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Abstract

The main purpose of this research is to assess the role of the development assistance in overcoming the developmental challenges of poverty reduction and protection of environment in Egypt . this is achieved through 1)Identification of national mechanisms for effective development assistance in the area of poverty and environment. 2) Review of the PRSP and its linkage to the Millennium development goals with focus on mainstreaming environmental aspects in this strategy 3)Examining the effectiveness of the donors funded projects in enhancing the quality of life of the community through case study of Geziret El Shier as a poor urban area. Among the research methodology is the critical and comparative analysis for the theoretical part and the community based approach for the applied part. The research depended on different tools such as the semi structured interviews, focus group discussion, photography, observation , social service matrix. Finally, the researcher had recommended a number of recommendations addressed to the central government, local community and donors that will make aids more effectively in tackling poverty and environment issues

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Acronyms

ADB:	African Development Bank
CAS:	Country Assessment Strategy
CBS:	General Budget Support
CCA:	Common Country Assessment
CDE:	Capacity Development in Environment
CEA:	Country Environmental Analysis
CIDA:	Canadian International Development Agency
DAC:	Donors Assistance Committee
EC:	European Commission
EEAA:	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
FAO:	Food Agriculture Organization
GEA:	Gezeriet Elsheir Area
HDI:	Human Development Indicator
IMF:	International Monetary Fund
MDG:	Millennium Development Goals
MOFA:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOIC:	Ministry of International Cooperation
NEAP:	National Environmental Action Plan
NGO:	Non Governmental Organizations
ODA:	Overseas Development Assistance
OECD:	Organization for Economic Cooperation Development
PPA:	Participatory Poverty Assessment
PRSP:	Poverty Reduction Strategy and Plan
SAP:	Structural Adjustment Program
TCOE:	Technical Cooperation Office for Environment
UNDP:	United Nations Development Program
USAID:	United States Agency for International Development
WB:	The World Bank
WRI:	World Resources Institute

Chapter One

Introduction