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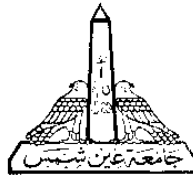
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Egypt has tried to increase its agricultural area through reclamation of desert land to face the food gap and also increase food security in Egypt. In the new lands, water resources constitute the major determinant of reclamation and development. Therefore, the future of land reclamation in Egypt is depending largely on its groundwater potential. The efficient use and management of new land and groundwater resources will help to maximize land returns from each cubic meter of water and this would enhance the national effort to achieve food security in Egypt.

The scope of the problem is how to manage the available groundwater resources in reclamation lands especially the most of reclaimed lands are far from the center of decision makers. So, there is a need to use a remote management system to manage and control the groundwater resources and new agricultural lands in order to explore means of increasing water resources using efficiency in reclamation lands management based on dynamic maps and current data.

The primary objective of this research is to have an insight into groundwater resources management system to assess, evaluate and managing new groundwater irrigated lands in Egypt by providing a new tool for groundwater resources management in new lands to help decision makers to understand the

current status by giving a complete picture for available groundwater resources in land reclamation to optimal use of groundwater without depletion. Also, support and enhance capabilities for monitoring and controlling agricultural productivity in order to increase the value of crop production per unit of land and water.

Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing technologies (GIS & RS) are used in order to develop groundwater management tool includes web applications based on ArcGIS Online which includes built-in tools to create applications with full of GIS functionality. The web-based GIS application in the management tool enables data synchronization and integration with any existing systems to manage groundwater resources to facilitate the flow of information about existing wells and new lands, in addition to the empowerment of analysis capabilities for decision makers to study the current situation by providing change detection and Normalized Difference Vegetation Index NDVI images analysis to show the crop status and monitoring the agriculture areas. The management tool also includes a dashboard application which supports collaboration by providing a common operating view of key performance indicators (KPIs) to analyze, track and display information to monitor the groundwater resources in new lands which helps decision makers understand what is working well and what needs attention. The developed web-based GIS tool is applied to the locations of One and a Half Million feddan project as a study area. The data required for the project locations were collected from various resources and stored in both map and tables form and some data are hypothetical data.

The developed tool is ready for operation and achieves all the research objectives and provides decision makers with the available groundwater information in real-time. For future researches, the system can be integrated with

other models and data for soil, water quality, climate and crop which will be added value. Also, there is a very important needs for establishment of the management tool using ArcGIS Enterprise instead of using ArcGIS Online by running the ArcGIS platform within the related organization's IT infrastructure because the data of groundwater and land reclamation is a sensitive data that cannot be uploaded and stored in the cloud.

**Key words:** Egypt, GIS, RS, Groundwater, Land Reclamation, Management

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