



**Deraya  
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Office of International Cooperation

**Communication on Engagement**

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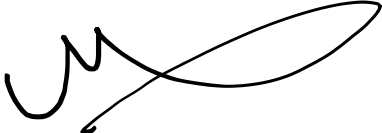
Your Excellency,

I am glad to confirm that Deraya University in El Minya, Egypt reaffirms its commitment to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

This letter expresses our aspiration to advance these principles through different levels of our academic and social responsibility.

Furthermore, this Communication on Engagement outlines past and current actions that our university has taken over the past two years to directly align our academic practices with the Global Compact universal principles. We commit to sharing this information with our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners.

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Knowledge Shapes the Future



Deraya University was established in **2010** by the Egyptian Presidential Decree **No. 91/2010** as the second **private** university in southern Egypt.



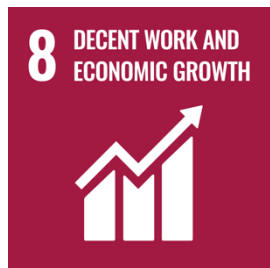
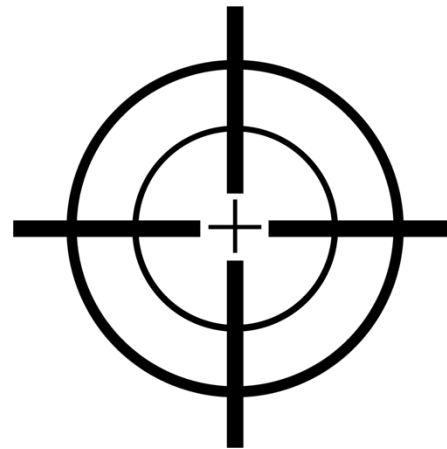
Our **mission** is to provide an avenue of high-quality modern higher education to Upper Egyptians, emphasizing active intellectual engagement, participation, and discovery, all within an **innovative academic environment** conducive to such learning.



Our **vision** is to benefit humanity through research and education-related activities. We educate to **unlock the potential** of our students and researchers to lead the change in their societies.



# Our Scope





The community Service Office at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing organized a medical convoy to the Borgaya Youth Center in Al-Minya. This convoy was named after “Alaa Bahgat Bakr”, a third-year pharmacy student who sadly passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

The convoy aimed at improving the overall health of the village residents through conducting medical examinations and monitoring blood sugar levels for 62 elderly residents and 17 children.

The University also ran an awareness campaign inside the University campus to warn against the complications of diabetes. During the campaign, the blood sugar levels of the students, and the University staff were measured and those diagnosed with diabetes were directed to the outpatient clinics for further assessment and treatment.



## **How to Successfully Secure a Scholarship to Study Abroad**

This was the title of a workshop offered to our community students. The workshop was organized by the Office of Alumni Affairs in coordination with the Future Pharmacist Student Association (FPA).

The workshop was moderated by Dr. Usama Ramadan and Dr. Kareem Ebeid. Dr. Ramadan is an Associate Professor of Phytochemistry at Deraya University. He received his Ph.D. from the renowned University of Würzburg in Germany. He was awarded the prestigious STATE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD in the fields of medical sciences from the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology in 2020.

Dr. Ebeid is an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics at Minia University and Deraya's President Advisor on International Cooperation. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in USA. During his studies, Dr. Ebeid received the Graduate Research Excellence Award in the Sciences. Dr. Ramadan and Dr. Ebeid received multiple scholarships during and after their Ph.D. studies. The workshop covered the requirements needed to apply for scholarships in Germany and USA. At the end of the workshop, Dr. Ramadan and Dr. Ebeid answered the students' questions, and encouraged them to plan ahead, and to properly invest time and effort to achieve their goals.



Deraya University organized a medical convoy to the Faculty of Arts at Minya University. The convoy aimed at checking the health of the Faculty of Arts staff and workers. Not only did the medical convoy measure blood sugar levels to almost 40 of them, but they also directed those who had abnormal blood sugar levels to Deraya's health services department for further assessment, and treatment.



Innovative thinking is one of the uttermost qualities that Deraya University strive to inculcate in its students. Hence, Deraya University announced its first ever Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative for its students with a grand prize of 50,000 EGP. The initiative encouraged students to come up with their own startup ideas, which include developing a unique product or service and bring it to market.

Amira Ali Gabr, a 5<sup>th</sup> year student in the Faculty of Physiotherapy, secured the first place in Deraya's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative, for inventing a supportive suit that correct posture and avoid neck and back pain while setting down. Moreover, three more participants in the initiative won 5000 EGP/each, and were honored by the deans of the Faculties of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Physiotherapy, for their superb work on conducting feasibility studies on their startup ideas. Those winners are:

- Mohamed Mahmoud Ali – 5<sup>th</sup> year student at the Faculty of Physiotherapy.
- Hager Ragab Refaay – 2020 Class graduate of the Faculty of Physiotherapy.
- Mohamed Mostafa Mohamed – 2020 Class graduate of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Deraya University, being an innovative university in the heart of Upper Egypt, encourages its students to think innovatively, constantly develop their talents, and improve their set of skills while still at the University in order to be prepared for the job market challenges.





Faculty of Pharmacy at Deraya University organized a visit to an orphanage in Al-Minya City named “Moassaset El Banen” which means “The Orphan Boys Foundation”.

During the visit, students and professors from the Faculty of Pharmacy raised awareness about the dangers of the Corona virus and informed the orphaned children about the measures that should be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. At the end of the visit, the children received gifts from Deraya students.

### 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



In coordination with the governmental organization, Addiction Treatment and Abuse Fund, the Student Welfare Office at the University and the Fight of Cancer “FOC” Student Club, organized awareness campaign across our community about the dangers associated with drug abuse, addiction and smoking, and the emerging prevention and treatment strategies. The campaign concludes its activities by distributing brochures to the students that include a list of free rehabilitation centers in Al-Minya city.



Faculty of Pharmacy at Deraya University organized a comprehensive medical convoy to Saint Hanna Nursing Home, in New Minya City. In addition to checking the residents' blood pressure and sugar levels, Dr Manar Samir, the Director of the Health Services at the University, carried out full physical examination to 13 residents of the nursing home to assure their health and wellbeing.



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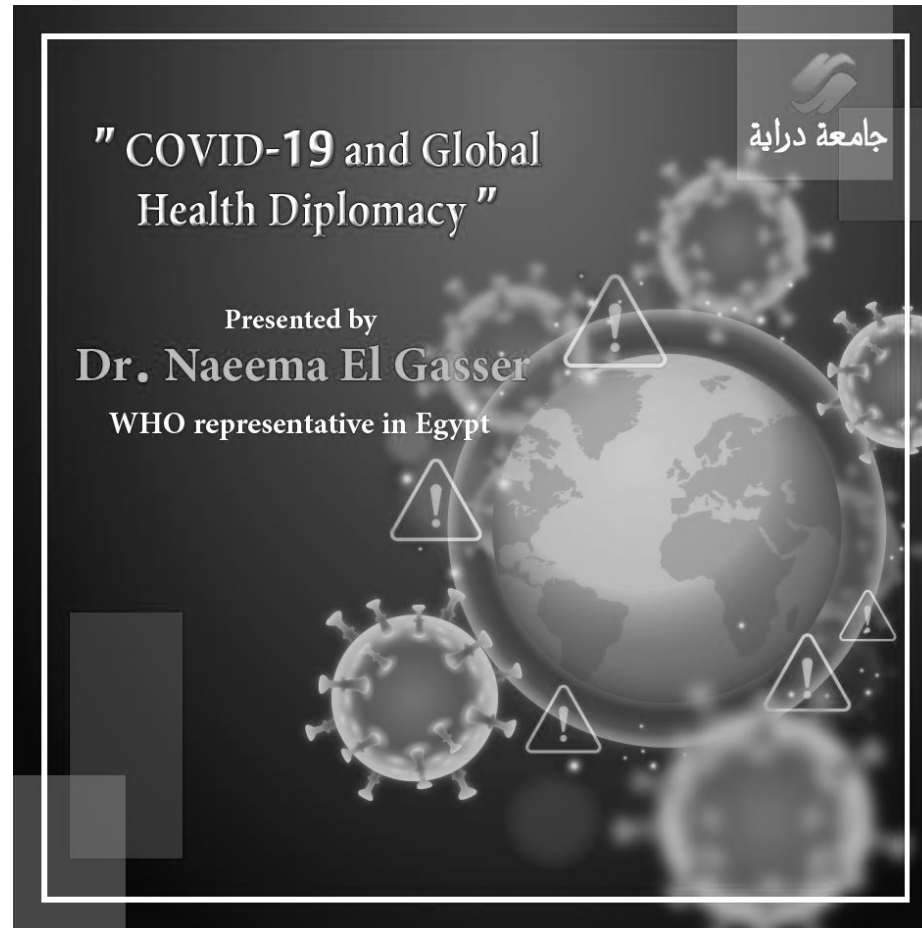
As part of Deraya University's commitment towards community service, the Faculty of Physiotherapy organized a one-day convoy to El Mataharah El Bahariya village.

The convoy aimed at checking the health of the village's residents against chronic bone and joint diseases. The team examined 304 cases, of which 10 were for children with special needs. A number of cases were transferred to the university's clinics to take the right action for physical therapy



As part of its commitment to community service and public awareness, The Faculty of Pharmacy at Deraya University organized an educational seminar for AlZahraa Al Janubia School 2 with the purpose of educating students on the risks associated with COVID-19 and how to prevent it.

Dr. Soaad Ali, Lecturer at the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy at the University, moderated the session. The session covered topics including but not limited to the early detection methods for infected cases, means of preventing it, as well as the right way in dealing with positively diagnosed cases. Finally, the team measured the temperature of all attendees to check on their health.



As part of its knowledge-sharing series, Deraya University had the pleasure to host Dr. Naeema El Gasser, WHO Representative in Egypt, to deliver a virtual talk under the title of "COVID-19 and Global Health Diplomacy."

During the talk, Dr. ElGasser discussed the vital role that WHO has been playing in facing global pandemics, with a particular focus on the efforts exerted to curb COVID-19 spread. At the end of her speech, Dr. El-Gasser answered the different questions received from the university's teaching staff and students.

During his welcoming remark and thank-you note, Prof. Emad Hamdi Ghaz shaded the light on Deraya's promising role in enriching the scientific research, discovering remedies and vaccines as well as creating public awareness.



## The Boutros Boutros-Ghali Chair for Sustainable Peace

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### Description/achievement of initiative

The Boutros Boutros-Ghali Chair for Sustainable Peace (كرسي بطرس بطرس غالي للسلام المستدام In Arabic) established in February 2019 as a commemoration of the legacy of Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the sixth Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Chair shall contribute to the objective of making the invaluable and universal principles of the U.N. function more effectively to establish the building blocks of sustainable peace.

### Implementation methodologies

We already wrote the child-friendly text of the U.N. and we are designing a child-friendly platform to be fully accessed all over the world.

### Arrangements for Capacity-Building and Technology Transfer

The Chair's initiative will offer a platform for our young people to know the living legacy of Boutros Boutros-Ghali that allows peace to find a path to pass through. It is an opportunity to help people pay attention to the genuine system of the U.N., get involved, take responsible action, and unite to help the U.N. in its mission to bring peace as well as make people recovering their human dignity.

### Coordination mechanisms/governance structure

1. The Child-Friendly Human Rights E-Library "My Right... My Life" As the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) approaches its 71st Anniversary, only a small percentage of the population worldwide who know of its existence, others have no idea particularly in the Arab world. Today, the U.N. reports that more than a billion people are without clean water; most of the 25 million who have HIV/AIDS in Africa have no access to health care, and 121 million children are denied a basic education. Moreover, the UNICEF reports that more female fetuses being aborted in India; human trafficking is on the rise in China's cities, and so girls are being kidnapped



### Progress reports

Progress report due in 11 months (May 2022)

Progress report: 2 May 2021

Registered: 20 July 2020



Progress reports are to be [submitted](#) once a year until completion of the initiative. [Read more](#). Green = submitted within last 12 months, yellow = due for submission, red = two years due.



This initiative fulfils the SMART criteria.

### BASIC INFORMATION





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