

CEG1000- CULTURAL HERITAGE
SAQQARA

SECTOR	SITES MANAGEMENT	PROJECT COST	0,55 M€
AFD BOARD DECISION	: 13 NOVEMBER 2009	COFINANCIERS	SCA 0.05 M€
GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNED ON	:	AFD GRANT	0,5 M€
RATIFICATION BY PARLIAMENT	:	MATURITY/ GRACE PERIOD	N.R.
EFFECTIVENESS	:	TYPE OF LOAN	N.R.
1 ST DISBURSEMENT	:	DIRECT BENEFICIARY	SUPREME COUNCIL OF ANTIQUITIES
DEADLINE FOR DISBURSEMENT	:	DISBURSEMENT RATE	0%

Project Description: Preservation, Development and Management of Saqqara Archaeological Site (Memphis Necropolis).

Implementing Agency: Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA)

Other partners: Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, General Organization for Physical Planning (GOPP), 6th of October Governorate.

Final beneficiaries: Supreme Council of Antiquities

Development Goals : The General Objective of the Project is to consolidate the status of Memphis and its necropolis, and more especially Saqqara and its vicinity, as an attractive pole, generating revenues on the long term, in harmony with the site's natural and human environment.

Project's specific objectives:

1. To enhance the value, significance and attractiveness of Saqqara site and its vicinity, as a reference site to both national and international visitors, especially individuals.
2. To increase the capacity of SCA to formulate, implement and administer Site Management and Visitation Plans, and sensitize other stakeholders (GOPP, 6th of October Governorates,...) on the issue of buffer zone protection.
3. To strengthen the role of the archaeological missions and of the Egyptian Inspectorates by providing high quality site management facilities and interpretation panels that add value to their work on the site.

Content of the Project:

- Rehabilitation of the site and implementation of a visitation routing for Djoser pyramid and its vicinity, designing and building of facilities within this area (shelters, signage, basic services and toilets).
- Conducting on-the-job training in Site Management for the inspectors.

Financing Plan : The total cost of the project is 0,55 Million € including an AFD grant of 0,5 Million €. Additional financing from private sponsors will be looked for.

Project duration : 18 months (2010-2011)

Impact :

- Increased site patronage, especially by making it more attractive for individuals and students.
- Capacity building and appropriation of new site management techniques by inspectors and SCA employees, to be replicated in other sites.
- Site development and consequent increase in revenues could convince Egyptian authorities to finance new cultural heritage projects through international borrowing.