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## Scaling up Good Agricultural Practices in the Governorate of Minya Promoting Rural Resilience Project in Minya

- Location:** Egypt, 7 rural communities in 4 districts in the Governorate of Minya: Abo Korkas (Ebyouha); Matay (Ebwaan, Bardanouha, Menbaal); Benni Mazar (Abo Gerg); Minya (Saft El Laban, El Porgayah).
- Description:** Promoting Rural Resilience Project in Minya (PRRM) will facilitate the application, replication and dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices through linking small farmers to the most profitable markets to improve productivity, increase income and enhance local communities living conditions.  
PRRM is keen to ensure the sustainability of the Project actions and its impact through strengthening linkage among all actors (small farmers, public and private sectors, and the government, etc.) who are participating in the agricultural process and building their capacities.
- Duration:** 30 months (Starting from February 2017).
- Budget:** Euro 0.70 Million (EU Contribution 90%).
- Implementing Entity:** Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS).
- Partner Ministries:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (Lead Ministry); Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation; and Ministry of Local Development.
- Overall Objective:**
- To build resilient rural communities in terms of poverty;
  - To alleviate and promote livelihoods of small farmers and their families, through improving productivity by applying Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and linking them to the most profitable markets.
- Specific Objective:**
- To establish a new replicable and measurable rural development model to increase small farmers' income through the application of Territorial Approach to Rural Development;
  - To achieve agricultural value chains of high productivity and profitability, while promoting optimum natural resources management, in collaboration with governmental agencies and private sector.
- Target Groups:**
- 1,540 rural inhabitants (1,050 male/female farmers following GAPs);
  - 240 rural women implementing income generating activities;
  - 250 male/female youth acquiring post-harvest skills);
  - 7 Community Based Organizations, Farmers' Cooperative;
  - 50 Agricultural Extension Agency staff.
- Expected Results:**
- Capacities and skills of 7 Elected Committees, 7 Community Based Organizations and 1 Farmers' Cooperative enhanced to work as communication links between actors involved in agricultural value chains of small farmers and governmental and private sectors.
  - 1,050 small male and female farmers have their productivity increased (for maize, wheat, soybeans, garlic potatoes, coriander and marjoram crops) through applying GAPs and linked to most profitable markets.
  - 490 rural women and youth have active participation enhanced through the acquired skills of managing income generating activities and post-harvest, contributing to food security and reflecting on their income increase.

