation of the program. The assessment contributed to identifying the key characteristics of the operating environment, the vulnerabilities of extreme poor populations, as well as opportunities/challenges presented by implementing partners.

Launching the campaign of “Our Children in Our Care”

In an effort to improve the health and well-being of Egyptian students and to promote awareness of health, education, and environment in the most marginalized communities in Egypt, the first initiative of “Our Children in Our Care” was launched at the al-Shuhada’ School for Basic Education in the village of Al-Shuhada’, Sohag governates. The campaign was launched in partnership with Al-Kheer Foundation, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, where 1050 students were screened for anemia and diabetes and eye diseases.

2018 Graduation Day and Semester opening of The TU Berlin Campus El Gouna

Technische Universität Berlin Campus El Gouna (TUB) celebrated the new academic year 2018/2019 and the graduation of a new batch of Engineering Masters Students totaling 33 graduates, 11 of which are supported by SFSD and partners. As part of the fruitful cooperation between the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development and the TUB, the university welcomed 76 new students, 12 of which received a scholarship from SFSD for Social Development and 3 received a scholarship from Sadik group, to study one of the following fields: Energy Engineering, Water Engineering, Urban Development.

The Ceremony commenced with an opening speech by Prof. Dr. Matthias Barjenbruch, Director of TUB Campus el Gouna followed by Dr. Hans-Ulrich Heiss, Vice President for Education, Digitalization, and Sustainability at TUB.

The Conclusion of the “Right to Life” project based on the recycling of banana tree residue

SFSD celebrated the conclusion of the innovative project “Right to Life” that is based on the recycling of banana tree waste, one of the winning projects of the Sawiris Job Creation competition. The results of the project were announced at the press conference that was held on Saturday 20 October 2018, in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Social Solidarity, SFSD, and a number of Parliament members, and some trainees of the project.

SFSD is the Golden Sponsor of the Art d’Egypte exhibition “Nothing VANISHES, Everything Transforms”

The exhibition was held in the presence of a large group of ministers, public figures and artists at Mohamed Ali Manial palace. The exhibition was organized by Art D’Egypte, with the aim of celebrating and supporting art and heritage in Egypt with the contribution of more than 28 prominent artists of contemporary art in Egypt and the world.

December

The Opening of the Christmas Bazar Qessetna Fi Herfetna

Celebrating the conclusion of 2018 as the “Year of People with Disabilities”, H.E. President Abdel Fattah ElSisi inaugurated the “Qessetna Fi Herfetna” exhibition supported by ALEXBANK and Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, to empower and integrate artisans with disabilities in the handicrafts sector. Following the inauguration, the President proceeded to take a tour in the “Qessetna Fi Herfetna” exhibition, accompanied by Dr. Ghada Wali, the Minister of Social Solidarity, Dr. Ashraf Sobhy, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Diarte Carpinz, Managing Director & CEO of ALEXBANK and Mrs. Youssra Loza-Sawiris, Chairwoman and Founder of the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, alongside several key government officials.

“Qessetna Fi Herfetna” is a three-year initiative launched by ALEXBANK and the Sawiris Foundation, with a budget of up to EGP 16 million, aiming at integrating artisans with disabilities in the creative economy, leveraging on the bank’s flagship CSR initiative “Eobaaj Men Masr”, cooperating with Regional Association for Development and Enterprises (RADE), SETI Center - Cartias Egypt and Yadaweya organization.
## Statement of Financial Position

**as at December 31, 2018**

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## Statement of Revenues & Expenses

**For The Financial Year Ended December 31, 2018**

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<td>-</td>
<td>(1,524,754)</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash flows resulted from (used in) operating activities</strong></td>
<td>12,575,283</td>
<td>38,642,416</td>
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<td>Payments for purchasing property, plant &amp; equipment</td>
<td>(978,915)</td>
<td>(690,546)</td>
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<td>1,940,000</td>
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<td>Increase/ decrease in long term investments (endowments)</td>
<td>(15,750,000)</td>
<td>(30,777,885)</td>
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<td>Net cash flows (used in) resulted from investing activities</td>
<td>(14,788,935)</td>
<td>(13,241,329)</td>
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<td><strong>Net change in cash &amp; cash equivalents</strong></td>
<td>(2,213,552)</td>
<td>5,401,087</td>
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<td>23,154,930</td>
<td>17,753,843</td>
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<td>20,941,278</td>
<td>23,154,930</td>
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