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1- Problem of the Study:

Women, in general, and particularly the rural women in the third world attract the attention of all organizations. This is due to their suffering from neglect, marginalization, deprivation, poverty, and unemployment, in spite of the efforts exerted at global, regional, and local levels by the governmental and civil organizations and agencies. Those efforts have not enhanced the status of women and are not enough to meet the aspirations of marginalized people and those preoccupied with the situations of women as to issues of poverty, deprivation, and unemployment. This study attempts to achieve a set of aims, including the assertion of the importance of women's role in developing production and manufacturing, especially in rural areas, through the investment of the resources available in rural environment, and the conversion of raw materials (animal, agricultural materials, ..etc.) to industries. The study is based on the method of social group work with its techniques that can the social workers uses during their practice. The social workers here should select the best techniques and models that fit the nature of each situation.

2- Terminology of the Study:

- a. Professional Practice of Social Group Work,
- b. Awareness development, and
- c. Rural industries.

3- Hypotheses of the Study:

The study attempts to verify the main hypothesis that "*There is a positive statistically significant relationship between the social group work and the development of women awareness of the importance of rural environmental industries*".

There are sub-hypotheses that stem from the main one, as the following:

- a. There is a positive statistically significant relationship between the social group work and *the development of rural women awareness of the importance of rural environmental industries*.
- b. There is a positive statistically significant relationship between the social group work and *the formation of positive situation in rural women towards the rural environmental industries*.
- c. There is a positive statistically significant relationship between the social group work and *the increase of participation rate of rural women in production and manufacturing of the rural environmental industries*.

4- Methodology of the Study:

Type of the Study: quasi-experimental study using the one-group model.

Type of the method: experimental method

Tools of the study: a scale for the development of rural women's awareness of the importance of rural industries.