

## Personal Data

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## Education

- 1- PhD in Agricultural Science (Rural Sociology) in the following topic: “A study of some developmental dimensions of the National Integrated Rural Development Program (Shrouk) in Menoufia governorate”, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, 2002.
- 2- M.Sc in Agricultural Science (Rural Sociology) in the following topic: “The effect of rural development programs on social mobility in Menoufia governorate”, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, 1995.
- 3- B.Sc. in Agriculture Science (Development and Rural Planning), Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, 1988.

## Experience

- 1- Working as Deputy Director for Research at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Research Institute (AERDI), Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture (Feb. 2015-now).

- 2- Working as Chief Researcher (Professor) at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Research Institute (AERDI), Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture (2014-now).
- 3- Working as Senior Researcher (Associate Professor) at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Research Institute (AERDI), Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture (2009-now).
- 4- Worked as Researcher at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Research Institute (AERDI), Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture (2002-2008).

### **Duties and achievements**

- Formulation of the annual research plan and quarterly achievement reports at central and stations level.
- Conducting researches and participating in RD projects.
- Participated in conducting an inventory, monitoring visits to NGOs in four governorates to identify people's needs and problems through the local association for rural and central integrated development (LARCID).
- Participated in the integrated rural development program "Shrouk" program as TOT trainer to local leaders.
- Participated in integrating population, and environment education into ongoing agriculture extension programs, conducted by FAO, UNFPA and ministry of agriculture and land reclamation (Egypt).
- Participated in the NGOs directory for rural women and development (DIMITRA) issued by FAO and CARDNE for Egypt.
- Training various categories in rural communities.
- Teaching.
- Attending and participation in conferences and workshops.
- Provide scientific consultations for post graduate students or other relevant bodies.
- Translation of various scientific materials.
- Participated in farmers training within the following project: "Adaptation with climate change in west Nasr Lake", funded by IDRC and implemented by the Near East foundation, Cairo, Egypt, 2010.

- Provided field of expertise to EU-EGY (ENPARD) capacity building activities January 2014- May 2014.
  - Participated in a study titled: "Developmental potentials of some Displacement Nubian villages in Egypt", 2014.
  - Participating as an executive coordinator of the social map component in the FAO project titled: Improving Dietary and food security for Egyptian families by targeting women and youth.
  - Participated in the following studies: a) Contract farming in Egypt of cotton, maize and wheat farmers, b) agricultural land violation in Egypt, 2014-2015
  - Participated in the preparation of the conference titled: Development of the Egyptian rural areas, current and future as a primary attempt to set a rural development strategy for Egypt, 2015.
- 5- Worked as Gender Team Leader at The Institute Of Culture Affaires (Middle East & North Africa) (ICA- MENA) in Women Action Facility Project “(WAF) in Fayoum Governorate aiming at raising NGOs, GOs and quasi governmental organizations (NCW) awareness in gender through two components: capacity building and innovative interventions. It is a Dutch funded project with ICA (MENA) (2002-Mid 2003).

### **Achievements**

- Exchange visits with NGOs, GOs and quasi to elaborate gender concepts through the project.
- Conducting three training courses on “Gender and sustainable development” for National Council of Women (NCW), women representatives in some Fayoum districts (Markazes) and men and women leaders, targeting a total of 128 participants (M/F).
- Participated in conducting the third symposium orientation to review projects achievements and the problems of marriage to foreigners.
- Participated in the following training courses: Mushroom production and marketing, strategic planning, to a number of NGOs and GOs (M/F).
- One day meeting to raise people’s awareness through community development associations (CDAs) in gender and environment.
- One day symposium on enhancing women’s political rights and issuing ID and election cards in collaboration with NCW.

- Conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) in a newly established district (Markaz) including six local units and related CDAs.
  - Preparing an inventory on gender disparities and gaps in three aspects: education, health and agriculture.
  - Participated in preparing the year plan of the project.
  - Participated in issuing a brochure, handouts and achievement report.
- 6- Worked as Gender researcher at the Policy and Coordination Unit for Women in Agriculture (PCUWA) aiming at enhancing and mainstreaming gender issues to grass roots, decision-making levels in three governorates Fayoum, Behira, El-Wady El-Gadid .It is a Dutch funded project in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture (1989-2000).

#### **Achievements**

- Participated in organizing five workshops to start an inventory on needs assessments of rural women in three governorates.
  - Informal visits on the governorate level for lobbying and facilitating development policies targeting women in agriculture.
  - Workshops seeking support and collaboration of NGOs and private agriculture business towards enhancing women's roles in agriculture as a prerequisite for sustainable development.
  - Facilitating and evaluating the obtained results from the workshops.
  - Multiple translations on various data, researches (Arabic ↔ English).
  - Participated in issuing a brochure, and some handouts.
- 7- Worked as an assistant researcher "part time" at the Desert Development Center (DDC) - AUC in water associations, and poverty alleviation projects (1999-2000).

#### **Achievements**

- Conducting a bibliography on poverty alleviation and water association projects.
- Participated in focus group discussions in the new lands to identify the needs, access to and control over resources , and constraints facing the new settlers in order to estate a socio-economic policy overcoming these problems especially women .
- Data collection of the financial schemes in related ministries concerned with poverty alleviation, and analyzing it.

- 8- Worked as Assistant Researcher at the Agriculture Extension and Rural Development Research Institute (AERDI), Agriculture Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture (1989-2001).

### **Achievements**

- Data collection and designing questionnaires in various researches and projects.
- Conducting researches covering different governorates.
- Field worker.
- Training rural leaders and change agents through the National Integrated Rural Development Program (Shrouk) in the following governorates: Menia, Menoufia, Behira, and Fayoum.
- Participated in organizing the rural development symposium in Egypt (past, present, and future) for the Scientific Central Association for Local and Regional Integrated Development (LARCID).

### **Teaching Experience**

- Delivered the following courses at the High Institute of Agriculture Cooperation for under graduate students: Rural leadership, Rural information, Agriculture extension, Demographic studies, in the academic years (1998-1999), (1999-2000) and (2001-2003).
- Delivered the following lectures to trainees of the Egyptian International Centre for Agriculture (EICA) (2006,2008-2015):
  - Gender planning approach for community development.
  - Role of NGOs in community development.
  - Empowerment of female headed households (FHH) and their role in rural development.
- Delivered the following lecture: “Agriculture Mass Media and communication” to Sudanese development officers in Al-Gazira Agriculture Production Project, at the Egyptian International Center for Agriculture (EICA) (March 2008).
- Delivered the following lecture: “Population Problem and Population Policy in Egypt” (TOT) to trainers of the Mainstreaming Population Environment and Food Security into Agriculture Extension Programmes” (FPA/EGY/903/FPA), March 2008.

- Tutoring activities for participants of Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development (SARD) participants in the Mediterranean Agriculture Institute in Bari (IAMB), Italy in the academic year 2007/2008.
- Delivered the following lecture: “Agriculture Mass Media and communication” to Sudanese development officers in Al-Gazira Agriculture Production Project, at the Egyptian International Center for Agriculture (EICA) (January 2009).

### **Training Courses**

1. Training course at The American University in Egypt (AUC) in simultaneous interpretation (Arabic ↔English), 1990.
2. Computer courses at the Canadian-Egyptian project (CEMARP).
3. A training course on: Building measurements for social concepts and issues, at (AERDI).
4. Training course in the following topic: “Gender, the environment, and development planning “Reading University, United Kingdom, (Five weeks) 2000.
5. Training course in the following topic: “Land tenure and rural development” at the International Center for Land Policy studies, (ICLPST), Taiwan, ROC. (Six weeks) 2001.
6. Training course in the following topic: “Gender and Rural Development” at the Regional centre of Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE), Jordan, 2003.
7. Training course in the following topic: “Managing Agriculture Systems” at the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN), Malaysia, 2005.
8. Advanced training course in Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) at Mediterranean Agronomic Institute (IAMB) Bari-Italy, (November 2006 – June 2007).
9. International Computer Driving License (ICDL), endorsed by Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Cairo, Egypt, 2010.
10. Training workshop on knowledge management "KariaNet", IDRC and IFAD, June 22-29, 2011, Cairo, Egypt.
11. An e-learning based training course in Sustainable Agriculture Innovation Systems for small-scale farmers (SAIS) at Mediterranean Agronomic Institute (IAMB) Bari-Italy, (February 2012 – September 2012).
12. Training course in the following topic: “Promotion of agribusiness and rural development in African countries, Tsukuba, Japan, 2014.

## Studies & Researches

Conducted the following studies and researches:

- “A study of potable water projects implemented by the National Integrated Rural Development Program (Shrouk) in Menofia governorate in the period (1995/1999)”, as part of PH.D thesis and delivered to under graduate students at Faculty of Forestry-Prague University, May 2003, in Arabic & English.
- "The role of some NGOs in enhancing rural youth participation in developing their local community", Research Journal of Environment and Society Service, the Scientific Society for Rural Environmental Protection, Sharkia Governorate, volume 4, number 4, December 2005 in Arabic, (joint).
- "Some social determinants of using organic farming technology", 4th Scientific Conference of Agriculture & Biological research Division, National Research Centre, May 5-6, 2008 in Arabic, (joint).
- "Some social aspects of canceling crop rotation control", Annals of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, volume 52, number 2, December, 2007 in English, 2007.
- "Some social motivations of reverse internal migration to rural areas in some villages in Gharbia governorate, The Demographic Center in collaboration with Institute of National Planning, the 36th Annual Conference on population and Development Issues (Problems and Policies), 12-14 December, 2006 in Arabic, (joint).
- “Rural people’s attitudes towards girls’ education in Sharkia and Beni Suef governorates” Arab Universities Journal for Agriculture Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams university, volume 17, 2008 in English, (joint).
- “Local groups and institutions – water user associations in Seila area-Fayoum governorate, Egypt, as part of research activities in SA advanced training course in IAMB-Italy, Annals of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, volume 52, number 2, December, in English, 2007.

- Participated in the following study: " Enhancing the implementation, content and outcomes of the government initiative to develop the poorest 1000 villages: Access to markets: current status and constraints and the supporting anticipated role of the government initiative in six Egyptian governorates, in collaboration with the Social Contract Center (SCC), The Egyptian Cabinet - Information & Decision Support Center (IDSC), (2010-2011), 2012.
- Enforcement mechanisms of Intellectual property rights in agricultural higher education and researches, journal of agricultural economics and social sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Mansoura University, Mansoura, Egypt, vol. 3, no. 12, December, , in Arabic, 2012.
- The Socio-economic impact of Potato as an Export Crop, Alexandria journal of agricultural research, faculty of agriculture, Alexandria University, vol. 57, no. 3, in Arabic, December. 2012.
- Value chain analysis for poverty reduction, a case study of Egypt olive value chain, Alexandria journal of agricultural research, faculty of agriculture, Alexandria University, vol. 57, no. 3, in English, December, 2012.
- Features of Rural Poverty and Current Challenges Facing the Egyptian Agriculture Sector in light of the 1000 Village Governmental Initiative, Arab Universities Journal for Agriculture Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, volume 21, no. 1,2013.
- Small-scale Enterprises as a Mechanism to Empower Rural Women for Poverty Alleviation under publication in the Arab Universities Journal for Agriculture Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams university, vol. 22, no. 2, 2013.
- A Social Study of Some Displacement Nubian Villages, the scientific journal, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, vol. 65,no. 3, 2014.
- Governance of Rural Development In Egypt, Annals of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, volume 59, no. 2, December, in English, 2014.
- Participated in the following study: " Contract Farming of Important Strategic Crops in Egypt, An exploratory study of Wheat, Rice and Cotton Farmers (social perspective), 2014.

- Participated in the following study: " Developmental Potentials in Some Displacement Nubian Villages, 2014.

### **Working Papers**

- Conducted the following working paper: "Empowerment of rural women to small-scale enterprises (SMEs) as one of poverty alleviation mechanisms", 2005, unpublished, in Arabic.
- Delivered the following paper: "Intellectual property rights in Egypt"-in Arabic, submitted to the proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> conference on statistics and computer sciences and its applications in Egypt (5-16 April, 2009).
- Participated in the International Conference "Modern Housing as an Engine for Comprehensive Development and Transformation of Rural Areas, Enhancing Living Standards of Population", Tashkent city, Uzbekistan, 16-17 April 2013 with a paper titled "The rural housing construction in Egypt between the past and future".
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Agronomic symposium "Agrosym 2013", Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-6 October, 2013 with a paper titled "Governance of agriculture and rural development in Egypt".

### **Other Activities**

- Participated in the AERI institutional linkage project (preparation phase), conducted by U.S.A. Midwest universities for international activities (MUCIA).inc. and university of Illinois in collaboration with ARC and five Egyptian universities, 2003.
- Worked as part time for organization of constructing and development of Egyptian village (ORDEV) 2004.
- Worked as part time for Centre of Rural Development Research and Studies, Cairo University (2005/2006).

- Participated in establishing a rural development database-Egypt web page- (FORMDER) in collaboration with the international centre for advanced Mediterranean agronomic studies (CIHEAM) through the previous centre in Cairo University (2005/2006).
- Participated in preparation of the scientific material of a training course which will be provided to farmers in some Egyptian governorates regarding NGOs and their role in community development (2009).
- Participated in preparation of the scientific material of a training course which will be provided to agriculture engineers and extensionists in some Egyptian governorates regarding social assessment and evaluation of developmental projects (2009).

#### **Conferences and workshops**

- The 16th annual scientific conference of social service and information era, Faculty of Social Service, Cairo University, 4-5 May, 2005.
- The 36<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Cairo Demographic Centre (CDC), Cairo, Egypt, December, 2006.
- Meeting of the gender consultancy team of “women and employment project”, Italian technical cooperation- Cairo office in collaboration with ETF and North South Consultants Exchange, Cairo, Egypt, June, 2009.
- Information day on: MEDA go to Europe, national training, Biocircle-FTC, , Agricultural Research Centre (ARC), Giza, Egypt, July, 2009
- FP7 thematic information day, new call for proposals: environment and KBBE, National Research Centre, Egypt, November, 2009.
- The Euro-Med innovation market place, Fairmont tower, January 26-28, Cairo, Egypt, 2010.
- Seminar on climate change and its effect on environment “Role of NGOs”, (JICA) Alumni Association, Cairo, Egypt, March, 2010.
- Workshop on the use of remote sensing and GIS in agricultural purposes, October 21-22, 2012, ARC and CARDNE.
- The International Conference “Modern Housing as an Engine for Comprehensive Development and Transformation of Rural Areas, Enhancing Living Standards of Population”, Tashkent city, Uzbekistan, 16-17 April 2013.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> International Agronomic symposium “Agrosym 2013”, Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-6 October, 2013.
- EU-Egypt Partnership in Higher Education, Research and Innovation, "Promotion Campaign", Cairo University, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2013.

#### **Translation Skills**

- Translated the local human development report for three Egyptian governorates, through the participatory local development project (first phase) conducted by ORDEV and UNDP.
- Other multiple translations.

#### **Affiliations**

- Member of the Association for Local and Regional Integrated Development (LARCID).
- Member of the Egyptian Rural Sociology Science Association.

#### **Awards**

- Participant award from the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP), Best MTCP 2005 - Managing Agriculture Systems Course conducted by the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN), Malaysia.

#### **Skills**

- Training and facilitation skills.
- Arabic ↔English translation.
- Report writing.
- Computer skills.
- Research skills.
- Teaching skills.
- Documentation

## References

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