

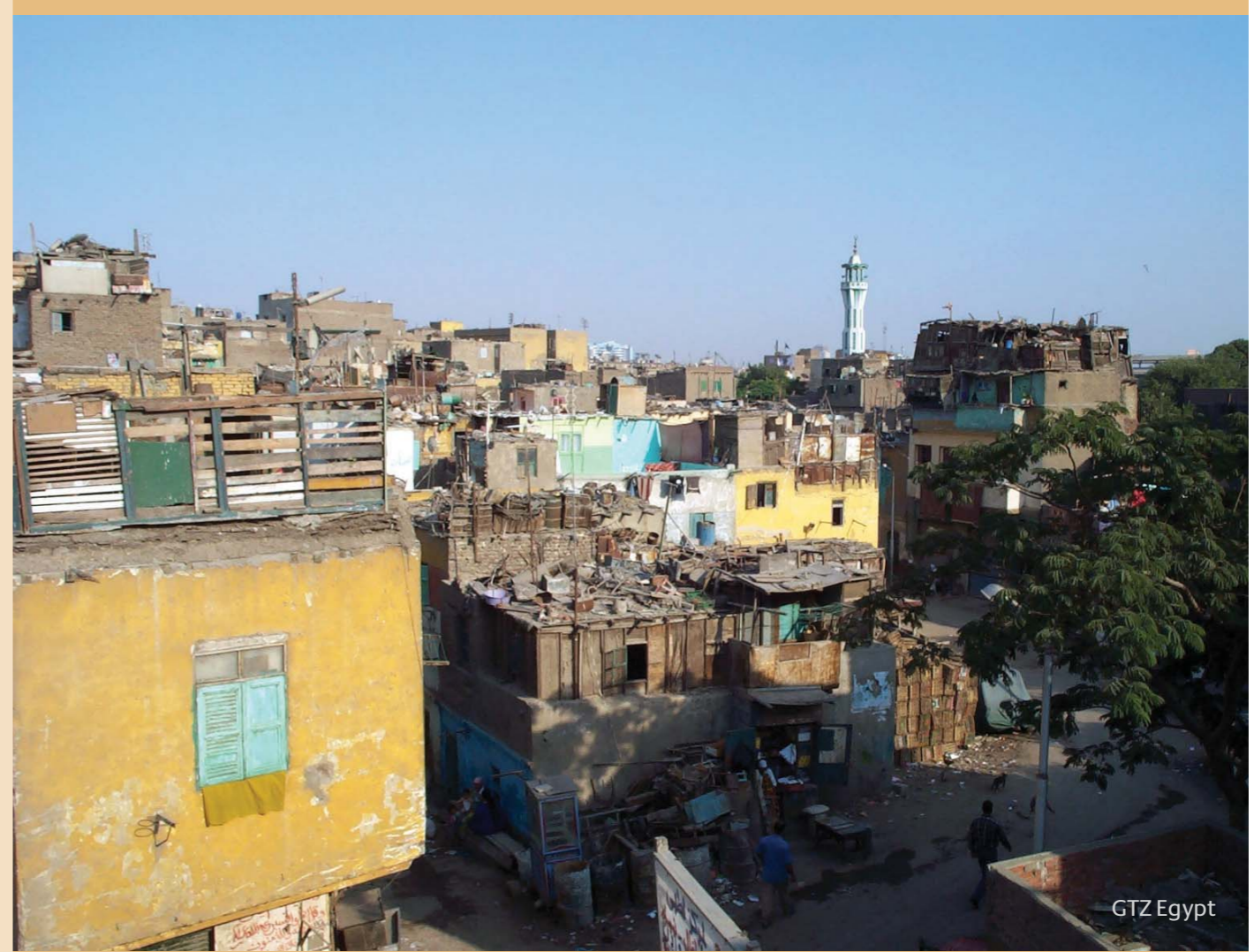
Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas, Egypt (PDP)

There are 18 million people living in Cairo, six times as many as 60 years ago. As in other Egyptian cities, 'informal' settlements have sprung up. By shaping the framework conditions, the public administration can make an important contribution to improving the circumstances in which people live in these informal areas. This is where the Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas (PDP) plays a part.

The programme supports the authorities in Cairo, Gizeh and other cities in introducing and implementing participatory policies, and in urban development and combating poverty. This means providing the authorities with advice on how they can improve the situation in which people live and develop the infrastructure in informal areas. The programme also supports networks between actors in the public and private spheres and civil society.

The results of the programme at a glance:

- So far the programme has reached some 2.8 million people on low incomes in Egypt and has played a part in improving the circumstances in which they live.
- The residents of the informal areas have begun to develop solutions to the problems in their surroundings themselves – through the programme, but also thanks to nationwide self-help initiatives and support from non-governmental organisations.
- At the local level the population is brought into the decision-making process and kept continuously informed.
- New citizen participation methods are also being developed at the national level.
- There is now clean drinking water in the most densely populated district of Cairo thanks to the joint engagement of the local administration and the residents.



The client for this cooperative project between the Egyptian Ministry of Economic Development MoED, KfW Entwicklungsbank and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In a complementary approach, KfW Entwicklungsbank is financing infrastructural measures such as the construction of drinking water and wastewater systems.

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