

دراسة بعنوان تقويم عمليات تنظيم المجتمع في الإتحاد الإقليمي للجمعيات والمؤسسات الأهلية بمحافظة الفيوم

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Title: Evaluating the Processes of Community Organization in Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions in Fayoum Governorate

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I- Problem of the Study:

The Community Organization Method is practiced through primary bodies. This research focuses on the investigation of community organization processes within one of the primary Community Organization bodies, that is, the Regional Union for Associations and private Institutions in Fayoum Governorate.

The Union is working hard to perform its role through specialized committees. The Union was established in Fayoum according to resolution No. 37/1967. It performs its role through eleven specialized committees, namely: Planning and Coordination committee, Research and Studies, Training and Evaluation, Culture and Information, Funding committee, Productive and Service Projects, Committee of Public Relations, Committee of Environment, Women Committee, Committee of Volunteerism, and Committee of Legal Affairs.

These committees and their specializations are closely linked to the practice of Community Organization. Since Community Organization is a primary method in Social Work profession, it consists of a set of processes. Thus, it is important to wonder if the civil society organizations with their current situation and performance, including the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions, are eligible to assume the burden of leading the civil society towards the achievement of social reform. These processes entail vital decisions and choices of alternatives. In addition, there is obvious overlap between practice of various community organization method aiming at organizational development in civil institutions and those in governmental institutions. Hence, many studies have not determined the existence of real and effective practice of community organization process exemplified in (communication, coordination, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation). Is this true or not?

Accordingly, the current study attempted to identify the nature of practice of such processes within the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions in Fayoum Governorate; and to define factors affecting this practice; then obstacles of achieving it; and attitudes of the boards towards the practice of these processes; then how to improve them or creating them if they do not exist. Hence, the problem of the study was stated as "an evaluative study for community organization processes in the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions in Fayoum Governorate.

II- Concepts of the Study: the study deals with the following concepts of process, coordination, communication, decision-making, evaluation, and the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions.

III- Methodology of the Study:

- a. **Type of the Study:** an evaluative study
- b. **Method:** comprehensive social survey to be applied to all members of the board in the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions.

c. **Tools:** a questionnaire form to measure the reality of practice in Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions, as to the process of Community Organization method.

d. Fields of the Study:

Location: the Regional Union for Associations and Civil Institutions in Fayoum Governorate

Sample and Human scope: the sample was drawn from members of specialized committees in the Union (n=49), and from members of board the Union (n=15). The total sample is (64 units).

Duration: from April 1st, 2007 till July 1st 2007

IV- Results of the Study:

1- Procedures of community organization to rationalize coordination:

- To be sure that benefits of coordination process are fairly distributed among the member associations
- Constant supervision for coordination of tasks and efforts within the Regional Union
- To provide sufficient modern means of communication that are necessary for good communication with the member associations

2- Practicing the community organization method to rationalize communication process:

- Good communication with public leaderships and getting their help in achieving the goals of the member associations
- Choosing the appropriate means of communication with parties responsible for adjusting the law of associations to get better advantages that help in achieving their goals

3- Practicing the community organization method to rationalize decision-making process:

- It is necessary to identify the goals of implementations of certain decisions within the Union
- To encourage decision-making concerning environmental needs assessments and resources in a way that guarantee bridging the gaps in these services
- The decision-making should be linked to the goals of the Regional Union

4- Practicing the community organization method to rationalize the implementation process:

- Committing to the implementation of training programs for the member associations in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Security
- To train public and executive leaders, and also members the Union board, on tasks that they will perform

5- Practicing the community organization method to rationalize the evaluation process:

- Accurate definition of success/failure factors for technical processes used in the Union
- It is necessary to develop and adjust laws of associations continuously according the needs of the member associations