



Suez Cement signs a new partnership agreement with the Ministry of Family and Population and provides L.E. 3,500,000 to create new job opportunities in Helwan and El Minya Governorates

Cairo, 22 of December 2009. Roberto Callieri, Managing Director of Suez Cement group of Companies, and the Minister of Family and Population, H.E. Moushira Khattab, signed a new partnership agreement today to support the families of Helwan and El Minya governorates.

With this agreement Suez Cement and the Ministry of Family and Population target the poorest and most vulnerable groups of Kafr El Elw, El Maasara and Beni Khaled Samalut areas and will build capacity to deliver more effective and efficient social services.

Suez Cement group of Companies and NCCM have entered in 2007 a strategic partnership aiming to promote and protect the children rights by providing them birth certificates, ensuring the child's rights to education, raising environmental and health awareness, supporting medical care and health standards, improve recreational and sports activities as well as enhancing the economic and social standards.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Managing Director of Suez Cement group of Companies, Roberto Callieri said *"Suez Cement has been engaged in projects supporting the rights of the children and their families living in Helwan and El Minya governorates for more than three years. We will continue our commitment to a program designed to fight unemployment and alleviate its consequences in the framework of the strategy of the Ministry of Family and Population to implement a program of social protection"*.

With the third phase of the project the activities implemented in Helwan governorate will be extended also to El Minya governorate. The new project will mainly focus on developing new or existing income-generating activities, protect the environment and promote grass-roots institutions.

To date SCGC managed to upgrade six schools in Helwan and Tourah districts, developed two medical and health centers in Kafr El Elw and el Maasara areas, implemented 20 environmental camps involving 10 schools, 17 NGOs, 64 teachers and 1300 students to develop "green corner" spirit in schools and public places.

Suez Cement is one of the largest cement producers in Egypt. With an industrial network of five production facilities in Suez, Kattameya, Tourah, Helwan and El Minya, Suez Cement produces approximately 12 million metric tons of clinker per year.