



**Reporting Period:** 1 January 2015 – 30 June 2015

**Development Partners:**

**Donors:** UK DFID, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, Government of Italy, Government of Sweden (Sida), Rockefeller Brothers Fund, UN Women, Coca-Cola Foundation (UNDP New World Project), UNDP

**Implementing Partner(s):** Ministry of International Cooperation (ENID Project)

**Modality:** NIM

## 1. Quarterly Summary of Activities

### Overall Programmes:

- **Organised ENID's Second Annual Conference on 14 February 2015 in Qena City that reviewed ENID's past progress and discussed future plans of scale up and replication.** The conference attended by some 250 guests was unprecedented, attracting the presence of a large number of policymakers including three ministers (International Cooperation, Planning and Administrative Development, and Local Development), international organizations, foundations, and private sector representatives to the centre of ENID's interventions and to see ENID's activities and beneficiaries on the ground. ENID successfully organized a field visit in various villages for a select number of ministry officials and partners, and another visit following the conference for Founding Members and other guests.



*Ms. Anita Nirody, UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative (left) and H.E. Naglaa El-Ahwany, Minister of International Cooperation (middle) giving remarks at the opening session of the ENID Conference. ENID market place (right) organised during the conference.*

- **ENID Managing Director Prof. Heba Handoussa was invited as a Plenary Speaker in Egypt Economic Development Conference** held in Sharm el Sheikh on March 15 to promote viable investment opportunities in Upper Egypt, along with H.E. Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour, Minister of Trade and Industry, led the session. Prof. Handoussa spoke about the challenges as well as opportunities such as ENID projects for development of Upper Egypt.
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- **Continued resource mobilisation efforts** approaching potential donors from various sectors (e.g. banking, private sector, international donors). Project proposals were prepared for CIB, EFG Hermes, AfDB, AFESD and Canada.
  - **Secured additional funding from UNDP DAS (200,000 USD) and the Government of Italy (499,000 USD) for ENID programmes in 2015-2016.**
  - ENID/EI Nidaa has been engaged in the *Inspire* project led by The Ministry of Planning to create three villages of excellence in Qena. These villages of excellence are seen to become models for integrated development by including interventions in agriculture, manufacture and basic services.
  - ENID/EI Nidaa is finalizing an agreement with a group of Professors from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, in order to conduct an assessment of the situation in poor villages in Qena as well as the effect of ENID/EI Nidaa interventions through a comparative study.
  - Renovated in **ENID/EI Nidaa’s showroom at the ENID office in Dokki** and an opening ceremony was hosted in June for potential clients and partners. ENID also participated in over 10 exhibitions in Cairo to present ENID’s crafts to clients. Events included FURNEX (Feb), Microsoft International Women’s Day (Mar) and the El Alsson School Bazaar and Carnival (Mar).



*Renovated ENID Showroom in Dokki (left); ENID exhibition at FURNEX (right)*

- A thematic roundtable meeting with several NGOs, the UNDP and UN Women was organized at the ENID office in Cairo to discuss the challenges and possibilities in women economic empowerment.

**Outcome Area 1: Increase Income in Upper Egypt**

- Continued the **One Village One Product (OVOP) crafts trainings** including a new training in Palm products, Kelim, Sand Pottery Technique and Wood serving bowls. A new OVOP workshop was implemented for Oima wood work in Gamaleia village
- ENID is seeking to create **handicraft clusters in Qena villages**. In this context, a new workshop Mother of Pearl inlay in Kalahin village was launched with a total number of 38 girls (18 the first batch and 20 the new batch). In addition, new trainings for the Leather workshop in El Shaaneya village and for the Telli embroidery workshop in El Qarameta village in Sohag have started in the second quarter of 2015.
- A group of 7 young girls trained in Glass Casting travelled to Cairo from Qena to extend their training in Haram City, 6<sup>th</sup> of October, where the workshops for Glass Castings are based.
- Continued **TVET Training of Trainers trainings in 6 fields of specialization** including metal processing, electrical works, automotive maintenance, air conditioning, electronics, and readymade garments. A total of 89 TVET teachers have been trained in the 6 specializations in Q1 2015.
- **On 11 May 2015, ENID/El Nidaa organized an event for all the young women beneficiaries in Qena under the titled “First Meeting for Craftswomen and Women Entrepreneurs in Qena”**. Some 400 beneficiaries and guests attended, where they discussed on their future plans and challenges especially following the end of their training.
- Organized a Field Visit for HMA John Casson, the UK Ambassador to Egypt, and Embassy and UNDP delegations to visit various ENID interventions including the woodturning workshop, big milk processing unit, joint literacy and sewing classes, and jewellery accessories workshop on March 29.



*A women beneficiaries working in the Woodturning Workshop in El Gamaleia village (left); The ‘First Meeting for Craftswomen & Women Entrepreneurs’ held in Qena City in May (right).*

**Outcome Area 2: Improve Food Security in Upper Egypt**

- Monitoring, follow-up and provision of technical support for the agricultural recycling, milk processing, roof gardens and poultry raising activities have continued during Q1/Q2 2015.
- Some **1,101 tons of crop residues were recycled to produce 132 tons of non-traditional feed and 1,413 tons of compost**. 227 labourers were hired and a total of 498 farmers were trained during the reporting period.
- Completed the civil engineering work in the breeding and hatching ponds for **the Integrated Fish Farms** in Al Ghab and Shiekh Essa locations as well as the contracts for building the management building, the animal house and the procurement of solar energy units. Two private sector companies for solar energy (Acropol and KarmSolar) were identified and contacted to manage the implementation of solar units in the integrated fish farms.
- **Total production of eggs, since the beginning of the project, reached 62,440 eggs in two locations** with an average 1,561 eggs per household.
- The selection of 3 new partner NGOs in 3 new villages (Nag Said CDA –Deshna; El Ber Wal Tawhid NGO, El Ra'issa village - Nag Hammadi; Awlad Negm CDA - Nag Hammadi) for poultry raising activities was finalized. In the 3 newly selected sites, the partner NGO will cover half the cost of a hatchery (sign of sharing and sustainability) and procure fertile eggs for hatching commercially and use the generated income in supporting and sustaining the activities of the project. In addition, the NGO will donate a percentage of the chicks to new beneficiaries of the poultry project and will use the profits from the sold chicks to support the beneficiaries with feed and needed veterinary services.
- One new roof garden table was prepared and planted in the Research Unit during the reporting period, which was covered by revenues obtained from selling the winter season's crops. As a result, **a total of 23 roof garden units were newly adopted since early 2015**.
- ENID hosted a field visit from the "Al Shomooe" Community Development Association (CDA) from Menia Governorate in May 2015, carried out upon recommendations and support from the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSFSD). The field visit aimed at introducing ENID models and experiences to the CDA in milk processing, roof gardening, crops residue recycling and other agriculture projects.



*A women beneficiaries of the poultry raising units (left); A women beneficiaries from the bid milk processing units (right).*

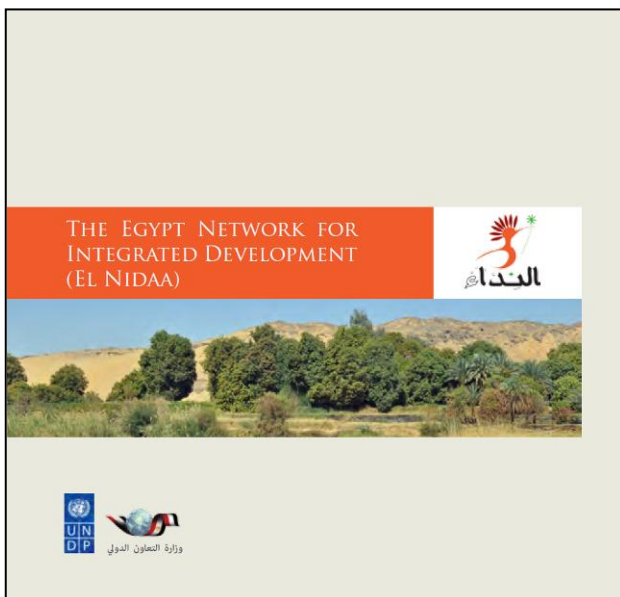
**Outcome Area 3: Improve Basic/Public Service in Upper Egypt**

- ENID has supported the "Together we can, Qena without illiteracy" campaign, and signed a cooperation protocol with the General Authority for Literacy and Adult Education.
- **Established five new literacy classes** in partnership with the General Authority for Literacy and Adult Education (GALAE) in the villages of Gezert El-Hamoud, Gezeret Mattera, El-marashda, Abbassa.
- A training program was designed to raise the **capacity building of boards' members and employees of partnered NGOs**. 8 training days were offered for 11 partner NGOs which included 44 people from NGOs board member and employees.



**Outcome Area 4: Enhancing Knowledge and Strengthen Networks for Local Economic Development**

- During her visit to the World Bank HQ in Washington, ENID/El Nidaa's Managing Director Dr. Heba Handoussa discussed ways of cooperation between the Bank and ENID/El Nidaa in many domains, especially in research.
- Nine authors were selected and solicited individually for their contributions to **the ENID Policy Briefs series**. The briefs are expected to be published in the latter half of 2015.
- Continued maintenance and supervision of **ENID website and social media**.
- Promotional text and descriptive printing of 20 individual items (tents) to be exhibited at the Omar Effendi Cairo exhibition (Manufacturing Programme).
- Revision and reprints of **ENID brochures in Arabic and English** (enclosed).



- Revision and reprint of flyers and leaflets for Agriculture and Manufacturing Programmes.
- Sponsored a 10 minute radio program of Riddles titled **عنايز أشتغل** on Al Bernameg al Aam every day just before Iftar during the month of Ramadan. 30 ideas for small entrepreneurial projects were presented during the show in order for listeners during a drama/comedy, showcasing the various economic possibilities for youth in agriculture, basic services and manufacturing sectors through past successful experiences.

- Participated in a conference on "Enhancing Monitoring & Evaluation Mechanisms: Towards Tangible Impact of Youth Employment Interventions" held in Cairo on April 23, 2015 organized by the Egyptian Forum for Youth Employment Promotion (Egypt-YEP) in collaboration with the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC). A presentation on "Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID): A Case of Results Based M&E" was delivered reflecting ENID experience in Monitoring and Evaluation through the Results Based Management concept. The presentation is available on ENID website.

*For further details please refer to the enclosed Results Framework.*

## 2. Communication and Management:

- **Communication activities surrounding ENID/El Nidaa's Second Annual Conference: A total of 43 articles published online and in traditional media on the Conference. See full press release and media coverage report in Annex 1.**
- **Video clip on 'Empowering Women and Tackling Poverty in Egypt' published showcasing ENID's achievements:** <https://youtu.be/KdlQ4aR4M4Q>



### Empowering Women and Tackling Poverty in Egypt - YouTube

UNDP Egypt is working to reduce poverty with a holistic approach of empowering women and girls, providing services to the poor, education, and vocational & artisanal training.

- **Web article on UNDP Website: "No more black clouds: Sustainable farming in Upper Egypt"** <http://www.eg.undp.org/content/egypt/en/home/ourwork/povertyreduction/successstories/NoBlackClouds.html> (See Annex 2)
- **Social Media Coverage:** Selected Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) and Website outreach (See Annex 3)
- Production of a new **one page Fact Sheet on Qena and ENID projects** (enclosed)

## 3. Challenges/Lessons Learned:

- **Lack of adequate resources to achieve the 2015 Annual Work Plan especially in all sectors, despite ongoing fundraising efforts.**
- **A budget revision is required for the sustainable agricultural development programme mainly supported by the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD).** There is a need to revisit the project implementation costs and expenditures with SFSD in light of the economic changes (exchange rate, inflation, etc.) following the initial launch of the project in 2012.
- **ENID/ El Nidaa preparing launch of a foundation to sustain and scale up the projects achievements following graduation from a UNDP project.** The ENID managing director

consulted legal experts to discuss the status of the ENID/EL Nidaa foundation. A charter has been drafted including information of the founding members, initial capital and location.

- **Need to upgrade the marketing and complete the value chain for ENID's field interventions** especially in the area of craft production.
- Faced with difficulties by partner, Dandara Centre, to meet requirements of legal land certification in relations with establishment of an additional integrated fish farm. Final decision on the fish farm will be reached in Q3 2015.
- Faced administrative challenges with local administrative offices to issuing permits for the small milk processing units. Hence, they have been transferred from NGOs to local households. Training to new household beneficiaries will take place during Q3 2015.
- Building on past experience of using automatic/electrical hatcheries by NGO partners to operate a solidarity system in poultry raising, this new system was introduced in 3 newly selected sites.

#### **4. Future Work Plan:**

##### **Outcome Area 1: Increase Income in Upper Egypt**

- Continue to promote OVOP crafts and upgrade all the OVOP handicrafts to become self-sustainable clusters of craft production.
- Create more integrated villages in Qena that includes activities from the 3 sectors agriculture, manufacture and basic services.
- Progress on the establishment of the RMG factory following the completion of the agreement with the Ministry of Education (subject to additional funding).
- Reinitiate TVET ToT trainings for beneficiaries in a total of 10 different areas of specialization for a total of 150 beneficiaries in the coming period.
- Continue ENID's marketing activities including branding and participation in exhibitions to promote OVOP handicrafts interventions.

##### **Outcome Area 2: Improve Food Security in Upper Egypt**

- Monitoring and follow up will continue for all implemented activities in Q3/Q4 2015.
- Continue the construction work and finalize preparatory work for the integrated fish farms and finalize the selection of the third location after receiving a confirmation from Dandara Centre on land registration issues.
- Complete the training for the household milk processing units.
- Continue working with the 3 new locations for poultry raising
- Continue adoption and dissemination seminars for the roof gardens.
- Continue monitoring and supporting the recycling projects in Dershna and Farshout.

##### **Outcome Area 3: Improve Basic/Public Service in Upper Egypt**

- Strengthen partnerships with the Ministry of Health to renovate one health unit based on a participatory model. Continue to promote awareness sessions in 30 poor villages in Qena which will cover health, nutrition, safety, citizenship rights, and ethics of work.
- Building new partnerships with EFG Hermes and Rotary club (Qasr-El.Nile) to implement integrated interventions in the villages of El-Makhzan and El-Ramla.
- Continue the operation of 2 literacy classes and work to establish 2 additional classes.
- Seeking additional funding to design a stakeholder platform to help mobilize resources and implement sanitation projects in the district of Qous that target many poor villages.
- Implement new computer skills workshops in 3 villages.
- Establish two new pre-school classes subject to additional funding.

#### **Outcome Area 4: Enhancing Knowledge and Strengthen Networks**

- Focus on the commissioning, production and dissemination of Policy Briefs and Case Studies is a priority.
- Refreshing and fine tuning of the ENID website.
- Creation of an online handicrafts marketing site.



**5. Expenditure Reports:**
**Expenditure by Activities (recorded as of 30 June 2015):**

Activities	2015 Budget	Q1-Q2 Expenditures	Delivery (%)	Balance
MSE promotion	\$ 457,784	\$ 274,359	59.9%	\$ 183,425
Agriculture	\$ 434,639	\$ 125,907	29.0%	\$ 308,732
Basic Services	\$ 239,299	\$ 130,943	54.7%	\$ 108,356
Policy/Advocacy	\$ 253,773	\$ 178,408	70.3%	\$ 75,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,385,495</b>	<b>\$ 709,617</b>	<b>51.2%</b>	<b>\$ 675,878</b>

**Expenditure by Donors (recorded as of 30 June 2015):**

Donor	2015 Budget	Q1-Q2 Expenditures	Delivery (%)	Balance
OUDA (MOIC)	\$ 656,416	\$ 394,068	60.0%	\$ 262,348
Sawiris Fd.	\$ 304,639	\$ 87,178	28.6%	\$ 217,461
SIDA	\$ 208,037	\$ 150,349	72.3%	\$ 57,688
UNDP	\$ 115,255	\$ 38,661	33.5%	\$ 76,594
Coca-Cola (NWP)	\$ 100,000	\$ 38,318	38.3%	\$ 61,682
Rockefeller BF	\$ 681	\$ 632	92.8%	\$ 49
UK DFID	\$ 444	\$ 411	92.6%	\$ 33
UN Women	\$ 23	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,385,495</b>	<b>\$ 709,617</b>	<b>51.2%</b>	<b>\$ 675,878</b>

*The Government of Italy has officially joined as a new donor (499,136.47 USD for 2 years) in support of ENID's Micro- and Small-Enterprise Promotion Programmes. Implementation of Government of Italy projects will begin in Q3 2015.*

## ANNEX 1:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ENID Conference Press Release & Media Coverage

#### El Nida'a second annual conference puts focus on integrated development in Upper Egypt

The Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID, "El Nida'a") will be celebrating its second Annual Conference in Qena governorate on 13 and 14 February 2015. This event is expected to bring together over 300 participants, including several ministers, the Governor of Qena, senior local administrative staff, local NGOs, representatives from the villages of Qena, as well as a number of international donors.

El Nida'a is a joint undertaking of the Ministry of International Cooperation and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). El Nida'a draws on global experience, which has shown that an integrated approach linking economic, social and environmental interventions concentrating on a specific area can maximise development. At the same time, El Nida'a designs local solutions for community-level challenges related to unemployment, efficient farming and better public services for poverty reduction and better livelihoods, by working together with local associations, universities, research institutes and government offices.

After two years of implementation and with interventions in 35 villages in Qena, El Nida'a is now planning to expand its interventions in Qena and Upper Egypt to continue providing skills, jobs and services to poor women and youth in the region. Thus far, a total of 2135 young women and men have benefited through El Nida'a's training and 573 of these have been employed in its activities.

At this year's conference, El Nida'a will present its accomplishments and share the lessons learned with local and international partners. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the next steps for El Nida'a to ensure its sustainability and scale up with the government and other stakeholders to achieve sustainable human development in Upper Egypt.

*El Nida'a (ENID) is implemented through generous contributions from the UK Department for International Development, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, UN Women and the Government of Egypt.*

## Media Coverage Report

**No. of Articles Published: 43 (39 news articles +9 blogs)**

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### LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE

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3. **Al Gomhouria:** [http://www.gomhuriaonline.com/main.asp?v\\_article\\_id=225023#.VPv\\_5XyUd8E](http://www.gomhuriaonline.com/main.asp?v_article_id=225023#.VPv_5XyUd8E)
4. **Al Masry Al Youm:** <http://www.almasryalyoum.com/news/details/656277>

5. **El Watan:** <http://www.elwatannews.com/news/details/661330>
6. **Al Wafd:**  
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## ANNEX 2: UNDP Egypt Article

### No more black clouds: Sustainable farming in Upper Egypt

<http://www.eg.undp.org/content/egypt/en/home/ourwork/povertyreduction/successstories/NoBlackClouds.html>



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After every harvest season, the air turns murky and grey in Egypt. This ‘black cloud’ has become a major concern of the government and the general public for its negative impact on people’s health and the environment. Burning agricultural waste has been found to be one of the main causes of this harmful pollution. Many farmers have been burning leftover straws for ages, not knowing the proper ways to dispose and/or recycle them and believing that it is actually beneficial to burn them for farming. However, this is far from true.

Studies have shown that agricultural burning leads to decreasing the organic matter of the soil and to releasing smoke that pollutes the environment and is a hazard to people’s health. Despite knowing its negative effects, tackling crop burning has been difficult as it has become a traditional practice by many farmers in Egypt.

Putting this into perspective, the Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) project, which is a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of International Cooperation, is working to change these unsustainable agricultural practices in Upper Egypt by engaging directly with the farmers and introducing new solutions.

In order to address the issue of agricultural residue burning, ENID partnered with the national Agriculture Research Centre to identify the optimal method of recycling in Upper Egypt. The project involved the farmers themselves in the interactive training and piloting processes in Qena to directly demonstrate the benefits of the new practice and the nutritious and potential economic values of the wasted straws.

In 2014, ENID has started crop recycling pilot project in 2 districts of Deshna and Farshout in Qena with support from the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development and is currently expanding its operations to Abu Teshet district with support from the UNDP New World Project funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation.

“I was burning the corn stalks before. But in this season, I produced six tons of feed-silage through ENID’s training, which saved me a lot of money for feed. I am planning to continue this process again next season.” Said Mahmood Soliman, a farmer in Abu Manaa Qebli village of Qena.

Today, the situation is changing in Qena. The project has helped to not only stop the hazardous practice of agricultural burning, but also provide farmers with new job and income opportunities from the production of compost and feed.

Seeing the economic and environmental benefits, many local farmers have widely embraced the new practice and are requesting further expansion. ENID has engaged early on with the local agricultural authorities to ensure that the practice is sustained and further scaled up to meet this growing demand.

“The crop recycling project has received more interest from the small farmers than expected, so we had to accept more people in the recent training sessions. In the future, we are aiming to scale up our recycling model in Qena with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture.” Said Dr. Dyaa Abdou, the director of ENID’s sustainable agriculture programme.

In addition to crop recycling, ENID has introduced ten other innovative and sustainable farming practices to Upper Egypt including community dairy processing, backyard safe poultry raising, rooftop gardening, integrated fish farms and farmer field schools. Through these activities, the sustainable agricultural programme of ENID has trained some 1,758 people and created new employment opportunities across 20 villages in Qena. These initiatives are gradually but surely leading to positive changes in the beliefs and behaviours of farmers in the region.

*ENID is a project applying an area-based integrated development approach in Upper Egypt with activities in the area of income generation, food security, basic services and policy research. The project has received generous financial support from the UK Department for International Development, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, The Coca-Cola Foundation (via the UNDP New World Project), the Ministry of International Cooperation and UN Women.*

### **Highlights**

- *ENID implements an innovative crop residue recycling pilot project in 3 districts of Qena to stop agricultural burning, which is harmful to both people’s health and the environment.*
- *With support from ENID, crop recycling has become one of the extension services provided by the local government in Qena and has plans to be widely disseminated throughout the governorate.*
- *Through its sustainable agricultural activities including crop recycling, ENID has trained 1,758 people and created new employment opportunities across 20 villages in Qena.*

## ANNEX 3 Selected SNS Activities

### ENID Facebook:


**Egypt Network for Integrated Development - ENID**  
 February 2 · 🌐

Women Empowerment was the foundation of a lot of ENID's activities in the Qena



[on.undp.org](http://on.undp.org)  
 UNDP.ORG


**Egypt Network for Integrated Development - ENID**  
 July 12 at 10:53pm · 🌐

ENID's Upper Egypt village products, marketed under the trade name artizana will be featured at a special counter at Omar Affandi Department Store, Ahmed Orabi street, Mohandesin.

This is a great opportunity to encourage Egypt's handicrafts sector and its success will rely on your support.

<http://www.enid.org/News/NewsDetails/199>



**ENID Twitter:**

ENID @connect2enid · Jul 4  
 ENID's artizana crafts in Maadi @ ABn'G on the Nile event at The Platform till end of Ramadan @connect2enid #Artizana



View photo

ENID @connect2enid · May 9  
 25 Girls joined the laser cutting & burning on wood, glass & leather workshop. A new technique to Qena.



View photo

ENID @connect2enid · Feb 24  
 The importance of ENID's literacy program to women in Qena  
[youtube.com/watch?v=x14B63...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x14B63...)  
 @connect2enid @UNDPEgypt #Qena #Egypt

**ENID website:**

**Governor of Qena visit a number of NGO centres in Qoos**



H.E. General Abdel Hameed El Haggan, Qena Governor with ENID representative Dr. Waleed Abdel Al Rahim visited a number of NGO centers in Qoos