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Interviewee: Radwa El-Sekhily

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**Enjy:** Hello Radwa, Can you please introduce yourself?

**Radwa:** I'm Radwa El-Sekhily studying political science and sociology at the American University in Cairo

**Enjy:** So, I know you are a LEAD student, can you tell me more about the LEAD scholarship?

**Radwa:** It's a full scholarship that makes you or allows you (mm) to study at the American University for the whole years. It gives you the fund for the university itself and for other activities.

**Enjy:** And what, what made it different than any other scholarship at AUC?

**Radwa:** (ummm) first of all it is all funded, second it allows you to like potentially develop yourself in different activities and in different areas. So that when you get graduated you're fully aware of the market and of the different work you can work at.

**Enjy:** What different activities do you do in the LEAD?

**Radwa:** we take trainings (umm) we go out for retreats which are also trainings but in different governorates around Egypt. And we do an Annual conference for the LEAD.

**Enjy:** An Annual Conference, So could you please tell me more about this conference?

**Radwa:** The conference that we make it every year because we are like to have some potential solutions for a problem that we got out for the conference theme.

**Enjy:** so this conference has a certain theme and you guys act upon this theme.

**Radwa:** yes, exactly but we choose the theme

**Enjy:** And what is the theme of this year's conference?

**Radwa:** Street Children

**Enjy:** And you said you choose the theme, so how can you choose it?

**Radwa:** (umm) in the beginning of the year students like send proposals for the LEAD office about the different topics they think that the conference should talk about of should discuss and then we vote for a topic.

**Enjy:** And you this year chose the Street Children Topic.

**Radwa:** Yes

**Enjy:** So what's your position in this year's conference, Are you work on it?

**Radwa:** yes, I'm the Evaluation and monitoring director of the conference.

**Enjy:** And What's your main job actually as a Monitoring and Evaluation Director?

**Radwa:** My main job is to evaluate the work process the LEAD crew is working on and to monitor how the different activities are done and try to solve any problems if we have before the conference end so we can have a real big one.

**Enjy:** And you have like a report at the end or you just evaluate during the conference and that's it?

**Radwa:** (ummm) no, we have like reports during the process of the conference and also at the end so that we can give it to the LEAD conference, sorry, to the LEAD office or the LEAD crew and they get out of it how did they work and all of these stuff so they can use it also for the next conferences.

**Enjy:** So Radwa you know that there are different NGOs are working on street children however we haven't seen any actual output for this problem. So what's your main objective of this year's conference working on street children?

**Radwa:** yes we know that there are different NGOs but we are trying to get out potential solutions and to research more about the topic we all aware that we can't solve the whole problem but like hopefully we can get connected with those NGOs and try to get out solutions.

**Enjy:** And you think that you guys can actually the problem by any mean?

**Radwa:** ummm. Yes, like now in my head am thinking of different things we can do to connect with these NGOs or even to work on ourselves. Ummm. So that the problem at least get like decreased.

**Enjy:** And when will you have the conference

**Radwa:** its, I think it is at the end of this semester and hopefully in May.

**Enjy:** Okay, Thank you so much Radwa

**Radwa:** Thank you.