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Youth Love Egypt Foundation Achievement Report 2017- 2018



YLE has Successfully implemented SDG Goal 6 : Clean Water and sanitation

YLE has successfully implemented SDG Goal 12: responsible consumption

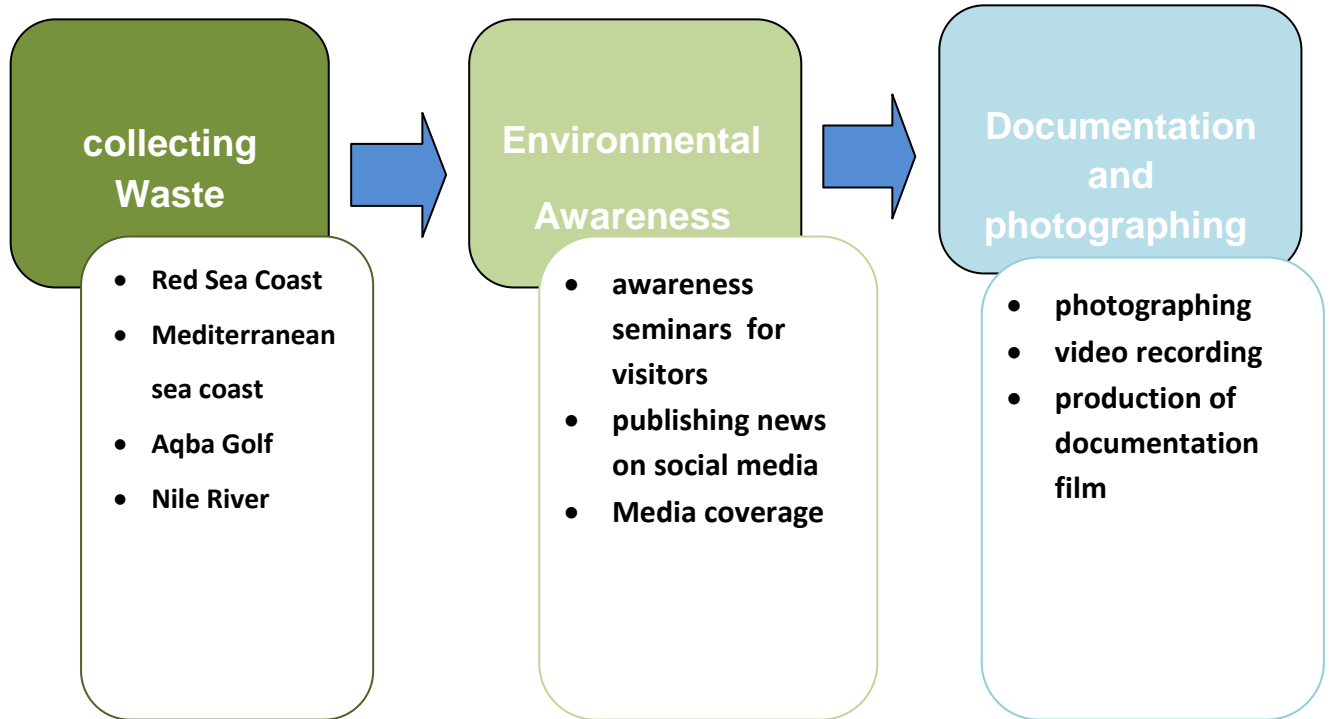
YLE has Successfully implemented SDG Goal 13: climate action

Part 1

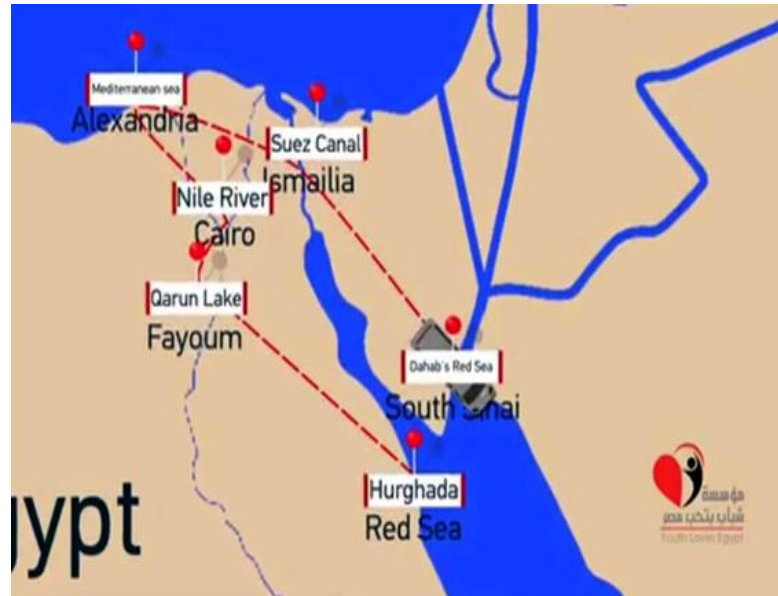
Environmental Protection Activities

World Environment Day 2018 Reducing the use of plastics:

The World Environment Day is the most important event for the United Nations to promote awareness and action at the global level in order to protect the environment and raise awareness among the different sectors of society. Youth Love Egypt Foundation under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Program and local partners from civil society organizations has implemented awareness programs and clean-up campaigns has been developed program including:



- Youth Love Egypt Foundation has organized the greatest cleanness campaign in Egypt, in celebration of World environment day 2018 that included 6 governorates Cairo (Nile River), the Red Sea (Hurghada city) and Mediterranean coasts (Alexandria) and the Gulf of Aqaba (Dahab City) in addition to Ismailia city and Fayoum, Raising 4-6 tones of plastic waste that threaten the Marine life and biodiversity, as well as distorting the appearance of the Nile.



plan of the day



#BeatPlasticPollution
#CleanSeasCampaign



Banner used for the event

World Environment Day events 5 June 2018

Egyptian beaches have many environmental problems, especially with the increased use of plastic , in addition to throwing plastic waste from ships, fishing boats and tourist boats . Given the geographical location of Egypt and the wide beaches, whether on the Mediterranean Sea or the Red Sea or the Nile River and the existence of many lakes . The Egyptian beaches as well as adjacent wetlands are a good habitat for thousands of species and organisms such as sea turtles, rivers, crocodiles and migratory birds and those species are facing multiple risks as a result of plastic waste pollution , that hinder the growth of plants and lead to the deaths of many organisms of marine turtles and other marine organisms.

Reasons for selecting targeted sites of this a clean campaign

The beaches of Hurghada (The public beach in Hurghada,Red Sea Governorate)

The shores of the Red Sea are among the most beautiful beaches in the world with its unique biological diversity and coral reefs. The beaches are also an important habitat for sea turtles, where it comes as immigrant to lay eggs every year. Plastic bags are an environmental problem for turtles. The plastic bag is similar to jellyfish in water , when the turtles swallow it, it leads to suffocation and death. Plastic bags and plastic bottles are distorting the coastal landscape in Hurghada. The campaign was implemented by 50 volunteers and local residents. Approximately one ton of plastic waste and other waste Such as glass and wood , and team has been honored by the Governor of the Red Sea.



Fayoum Governorate (Qaroun Lake)

Slender-billed gull bird is nesting with huge numbers on the islands of Lake Qarun, amounting 100,000 birds . plastic pollution is considered one of the most threatening dangers to this bird, that enhanced the members of the Youth love Egypt Foundation in Egypt to take the decision to organize a cleanup campaign for the shores of the lake. Where Environmental awareness seminars were organized for the local community and the fishermen with the dangers of plastic, 30 volunteers have participated in this campaign , where a ton of plastic waste and glass waste were collected



Cairo Governorate (adjacent areas to Nile River banks) :

The problem of the dumping waste in the Nile River is one of the environmental problems affecting the aesthetic landscape as well as the biodiversity of the Nile River. The volunteers of the Foundation have organized a clean campaign in cooperation with the Maritime Scouts in Cairo 25 volunteers participated from Maritime scouts in Cairo, where 1/2 Ton was raised.



Alexandria Governorate (El Anfoushi Beach & Qaitbay Castle, Alexandria Governorate):

The beaches of Alexandria are among the most vulnerable to plastic waste. The beaches receive millions of visitors and the proper behavior of some visitors who collect their waste. However, there are thousands who leave plastic bags and plastic bottles, exposing the marine organisms to many dangers, including suffocation due to swallowing plastic bags, 30 volunteers have participated where plastic waste and miscellaneous wastes such as glass and wood were removed.



Ismailia Governorate (Lake Tamsah)

Plastic waste is accumulated on the beaches, which affects marine organisms like fish, as well as migratory birds that take the beaches as a place of rest. Plastic bottles are collected in large numbers. The campaign included 70 volunteers and volunteers from the Ismailia Scout Team, where 2 tons of waste were lifted.



South Sinai Governorate (Dahab City)

The area of Dahab located on the Gulf of Aqaba in South Sinai is one of the most important places attracting large numbers of tourists and is exposed to plastic waste, which affect the plants as well as marine organisms as well as coral reefs .The volunteers have implemented an underwater cleanup campaign to collect plastic waste that threaten reefs, 31 volunteers, including volunteers, diving divers and local community took part in the cleanup campaign.



In order to increase the environmental awareness of the various groups, the clean up campaigns were covered in the visual and reading media and on the means of social communication



Resuming clean island project:

Resuming work on Clean Islands Project funded by the Canadian Consulate, Youth Love Egypt Foundation has carried out clean-up campaigns for the Red Sea islands (Umm Al-Sheikh Island and Mahabas Island), which are habitats for sea turtles during nesting for laying eggs as well as habitat for migratory birds, in addition to implementing awareness programmes in the schools of the villages of Hamata, al-Qal'an and Abu Ghusun.



Fayoum Memorandum of Understanding

The cooperation protocol signed between the Youth Love Egypt Foundation and the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) on the establishment of a working group from Foundation members to provide environmental awareness for 125000 visitors of Fayoum Reserves (Qaroun Reserve and Wadi El Rayyan Reserve). According to the foundation efforts a decree to prevent "color war" which is harmful for biodiversity .



World Clean Up Day on September 15th :

The Foundation, through its volunteers and local partners, carried out clean-up campaigns during World clean up Day, during which the Foundation led a wide range of clean-up campaigns in cooperation with Let's do it world.

Cleaning campaigns were carried out in the following governorates and cities:

- Maadi area in the presence of the Ambassador of Estonia
- Al-Sakakini Palace area in Cairo, led by fleitor team.
- Abbas El Akkad Street led by egyecoland team. .
- Ismailia Governorate, where the Foundation in cooperation with the Scouts organized a clean campaign with a large participation of all age groups and collected large amounts of waste.
- South Sinai Governorate, the Egyptian Association for Environment Awareness and Protection collaborated with the Foundation in a clean-up campaign.
- The team carried out an underwater cleaning campaign on the beach in Dahab with the participation of a group of Egyptians and foreigners.
- Governorate of Beni Suf students and students of Ms. Khadija and the participation of supervisors and volunteers organized cleanup campaign in and outside the institution
- A cleanup campaign was carried out in Hurghada. There was a symbolic participation of some foreigners living in the city.
- Assiut Governorate under the patronage of the President of Al-Azhar University and the participation of 16 faculties of university faculties in cleaning campaigns within the university in preparation for the new academic year.



Part 2

Environmental Awareness

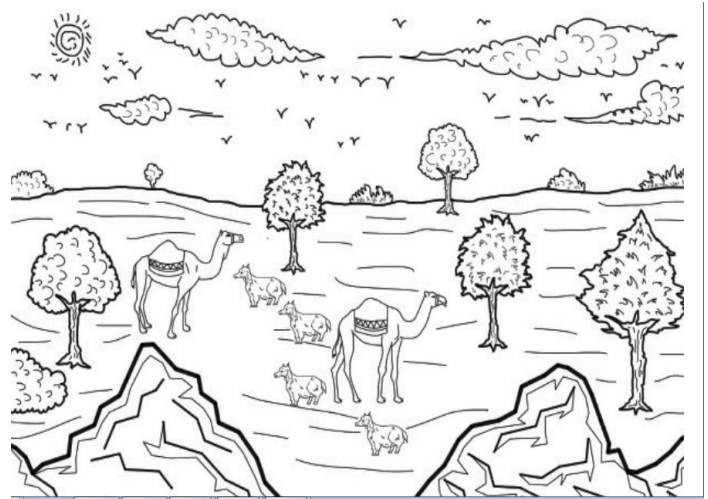
God creativity in Egypt (Khalek Allah fi Misr Fillers)

For the second year in a row, the Youth Love Egypt Foundation has succeeded in presenting awareness fillers on the channels of TV on the site under the title of **God creativity in Egypt**, where it dealt with the biological diversity of birds, marine organisms, wildlife and landscapes within nature reserves in Egypt..





Publishing kids coloring book about Wadi Elgemal natural protectorates:



Part 3

International and Local Events

Conference of African Ministers of Environment during September 2018

The Youth Love Egypt Foundation participated in the expert sessions and decision-making sessions of the 7th Extraordinary Session of African Ministers of the Environment from 17 to 21 September 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Where the Foundation participates as a civil society organization accredited to the United Nations Environment.

The Foundation also participated in the meetings of the Climate Change Committees and the African Decision-Making Committee for the Fourteenth Conference of the Parties in Sharm El-Sheikh

The Foundation also took part in the official meetings of the Conference of African Ministers of Environment within the Civil Society Group, which witnessed a member of the group presenting civil society recommendations to the ministers at the official session, which urged governments to strengthen partnership with the private sector and encourage them to make progress in the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan

On the sidelines of the conference, a meeting was held with Mr. Eric Solheim, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Agency, who praised the efforts of the Foundation in cleaning campaigns for the beaches and stressed the role played by the Foundation in Egypt to raise environmental awareness among the society.



Seventh Climate Change Conference:

The Youth Love Egypt Foundation participated in the Seventh Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa, from 8-14 October 2018, Nairobi, Kenya

Where the meeting discussed climate change and development in Africa: policies and actions for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement for Flexible Economies in Africa, focusing on understanding the implications of the Paris Agreement, challenges and opportunities of Africa in the context of continent development.

The presentation of the success story of the Foundation in Egypt was attended by representatives of civil society in Africa as well as students of the University of Nairobi and how in a short period of time the institution was able to obtain the United Nations accreditation of the environment and to create partnerships and an effective presence in African civil society. And partnerships with government entities or other associations, and this enhances the opportunities of the community and Fathi thanked all partners who have been engaged in the realization of these works and called on civil society to prepare well for the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 4) .

In a separate meeting with some climate change working groups, a presentation was made of development priorities and challenges in Africa, the background to negotiations and results on national development contributions, and conclusions and recommendations that need to be taken into account, including but not limited to the need to raise capacity as a top priority. Support an African Regional Strategic Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change as well as increased recognition of climate investment opportunities in Africa by the private sector as well as funding for developing countries to support adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development on the African continent.



World Youth Forum

Youth Love Egypt Foundation in Egypt has presented a working paper during the registration of the conference on the official website of the World Youth Forum on the role of cleanliness campaigns for coasts, seas and oceans in making peace.

And how the whole world raises the slogan of reducing the use of plastic as a logo for the World Environment Day and the implementation of cleaning campaigns on this day to meet the plastic in order to preserve the living organisms in the seas, rivers, oceans, coasts and deserts. The Head of the Foundation was chosen to attend the events of the Conference during the period from 4 until 10 November 2018.



Fourteenth Conference of Parties on Biological Diversity:

The Conference of Parties on Biological Diversity, organized by Egypt for the first time, the first Arab and African country to preside over the conference over two years (2018-2020), coincided with the passage of 25 years of the Convention, where more than 5,000 participants from 196 countries around the world participated representatives of governments, experts, scientists and community representatives .

The conference witnessed the announcement of several initiatives, including Sharm el-Shak, a green city as a model for sustainable development.

On the sidelines of the conference, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) approved Ras Mohammed and Wadi Al-Hitan Protected Areas in the Wadi Al-Rayyan Protected Area in a ceremony at the Ras Mohammed Governorate. The Green List of Protected Areas is the first global standard for the best protected reserves that are effectively and just managed to achieve sustainable development by preserving nature and supporting social, economic values.



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