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Helping Disabled Children in Egypt Grow Up



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Egypt has placed a high priority on disability with the adoption of a law providing many entitlements and provisions for disabled children and their families. Nevertheless, they remain an isolated and vulnerable group facing violation of their rights due to their own ignorance and the misperception of society.

An EU project helps hundreds of disabled children and youth in Egypt from families with low income and poor living conditions advance their prospects as they make the transition to adult life.

Over 18 months, the project is improving their access to vocational and professional training and giving them proper information about their economic and social rights. The project raises awareness of the economic and social rights of disabled children and youth with their families, local communities, schools, transport, local government and businesses. Existing services for disabled people are being assessed, improved and promoted to help strengthen their capacities.

This project is helping, in particular, Egyptian NGOs encourage rural administrations to put the law into practice at a local level in areas where many disabled children and youth and their families are living in poverty in remote villages.

The project is benefiting up to 800 children and youth between the ages of 10 and 26 who are deaf, dumb, blind or with mental and motor disabilities, improving their living conditions and prospects.