



Eboo's primary vision is thus to empower destitute women and children in Egypt. Empowerment is achieved through assisting women to develop new skills, helping to educate children and ultimately enabling these individuals to control their own lives and make their own decisions. The more women and children who become self-sufficient, the better the quality of life they and their families can enjoy.

**People we support**

**1) Women in Moqattam**

Zabaleen women, in Moqattam, sew bags, aprons, and a host of other items for which they are paid a premium. Proceeds from sales pay their salaries and have covered the costs of two additional sewing machines, a cutting machine and an industrial ironing board.

**2) Sudanese Refugees in Nasr City**

Two classrooms of children, around 60 toddlers in total, are supported. Eboo pays the salaries of the teachers, rent and electricity of the classrooms. Eboo has also commissioned the Vocational

who have been abandoned by their parents or are orphans. We assist by supplementing meals and clothes where needed, as well as any extras that are required.

**Where are we now?**

Eboo recently launched a website

[www.ebooproject.org](http://www.ebooproject.org) which has helped us connect with people from many different countries. We have also made tentative plans to develop a sewing and training centre for the Zabaleen women. However, everything in Egypt takes time and we have learnt that patience is key towards fulfilling our goals.

We are also in the process of trying to find skilled teachers to help the Sudanese refugee teachers' develop proper child management programs; teach practical skills to aid the children's dexterity; and improve their proficiency at stimulating the toddlers. This will enable the teachers to develop sustainable skills which will help them find future employment and will also teach the children



Training Centre for the Deaf to make desks, chairs and bookshelves to furnish the classrooms and aid learning.

**3) Operation Smile**

Money is donated on a regular basis to Operation Smile, which is a non-profit organization. Operation Smile offers free surgeries for children with cleft palates.

**4) Amalna Orphanage for Abandoned Girls in Nasr City**

This is a home for eight Egyptian girls

fundamental life skills. We are also looking for volunteers to spend time with the children and teach them arts and crafts. We believe that to learn a lesson is a far better reward than to receive a gift.

We have expanded our range of stock and currently sell ten different items. We have discovered that people prefer to support a non-profit project if they are receiving a product rather than just donating cash. We have also had our finances audited by an independent



accountant to ensure complete transparency. To date, we have sold almost 7000 bags and over 3500 aprons. We are also selling our products through a number of stores in Cairo, namely, the CSA shop, Dar Gallery and the Khan Misr Touloun shop opposite the Ibn Touloun Mosque.

Eboo emails a monthly newsletter to over 70 interested parties, and has approximately 10 regular volunteers who help sell goods at various bazaars or take products back to their home countries and sell them there. So our products are slowly starting to become global!

Our long-term goal is to ensure continued sustainability and growth of Eboo and in so doing fulfill the proverb that "Knowledge is the best charity". All of this has been made possible through Fenneke's passionate vision and incredible willpower proving that just one person can indeed make a difference.

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