



Egypt Vocational School in Giza equips vulnerable youth

Goal: US \$ 84,144 – C \$ 111,000

The Anglican Relief Development Fund of Canada, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Egypt, will help to support the continued development of a Vocational Training Center in Giza, Egypt. The Vocational Training Center will enroll 144 students, both male and female, between the ages of 16 and 30.

Students are required to pay a minimal fee to participate in the classes. For those who graduate, half of the fee is refunded as an incentive to complete the training. After finishing the course, those who are ready to start new businesses receive loans that need to be repaid in one to two years. It is expected that 15 to 20 students will qualify for a loan. To date, all loans given out by the Vocational Training Center have been repaid.

The Center will teach young people valuable technical skills that will help to make them more employable in their communities. Students will be able to learn a new trade or discover how to operate a small business on their own. These students all have some level of technical training/ability, but do not yet have enough skill to secure gainful employment. The Vocational Training Center will increase enrollment and funding to meet the needs of these students. In 2015 Bp. Charlie Masters and Claus Lenk visited the school and were impressed with the enthusiastic group of young people learning new skills.

Benefits 576 people:

44 students directly benefit from skills training offered at the Vocational Technical Center in one year 432 family members of the students benefit from increased household income (3 per student). 20 students benefit from small business loans to start a business.

Egypt is a predominantly Muslim country in North East Africa that borders the Middle East and has a population of approximately 96 million. Giza, the city where the Vocational Center is located, is the country's third largest city and lies in close proximity to the famous capital city, Cairo.

> **See a video of Bishop Mouneer of Egypt expressing his support and gratitude**

