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A Regional Program in Population Studies

and Institutional Support

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Introduction

This report covers the three year duration of the final Mellon grant for Institutional Support. The objectives of the grant have been:

(1) To safeguard the high quality performance and the continued success of the existing activities and programs. These activities have already benefited from previous Mellon investments (whether as direct project grants or as part of general institutional support).

(2) To allow the Center to attract new funds and expand its pool of donors in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the current programs and to allow the undertaking of exciting new ones.

Past Mellon support to the Social Research Center

With this final report, the Social Research Center closes a period of fourteen years of consolidated and generous support from Mellon Foundation. This support has been truly a lifesaver for the SRC. Over these years, Mellon support allowed SRC to overcome a serious setback that was threatening its sheer existence, to build expertise and demonstrate its relative advantage in particular substantive areas of concern, to develop a cohesive program with a
clear sense of direction, to attract and sustain support from a core group of prestigious donors, to emphasize its policy support direction, and to introduce and build its regional role.

The first Mellon grant to SRC started at a difficult time when SRC, after years of high quality intellectual contributions to scientific knowledge and of positive service to the Egyptian society, was facing major upheavals and internal crises. By the late eighties, SRC was starting to lose its sense of direction and programmatic cohesion. Furthermore, it became a financial liability failing to attract external sources of funds. These difficulties led AUC to question SRC’s value to the University and to the Egyptian community as well as to debate its future.

Mellon first grant (1991-1994) took the risk of supporting a new leadership (Dr. Saad Nagi) that was entrusted to restructure the Center, to revitalize it and to make sure that SRC regains its excellent intellectual reputation and scientific leadership. Mellon second grant (1995-1998) supported a transitional phase during which the current director was allowed to build on both the excellent ground work of her predecessor and on AUC’s renewed full fledged commitment. Mellon third, fourth and fifth grants (1998-2000, 2001-2003 and 2003 - 2005) have allowed SRC to venture into new programmatic directions and to be able to carve an important niche for itself within the scholarly and action communities in both Egypt and Arab countries. Furthermore, the Salary Reserve Fund (initiated in 2001) allowed SRC to backstop the salaries of a select number of research faculty offering them longer term contracts of two or three year period. The Fund is relaying a sense of security and recognition allowing SRC to attract and retain faculty of the highest calibre.
Accomplishments during Award Period
The last phase of the Mellon support to the Social Research Center has assisted the center to consolidate its new programmatic directions, to further strengthen its research program, to influence regional policy, to continue the support for regional capacity building and the regional and international collaboration and to increase its pool of donors.

I. Strong program of research
In the recent past SRC has initiated and built up emphasis and focus on five programs, which have already received funding and which are receiving increased attention. These programs are intended to be the basis of SRC’s future activities. They are:

1. Gender and women’s empowerment (regional)
2. Health inequities and their policy implications (regional)
3. Investment climate assessment (Egypt)
4. Public goods and services’ efficacy in augmenting human capability in Egypt
5. Towards more accurate, relevant, and open information systems (Egypt).

A brief description of each program focus follows.
1. Gender and Women’s Empowerment

The overall purpose of this research focus is to support effective policies in Arab countries to realize gender equity and to extend social citizenship, voice, rights and opportunities to women with a particular emphasis on the synergistic relation between gender inequities and poverty. The gender gap persists in most Arab countries and is a major factor in their low human development indices. SRC has made operational its significant experience and its extensive regional network of scholars, activists and gender specialists.

Three particular activities are highlighted in what follows. Other relevant activities are provided in the list of grants served during reporting period.

a. Supporting Illiteracy Eradication Efforts in Egypt:

Phase 1: Female Illiteracy Eradication (concluded)
Phase 2: Support for the Implementation Model to Improve the Performance of Illiteracy Eradication Efforts
Phase 3: Supplement to support a Research Program to Monitor and Evaluate Female Illiteracy

Funding Agency: Ford Foundation

Amount: Total $ 533,000

Duration: March 1, 2002 - 30 April 2007 (The 3 phases have been overlapping in time)

This is a collaborative activity between The National Council for Women, The General Authority for Illiteracy Eradication and Adult Education and a number of governorates in Egypt which aims to monitor and evaluate the performance of the general authority and to support the adoption of new developmental strategies which address the illiteracy and poverty of women in 30 villages in Fayoum.
b. Research to inform Policies and Programs Enhancing Choice and Opportunity for Women and Young People in Arab Countries

Funding Agency: Ford Foundation

Amount: $ 295,000

Duration: October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2007

This initiative focuses on the reasons why youth and women in Arab countries have yet to attain their full potential and voice. The obstructions that explain limited progress lie in daily life. This initiative will develop tools to better understand these obstructions, and in the case of youth, work with organizations and youth groups to develop effective programs that can secure youth civic participation.

c. Catalyst of Change to Enhance Women’s Empowerment

Funding Agency: DFID

Amount: Sterling £ 460,111 (= $790,839)

Duration: March 2006 – February 2011

Changing power relations in favor of women living in poverty is contentious and difficult. There is often a mismatch between the policy response and the nature of the challenge. It has been easier to pay lip service to the gender agenda than to deliver results. The current nature of public policy has encouraged governments and international agencies to build *motorways to nowhere*, blind to those less obvious *pathways that are successfully changing women’s lives*. This project aims to discover these pathways and make them visible for a fundamental shift in how policy for women’s empowerment is conceived and implemented. This initiative is a comparative and collaborative one involving partners from Britain (IDS), Ghana (Univ. of Ghana at Legon), Begladesh and Pakistan
(Shirkat Gah), and Brazil (Univ. of Bahia) as well as Unifem and Care International.

Another Activity proposed for Funding is
d. Analysis of Women, Work and Gender Survey Findings

Funding Agency: The World Bank

Amount: Under discussion

The SRC in collaboration with the Ministry of Investment and the World Bank has undertaken a survey of the conditions and perception of men and women in industrial enterprises as a follow-up to the original Investment Climate Assessment activity. The survey yielded a valuable data set on the impact and significance of gender in the workplace and in the households of working persons. The Ministry of Investment is keen on pursuing a program of analysis for this rich data set through a call for expression of interest to work with SRC faculty to produce publications and policy relevant research on gender and work in Egypt. The World Bank will contribute to this process.

2. Health Inequities and their Policy Implications

The program of research is driven by a concern that health equity is not realized and that our current policies have not effectively reduced the unfair and remediable inequalities in health.

The focus of the program is on three aspects that include data collection documenting health inequities, analysis to guide public policy formulation as well as partnership and communication to bring health equity to the forefront of attention. The membership of SRC director in the recently established WHO Commission on “Social Determinants of Health” is allowing this theme to benefit from and contribute to this international endeavor.
Three activities fall under this theme:

a. Program of Research and Training in Reproductive Health  
Funding Agency: Ford Foundation  
Amount: $375,000  
Duration: January 1, 2004 - 31 December 2006 and expected to be renewed for another 3 years  
The program emphasizes gender inequalities in health and the implications of this inequality for delivery of health services.

b. Social Science Partnership in Development  
Funding Agency: Wellcome Trust  
Amount: Third phase of funding (4,465,820 LE) for period October 2006 – September 2009 is under discussion. Previous phase: 3,547,477 LE  
The program supports social science research skills and research performance with a focus on health equity. The third phase targets individual support through training and research internships as well as capacity building of select number of institutions. It also involves a field survey.

c. Urban Inequities Study  
Funding agencies: United Nations Human Settlements Program Monitoring System Branch (MSB), UN-HABITAT, and Ford Foundation  
Amount: US$ 200,000 from UN-HABITAT and 95,000 from Ford Foundation/Pilot  
End date: February, 2007  
The activity is a collaborative work between the Social Research Center and the UN-Habitat Monitoring System Branch (MSB) and under auspices of the National Population Council
This study will investigate the wide disparities in health and livelihood status between the slum and non-slum parts of Cairo and provide sufficient and comprehensive small area statistics that can facilitate local budgeting and policy planning. Overall the goal of this program is to be addressed at international, national and local levels. Apart from the SRC activity, UN-Habitat is including a random sample of large cities of at least 100,000 population from developing countries regions in this study.

3. Investment Climate Assessment (Egypt)
Funding Agency: Ministry of Investment/World Bank
2 phases concluded – phase 3 approved to start March 2006
Amount: Total for the 3 phases US$ 116,537
Duration: September 2004 – May 2006

The Investment Climate Assessment (ICA) was a collaborative survey conducted by SRC during the period September 2004 – September 2005 (2 phases) under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment. The objective of this ICA was to support the new Ministry of Investment in designing its priority reforms and to provide quantitative measurements of the nature of challenges and hence allowing reform recommendations.

The survey included a quantitative assessment of the Egyptian investment climate using a firm-level survey. The assessment covered a sample of 1036 firm of 10 or more employees. In addition, SRC participated in the study of the working conditions of the workers at the ICA sample of firms. Discussion is underway with Ministry of Investment for regular follow up and monitoring studies.
4. Public Goods and Services’ Efficacy in Augmenting Human Capability in Egypt

Funding Agency: Ford Foundation

Amount: $400,000 under discussion

The SRC has conducted a survey on the efficacy of public goods and services in extending social citizenship rights, social assets, and opportunities to Egyptians with a particular emphasis on the poor. This survey was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, the Information and Decision-Making Support Center as well as the UNDP. The survey was fielded in July 2005 amongst a nationally representative sample of households for the purposes of informing the Egypt Human Development Report 2005 for its vision for Egypt in 2015. The proposed activity is a follow up to SRC work on the survey and will involve a program of analysis of the existing data and the development of a module to re-asses the impact of currently proposed policies to lift the burden of poverty and extend social citizenship through better targeted, quality public goods and services.

5. Towards more Accurate, Relevant, and Open Information Systems (Egypt).

Funding Agency: Ministry of Planning/UNDP

Amount: Under discussion

SRC has undertaken a series of studies and research papers providing a critical assessment of information policy in Egypt and calling for a more open, accurate and inclusive information policy. Furthermore under the auspices of Ministry of Planning, SRC performed two analytical studies specifying the missing gaps in the existing information to guide development studies (Situation analysis/Needs Assessment Study of Indicators for Population and Development in Egypt - $ 20,000) and
assessing accuracy of indicators quoted in Egypt human development report (Assessment of the Accuracy of the Main Indicators Reported in Egypt Human Development Report - $ 50,000).

SRC is currently discussing future activities, particularly in relation to the accuracy of governorate level development reports and how to influence accuracy of data produced by line ministries.

During the whole award period the research and training program received new grants totaling US$ 2,995,673.

Proposals submitted during the last year, awaiting formal approvals amount to US$ 1,226,969. Furthermore, the Center continued to serve a large number of previously awarded grants. Table (1) shows the new, pending, ongoing and concluded grants for the award period January 1, 2003 - January 31, 2006.
Grants during February 1 – December 31, 2005

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<td>Urban Inequities Study</td>
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<td>Developmental Idealism Gender Relations and the Work-Family Nexus in Egypt</td>
<td>Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA</td>
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<td>UNIFEM</td>
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<td>Female Illiteracy IV</td>
<td>Ford Foundation</td>
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<td>Gender Modules</td>
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<td>Poor Women and Access to Agricultural Resources Implications for Biodiversity in MENA</td>
<td>IDRC</td>
<td>US$50,716</td>
<td>April 1, 2005</td>
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**Total new grants during year 2005**

US$ 1,824,313

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<td>Assessment of the Accuracy of the Main Indicators Reported in Egypt Human Development Report</td>
<td>The Egyptian Ministry of Planning</td>
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<td>Egyptian Migration to Europe: Mit Badr Halawa Workers in Paris</td>
<td>FMRS/Sussex</td>
<td>US$ 14,000</td>
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<td>Training Course in Research Methodology for Graduate Students</td>
<td>AMIDEAST</td>
<td>US$ 7,000</td>
<td>June 1, 2004</td>
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<td>Data Collection for the Valley of the Kings (VOK) Study</td>
<td>Theban Mapping Project, AUC</td>
<td>US$ 6,500</td>
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<td>Assessment of Using IR in Literacy Classes</td>
<td>International Org./UNDP</td>
<td>US$ 8,850</td>
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<td>Needs Assessment of Indicators for Population &amp; Development in Egypt</td>
<td>The Operation Unit for Development Assistance/OUDA</td>
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**Total new grants during 2004**

US$ 541,350

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<td>Rural Responses to Globalization in Egypt</td>
<td>Ford Foundation</td>
<td>US$ 125,000</td>
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<td>Resource Site on Women’s Economic Participation in Egypt</td>
<td>UNIFEM, UNDP, GTZ, ILO</td>
<td>US$ 20,500</td>
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<td>Female Illiteracy Eradication III</td>
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<td>US$ 250,000</td>
<td>May 1, 2003</td>
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**Total new grants during 2003**  
US$ 630,010

**TOTAL VALUE OF ALL GRANTS RECEIVED DURING PERIOD**  
US$ 2,995,673

**Pending**

| Study on Normal Labour at El Galaa Hospital, Cairo | AUB/AUC | US$ 57,000 | Feb. 1, 2006 | Aug. 31, 2006 |

**TOTAL VALUE OF PENDING GRANTS**  
US$ 1,226,969

**ONGOING GRANTS**

<p>| Support of a Program in Middle Eastern Population Study | Andrew W. Mellon Foundation | US$ 400,000 | Dec. 20, 2002 | Dec. 31, 2005 |
| Elderly Disability Study | NIH | US$ 40,000 | Sept. 1, 2002 | Aug. 31, 2004 |</p>
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<td>Research &amp; Training Program on Reproductive Health</td>
<td>Ford Foundation</td>
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<td>June 1, 2001</td>
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<td>Evaluation Study of Reproductive Health Interventions within Health Sector Reform in Egypt</td>
<td>Reproductive Health Working Groups</td>
<td>US$ 5,500</td>
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<td>Female Illiteracy Eradication</td>
<td>Ford Foundation</td>
<td>US$ 83,000</td>
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<td>Changing Social &amp; Economic Relations in Rural Upper Egypt</td>
<td>Ford Foundation</td>
<td>US$ 41,000</td>
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<td>Bilateral Programme for Enhancement of Research Capacity in Developing Countries</td>
<td>ENRECA</td>
<td>US$ 311,408</td>
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<td>Research for Development</td>
<td>Dutch Foreign Ministry</td>
<td>US$ 1,750,000</td>
<td>March 1, 1999</td>
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**TOTAL VALUE OF ONGOING GRANTS**  
US$ 3,843,402

**TOTAL VALUE OF ALL GRANTS SERVED DURING PERIOD**  
US$ 6,839,075
II. Influencing policy

A large number of SRC programs are being conducted in full collaboration with executive bodies in Egypt. This collaboration allows the recommendations proposed to be endorsed and adopted. Examples of these include the collaboration with National Council for Women (Illiteracy activity), the Ministry of Investment (ICA survey), the Ministry of Planning (Open Information Systems). The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (Child Protection Policies) and the Ministry of Health (Health Sector Reform).

III. Contribution to regional capacity building

SRC training workshops focus on research and analytical skills in social sciences, and on strategies for health improvements. In December 2005, SRC conducted its 9th round of Training workshops on Reproductive Health, “From Science to Action”. A total of 262 participants from 16 Arab countries (incl. Egypt) have attended these workshops over the years.

The workshop on “Social Science Research Methods” has attracted 174 participants from Egypt and 14 Arab countries over 5 years. The experience in developing and conducting these training courses has resulted in the production of two teaching guide textbooks with the following titles:

- Introduction in Social Research
- Quantitative Research

These textbooks are intended to act as reference source to trainees, as well as any interested researchers in the field.
IV. Regional and international collaboration

SRC’s success in raising funds and its flexible appointment policies allow it to recruit the best intellectuals in Egypt and to provide them with adequate resources and support. Thus, SRC has become a center of open borders, and has developed into a hub of excellence. In this context, collaboration with regional and international organizations and centers have become an important feature of the work of SRC. The current collaboration programs include:

- **Collaboration with American University of Beirut**

With the support from Wellcome Trust and Ford Foundation, the SRC and the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut have been undertaking a collaborative program. The objective of the program was to complement and capitalize on the relative advantages of both institutions through strengthening academic links and sharing expertise. The program has provided a supportive institutional environment for intellectual exchange, staff development through visiting fellowships and training of graduate students. The collaborative activities included:

- Collaborative Teaching
- Development of Professional Staff
- Visiting Fellows
- Sharing Expertise
- Intellectual Exchange and Strengthening Academic Links

- **Collaboration with Emory University**

SRC has carried out a number of research projects in collaboration with Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, among which are the project on “Validation of Gender Differences in Disability and Care” and the newly awarded subgrant “Working family Nexus in Egypt”. The latter is part of an international research effort, conducted in collaboration between Emory University and the University of Michigan, and in which centers in Argentina and Nepal have already taken part.
- **Collaboration with UN-Habitat.**

Health inequity is one of SRC’s main foci, and a collaboration between SRC and the Monitoring System Branch of UN-Habitat has recently started.

- **Collaboration with University of Sussex**

The project “Catalyst of Change to Enhance Women’s Empowerment” is carried out by a Research Program Consortium (RPC) consisting of:

- Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- Center for Gender Studies and Advocacy (CGSA), University of Ghana
- Nucleus for Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies (NEIM), Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
- Social Research Centre (SRC), the American University in Cairo, Egypt
- Shirkat Gah, Pakistan

The inclusion of SRC in such a prestigious group will not only give the Center the possibility to work with international high calibre collaborators, but also truly shows the Center’s standing as an internationally acknowledged high standard research center.

V. **Expanding pool of donors**

During the Award Period, SRC has been able to attract a large number of grants for research and training. Many of these have been new and extended grants from our long time supporters, which reflect the continuous vote of confidence these grantors are giving the Center. In addition, new and prestigious grantors have been added, among which are:
• UN-Habitat
• Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
• WHO
• The World Bank.

VI. Publications, presentations and meetings

The outputs of SRC projects are usually produced as reports, scientific publications and books discussed and disseminated to the wider audience through seminars, workshops, and larger meetings.

Lists of books, publications in scientific periodicals and presentations contributed by SRC faculty as well as meetings attended by SRC faculty during the award are included in this report as **Enclosures a, b and c**.
Publications

By SRC faculty during the period

January 2003 – January 2006


Center for Information and Computer Systems, Faculty of Economic and Political Science, Cairo University, National Population Council, Research Management Unit, Social Research Center, American University in Cairo. USAID (2004) “Patterns of Marriage and Family Formation among Youth in Egypt”.


__________, (forthcoming) Family Ties and Ideational Changes in the Middle East.


**Presentations**


**Hamed, Ramadan** . “Selection of variables in Discriminant Analysis Using Mathematical Programming Approach” Paper presented at the annual conference of ISI, Cairo University, 2003

________________ “Assessment of Using IT in Literacy”. Paper presented in the Fourth Conference on IT & Telecommunications in the Arab World, Cairo, September 2004

________________ “Deterministic and Stochastic Programming for Cluster Analysis” Paper presented at the annual Conference for Statistics and Modeling, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2005


Dr. Hoda Rashad was chair of a session on the Fourth Annual Global Development Conference, “Globalization and Equity”, organized by Global Development Network held in Cairo, January 2003.

Dr. Hoda Rashad was a Discussant at a conference entitled “Institutions, Ideologies and Agency Family Change in the Arab Middle East and Diaspora” organized by the University Center for International Studies and the Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, September 2003.

Dr. Hoda Rashad was a discussant at the Dissemination Workshop entitled “Stalled Fertility Transition (SFT)”, organized by Cairo Demographic Center and Population Council’s Frontiers in Reproductive Health Program, Cairo, December 2004.

Dr. Hoda Rashad participated (speaker in a debate) in the XXVth IUSSP International Population Conference, France, July 2005

Dr. Hoda Rashad was UN Speaker in a meeting organized by the Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) for a new advocacy project to raise the prominence of reproductive health within the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals, New York, June 2005.


“Health Research and Social Equity in the Arab Region: Issues and Challenges”. A paper presented to WHO-EM Regional Consultation to Follow up on Mexico Ministerial Summit on Health Research, November 2005, Islamabad, Pakistan. (This presentation is based on a working paper discussed in a workshop on EMRO-COHEREDGCC Collaboration in Health Research: Preliminary Meeting to Develop Strategic Partnership in Health Research in EMRO Countries, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, November 2005.)


“The Production and Consumption of Upper Egyptian crafts”. Paper presented at a panel on Upper Egypt at the MESA Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, November 2004 (Reem Saad did not attend the meeting for private reasons)


“Globalization and Local Populations” paper presented at Euro-Med and Middle East Political Economy: Assessing the State of the Field. Mediterranean programme Exploratory Workshop sponsored by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Florence, May 2003.


Hania Sholkami presented the same paper at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in a panel entitled “Culture in Upper Egypt”, San Francisco, California, USA, November 2004

SRC presented the data at the Integrated Health and Literacy Conference, Findings from the Cairo and Giza Health Knowledge Survey, World Education, Cairo, February 2004.


Meetings and activities organized by SRC

- A Workshop entitled “Water Scarcity, Desertification, Food Security, Poverty and Gender”, organized with African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Nairobi through the activity of the Pan-African Programme on and Resource Rights (PAPLRR) was held in Djerba, Tunis, September 2005.

- An exhibition entitled “Nubia before the flood” was held at the American University in Cairo jointly with the Rare Books and Special Collections Library, the Sony Gallery for Photography, The Social Research Center, Trust Fund-Salvation of Nubia Monuments and UNESCO, February – March 2005.

- The Thirteenth Annual Symposium of the Cairo Papers in Social Science entitled “Cultural Dynamics in Contemporary Egypt” was held in collaboration with Cairo Papers in Social Science, AUC, April, 2004.

- A Conference entitled “Integrated Health and Literacy, Findings from the Cairo & Giza Health Knowledge Survey” as part of the activities between the SRC and World Education, February 2004.

- The 6th International Coordinators meeting for Demand Led Research, February 2004. This meeting was conducted under the umbrella of the program “Partnership in Development Research” (PDR), MMRP Program in Egypt.

- SRC celebrated its 50th anniversary in December, 2003. The program of the anniversary included a keynote speech by Dr. Ismail Sirageldin – Director of Alexandria Library and an internationally renowned scholar – on “Social Science Research in Egypt; an interactive display of SRC contributions (including films, posters and demonstrations), a panel discussion of a report published by the World Bank and Egypt National Council for Women, which builds on a number of contributions from SRC faculty.

- A launching of the Website “Economic Participation of Women in Egypt” held as part of the activities between the SRC, ILO and UNDP. April 2003.

An exhibition was opened in Denmark on “The Nile: Source of Egypt’s Life” at the Moesgaard Museum of Ethnography and Prehistory at Aarhus. The Exhibition was the culmination of almost two years of work carried out as a parallel to the collaborative project: “Rural Transformation in Upper Egypt: Formal and Informal Structures and Institutions”. This was carried out by researchers from the collaborating institutions: The Social Research Center (AUC), Centre of Development Research (Copenhagen) and the Department of Ethnography and Social Anthropology at Aarhus University, Denmark.