



Economy of Love Egypt Organic farming and CO2 certification

Project name	Economy of Love (EoL) Egypt
Country / Region	Egypt
Time frame	11.2023 - 10.2026
Financing	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project objective	The partner association EBDA promotes and disseminates the innovative "Economy of Love" certification programme, which focuses on climate protection, food security and fair employment.
Target groups	Direct target groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employees and cooperation partners of the EBDA association - Farmers and agricultural businesses in Egypt - Young university graduates - Seasonal workers and harvest workers, especially women
	Indirect target groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumers of agricultural (organic) products in Egypt and in export countries - Rural population in Egypt

Background

With over 100 million inhabitants, Egypt is the most populated country in the Arab world. The population is very young and it is growing at a rate of 2.5 % per year. Thus, the age structure of the population faces Egypt with considerable challenges in many areas, particularly in education, job creation and improving living standards.

German partner bbw gGmbH

The German partner of the project is the Bildungswerk der Bayerischen Wirtschaft (bbw) gGmbH. bbw has been developing and implementing international education and training projects for more than 20 years.



Partner organisation in Egypt

The Egyptian Biodynamic Association (EBDA) was founded in 1990 as part of the SEKEM initiative (see [About Us - SEKEM](#)), formally registered as a non-profit organisation with the Ministry of Social Affairs in 1996 and it is the oldest association in Egypt supporting farmers in the transition from conventional to regenerative and organic agriculture.



An agricultural advisor plans her assignments

Project description

With the help of the Egyptian Demeter Association EBDA, the EoL Egypt project supports the agricultural sector in converting from conventional to biodynamic agriculture. Biodynamic farmers can be certified, for their farming methods bind CO₂, and this certification is remunerated with internationally tradable certificates which provide the farmers with a second income. This contributes to fair employment and climate protection. At least 3,500 farms will be converted within 3 years. The farmers' income will almost double. Around 30,000 people, mainly women, find employment.

The EoL certification system is further scaled up through consulting and capacity development, communication and public relations work with the help of technical expertise (assignments of long-term and short-term experts) and selected investments. EBDA employees, members, service providers and partner organisations are supported through consultancy assignments, contributions to further training, staff cost subsidies and equipment subsidies, particularly for digital learning materials and hardware for monitoring, reporting, validation and verification (MRV). Consultancy, certification and carbon offsetting services of the EoL standard will thus be (further) developed and established and serve as a basis for further dissemination to promote regenerative agriculture in Egypt. EBDA will be enabled to include a further 3,500 farms in the certification programme and to further strengthen the developed systems. EBDA will also receive expertise to place the trade in EoL CO₂ certificates on a broader basis in order to trade larger volumes and thereby finance the services within the certification system (output).

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