



**WATANEYA SOCIETY**  
QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERY ORPHAN

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## FROM THE HEART

### Love has many faces.

Being loved is wonderful; however, offering love is glorious. Love is most commonly associated with a relationship namely between people, but over time we realize that there is more than one definition.

One of the most beautiful types of love is that of 'self-love', respecting the different stages of life, seeing one's development and maturity, and continuously learning from the past and improving on oneself.

Wataneya Society was established with good intentions backed by the great love that I always offered to the orphans. With love the idea evolved, with knowledge Wataneya was established, and with patience and persistence it remains ongoing. I am not the only one who offers love to the cause and its children and youth, but rather Wataneya Society's entire team has pursued their mission with dedication and love despite the challenges they faced throughout the past year. This is a demonstration of their love and support for all youth and children without parental care.

### Love has many faces.

**Azza Abdel Hamid**  
Founder and CEO

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## Board of Directors

### Azza Abdel Hamid

#### Founder and Chairperson

She founded "Nida Society" in 1997 for the rehabilitation and inclusion of children with hearing impairment; she was a volunteer CEO for more than a decade. In 2008 she founded Wataneya Society for the development of orphanages. She was awarded the **Takreem Award** for 2016 as the best Arab persona in humanitarian work.

### Amr Shaker

#### Founder and Vice-Chairperson

Founder and Executive director of six subsidiaries of "EG **Medical**" which is a prominent company in medical care. He is also the founder and chairperson of "Sehetna" foundation, and a board member of "The Egyptian Cure Bank"

**Eng. Tawfik Al Rashidy**  
Founder & Secretary-General

An architect and executive director of **Kemet Cooperation** for architectural software programs, founder of El-Doha orphanage, and a member of the board of directors of **Nida Society** for the rehabilitation of children with communication disorders.

**Mona El Shibiny**  
Founder and Treasurer

Financial consultant for several international and Egyptian companies. Board member at "**Nida society**", Trustees of "**CISV international Peace Fund**", and board member at "Sehetna" Foundation.

**Eng. Shehab Al Nawawi**  
Member

Chairperson and Managing Director of "**Giza Systems**" a leading company in computer systems integration and solutions in Egypt, the Middle East, and East Africa. He is also the chairperson of the **Giza Systems** educational foundation. Board member of "**Educate Me**" foundation, and board member of "**Injaz Egypt**" which aims at the development of Egyptian Youth.

**Sherif Mansour**  
Founder & Secretary-General

One of the three founding partners of the "**PricewaterhouseCoopers**" PwC, in Egypt previously and both a founding partner and board member of **Nida Society** for the rehabilitation of children with communication disorders.

**Ahmed Moussa**  
Board Member

A legal Accountant worked for Hazem Hassan "**KPMG**" for several years. Member of the **Association of Egyptian Accountants and Auditors** and the **Egyptian Tax Association**. Vice President of the Small Enterprise Development and Community Development Association (SECDA).

## Our values in Wataneya

We believe that we are ambassadors of humanity. We believe that a little optimism can go a long way, which is why we like to keep a positive attitude in everything we do, both at Wataneya and in our lives. Hence, positivity and belief in human values are the basis of our values, which set the foundation of all workers' and volunteers' relationships with each other and with our partners.

### Wataneya core values



#### Effective Communication



#### 1. Effective Communication

We cooperate and work towards mutual goals and values, through clear and transparent communication we build positive relationships built on mutual trust and respect.

#### Accountability & Responsibility



#### 2. Accountability and Responsibility

We take responsibility for tasks and results through exerting our best effort and regularly following up on our work to accomplish the desired outcomes.

#### Persistence & Professionalism



#### 3. Perseverance and Professionalism

We strive to achieve our goals through constant research and continuous development of our knowledge and skills and commitment to the application of professional practices.

#### Innovative Thinking



#### 4. Innovative Thinking

We seek to provide innovative solutions and apply new ideas to deepen the impact of achieving our goals.



## Wataneya in 12 years and impact reached

170

Care homes.

135

Youth direct

420

Youth indirect

135

Care home managers

235

Staff of the Ministry of Social Solidarity

2200

Caregivers

3145

Children

2,327,000

Individuals in the society

## Vision and mission

### Vision:

A house of expertise in alternative care for children and youth.

### Mission:

Creating a future of equal opportunities for children and youth without parental care by providing innovative solutions to standardize and adopt all aspects of alternative care.

## Wataneya Methodology

For the development of its programs and projects, Wataneya relies on best practices, research, and directives of the United Nations, relating to the protection of children and youth without parental care deprived of parental protection, and in compliance with quality standards, so as to serve all the parties concerned working in the care system for the children.

## Strategic Goals 2017-2020

1

Enabling care homes to activate and sustain the implementation of the Quality Standards of Alternative Care.

2

Building the capacity of caregivers to ensure a decent life for children and youth without parental care.

3

Empowering young people without parental care, economically and socially, to successfully transition to independent life.

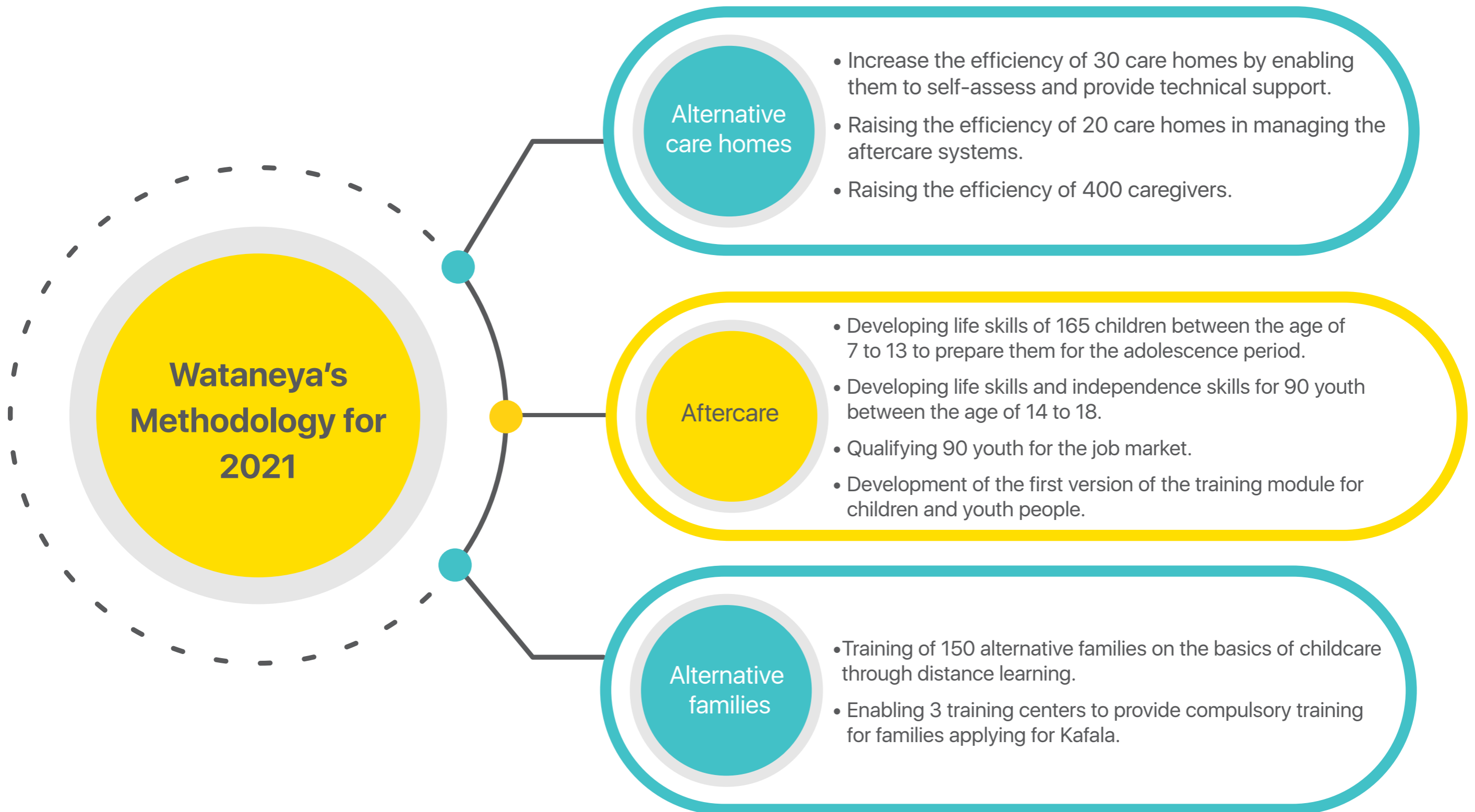
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Developing follow-up and evaluation mechanisms for the alternative care system to sustain the Quality Standards of Alternative Care.

5

Advocating and gaining the support of the appropriate authorities to empower children and youth without parental care.





## Wataneya works to achieve the sustainable development goals and Egypt's 2030 vision



### Achieving Egypt Vision 2030

Wataneya works to provide a decent life for all children and youth without parental care by enabling care homes to implement the quality standards of alternative care, raising the efficiency of the calibers of caregivers and qualifying young people for independence and self-reliance after graduation from care homes, as well as preparing alternative families to embrace children. (kafala)

[To watch the video, click here](#)



This comes through  
working on three main axis

**1**

Care homes

**2**

Youth and after care

**3**

Alternative families

“  
I am always  
**happy**  
when  
**we gather**  
on Fridays and  
have breakfast  
**together**”



One of the children during  
“Beit El Helm” workshop

# Care Homes

Our 2023 goal is to reach 100 safe care homes



**Wataneya  
and care homes  
in 2021**

**33** Care homes

**164** Children

Raising the capacity

**140** caregivers

## **The Quality Standards of Alternative Care: A safety valve for children in care homes**

The care home is the safe place in which the child lives as soon as he is born and where he prepares to receive the love and emotional support, which will form his personality traits.

Investing in the development of Care Homes means offering a new opportunity and a decent life to children and youth without parental care.

In 2020, Wataneya worked to empower 33 Care Homes in order to offer a quality of life for every orphan by applying the quality standards of alternative care, through technical support for care homes which is based on a methodology specific to Wataneya it based on a complete evaluation of the care homes, as well as on participatory plans aimed at the implementation of the quality standards and technical consultations.

This in addition to the "Beit El Helm Award," "Sanad" Forum as well as multiple interventions in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## First: Technical support and development of care homes

### Through:

#### 1. Developing teaching and learning mechanisms in care homes:

Wataneya has partnered with **AL Fanar Organization**, aiming at improving education mechanisms in five institutions in Greater Cairo, through the application of the quality standards of alternative care. One of the most striking results of the project is the improvement and development of the learning skills of 80 children, following the interventions carried out with the caregivers as part of the learning improvement program, provided by Wataneya.



#### 2. Youth Aftercare project:

In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, Drosos Foundation, Sawiris Foundation, and Alex Bank, Wataneya launched youth aftercare project to qualify youth for independence and self-reliance in July 2019. The project aims to empower youth care leavers economically and socially for independence and self-reliance through the development of the aftercare system. The project seeks to achieve 3 main goals by the end of 2024.

**The first goal:** to raise the capabilities of 500 youth from care homes with the necessary life skills for a smooth transition to independence.

**The second goal:** to develop management systems in 20 care homes to qualify the children for independence and safe integration.

**The third goal:** to provide a supportive environment that enables care home leavers and enhances their integration into society.

## drosos (...)



Through these two projects, Wataneya was able to provide technical support to **11** care homes in **3** governorates through the following interventions:

### **A comprehensive evaluation of care homes based on the quality standards of alternative care:**

Assessment is one of the most important processes that clarify strengths and areas of improvement for managers of care homes, enabling them to improve the quality of care provided to children and youth.

The evaluation was carried out in two ways, the institutional evaluation team within Wataneya carried out the first method, while the second method consisted of training the household officials in the use of the self-assessment tool, after which Wataneya reviewed the results and verified them during online meetings or field visits.

This evaluation follows the implementation of “Beit El Helm Workshop”, which brings together managers, members of the board directors, children, youth and caregivers to share their dreams, wishes and aspirations for themselves and for the home in which they reside, and find the right way, for this great house that unites them, to be a source of safety and protection. After that, comes the development of the participatory plan, defining the roles and people responsible for implementing the plan’s monitoring methods according to a precise schedule. The annual plans for care homes include the most important recommendations that came out in the final comprehensive evaluation report. Participatory plans were followed up remotely due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.



## Capacity building of 140 caregivers

The caregiver is the person responsible for bringing up the children and youth in care homes. Their rehabilitation and training are essential elements for the success of the education process.

Therefore, Wataneya seeks to build the capacities of caregivers, with the aim of creating a generation of skilled workers for this noble profession. This happens through its "Pearson" assured Aman Center for Learning and Development.



### During 2020, 30 caregivers were empowered through:

**Child protection program supported by Deutsche Bank** In cooperation with Deutsche Bank, a child protection program has been introduced on three levels aiming at learning to develop services in order to provide the necessary protection.

The program also aims to develop the implementation of guidelines, related to the standards of protection in care homes, as well as the implementation of a plan to deal and react quickly in cases of child abuse.

This program also aims to train caregivers, children and youth on the different methods of protection when they are exposed to abuse and on how to react when they feel in danger. Amid the Covid 19 pandemic, 4 sessions were carried out through Zoom.







## Psychological support program for caregivers in cooperation with Al Rakhawi Foundation



In cooperation with **AL-Rakhawi Foundation for Psychological Support**, Wataneya provided a psychological support program for caregivers, which aims to build resilience and psychological toughness among caregivers, training them on how to deal with stress, innovative thinking methods, and how to provide self support through psychological maintenance in order to avoid job burnout.

It also focused on how to build positive relations between caregiver and the child, and youth in care homes. The program represents one of the important aspects that support caregivers in order to help them supporting children and youth.

## Conducting workshops within care homes on observation and writing reports

In order to provide technical support to caregivers in care homes and to help them to work efficiently with children, the focus was on learning methods of technical observation for children, writing reports professionally, and benefiting from some educational advice to deal positively with children.





## Wataneya celebrated the graduation of the seventh cohort of the "Advanced program for caregivers" provided by its "Pearson" assured training center "Amaan."

This cohort included 18 trainees from various practical backgrounds, including caregivers in care homes, volunteers and staff from the Ministry of Social Solidarity in the various governorates. Throughout the year, the trainee studies methods of observation and their importance, and theories on how to enhance a child's development. The program aims to create qualified professional staff to work in care homes and raise the status of the caregiver's profession.



## Implementing development programs for 150 children

Raising children is a great task and a noble one. Wataneya designed the children's program this year to include the development of intellectual, educational and life skills aspects that qualify children and youth to integrate into society.

The program includes children from 7 to 12 years old.

The program consists of: child protection-life skills-working in a team and solving problems-enhancing learning.

**Enhancing learning:** The program aims to enhance the developmental and academic skills of the child, through innovative methods that help him/her learn in a fun and attractive way, and aims to create a positive environment that helps the child's continuous learning.

**Child protection:** The program aims to educate children about the limits, types of abuse, and the different methods of protection when exposed to abuse, and how to deal when feeling threatened.

**Life skills:** The program aims to train the child on a set of basic life skills that help him/her to live independently within the care home and society.



## Provided 55 consultations to support care homes:

Supporting and enhancing orphan care homes and workers in the field is one of the major tasks in Wataneya since it began its journey towards a **quality of life for every orphan**. Wataneya provided nearly **55 consultations** covering technical and administrative aspects of caring for children and youth without parental care.

In terms of providing the necessary support to orphan care homes with regard to managing crises related to the shortage of qualified workers, Wataneya provided for the first time this year the employment service in care homes with the aim of ensuring the presence of qualified calibers that properly apply the quality standards of care.





## Second: "Beit El Helm" Award

Under the patronage of the Minister of Social Solidarity **Dr. Nevin El-Kabbaj**, Wataneya honored 8 care homes at "Beit El Helm" Award in its third round, in cooperation with Drosos Foundation and the social responsibility of MBC group (MBC Al-Amal) on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. The ceremony was held virtually on social media platforms due to the covid 19 pandemic and in the interest of everyone's safety.

"Beit El Helm" Award is a cash and in-kind prize launched by Wataneya in 2015.

[To watch the event, click here](#) 

## Winners of the award:



Category of best institutional homes  
Beit Amena Bent Wahb – Giza



Category of quality of child protection  
Dar Al Fustat – Giza



Category of quality of institution management  
First place: Dar Al Orman – Alexandria



Category of quality of infrastructure:  
Dar Mohamed Emad Ragheb – 6th of October



Category of quality of Institution Management –  
Second place: Dar Al Rahma for Girls – Ismailia



Category of quality of Institution Management –  
Third place: Dar Fagr Al Islam – Dakahlia



Category of quality of caregivers – First place:  
Dar Resala for Boys – Maadi



Category of quality of caregivers – Second  
place: Dar Al Sabeqon Lel Khayrat– Giza

## The Jury Consisted of:

Category of Quality of Child Care and Protection



**Dr. Hala Hammad**

Consultant and Psychiatrist, for children, adolescents and family relations

Category of Quality of Caregivers



**Dr. Heba Wajih Kotb**

Professor of Psychology at American University of Cairo

Category of Quality of Infrastructure



**Dr. Sahar Attia**

professor at the Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University, and head of the Architectural Engineering Department

Category of Quality of Institution Management



**Dr. Moez Al-Shahdi**

CEO of Food Banking Regional Network

Advisor to the arbitration committee



**Dr. Abdel Hamid Kabesh**

Former advisor for Disability Affairs to the Ministry of Solidarity



**Mrs. Nahla El-Nimr**

Representative of Orphaned Youth, and an Evaluation Officer at the Institutional Development Unit at Wataneya.

## Honorary:

**Apache Petroleum**, for its prominent role in serving children and youth without parental care in Egypt through the **Apache Orphans Committee**, which has been operating in Egypt for more than 15 years.

**Dr. Dina Ratib**, professor of business administration at the American University in Cairo and supervisor of the Association of Volunteers in Charitable Work, for her efforts in serving children without parental care.





Within the celebration, Wataneya held three webinar sessions on social media platforms, with a focus on the sustainability of developmental activities amid Covid -19 pandemic.

## "How to create and sustain partnerships"

The session included **Dr. Moez Al-Shohdi**, CEO of Food Banking Regional Network, **Dr. Wissam Al-Bayh**, the Regional Director of Drosos Foundation Egypt, and moderated by **Mrs. Yasmine Al-Hagry**, Deputy Executive Director of Wataneya.

The session raised a number of challenges that most people face on how to conduct successful partnerships, get things done and the means implemented as well as the necessary management for their sustainability.

[To watch the session, click here](#) 



## "The role of drama in highlighting the cause of children and youth without parental care"

The session included the actor **Asir Yassin** and the writer **Maryam Naoum** with a group of youth without parental care from Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

**Muhammad Othman** - Assistant Social Researcher at the Ministry of Labor and Social Development (Saudi Arabia), **Ibrahim Salama** - Graduate of the Faculty of Mass Communication - Misr University for Science and Technology, Egypt, **Naglaa Fathy** - Journalism student at Akhbar Al-Youm Academy, Egypt **Marwan Khalil Al-Hosary** - Student at the Institute of Dramatic Arts, Egypt The session was moderated by **Mrs. Maryam Farag** - Director of Social Responsibility - MBC Al-Amal.

The session discussed the role of drama in changing the stereotype about youth without parental care and the importance of highlighting successful experiences.



[To watch the session, click here](#)



## "Community marketing and its importance in serving the cause"

The session included **Mrs. Maryam Farag** - Director of Social Responsibility MBC Al-Amal and managed by **Mrs. Yasmine Al-Hagry**, Deputy Executive Director of Wataneya.

The session discussed the importance of the role of community marketing to support the cause of children and youth without parental care, to attract partners and supporters to ensure the continuity of giving, through individuals and large institutions.



[To watch the session, click here](#)



## Third: Sanad Forum for Alternative Care

The forum aims to create a space for exchanging experiences and transferring best practices between care homes' founders, managers and caregivers for children without parental care, and to enhance communication between them.



During 2020:

### **"Aftercare Rehabilitation" session for 32 care homes:**

In cooperation with Prof. Zeina Alloush, international expert in child protection and alternative care, 2020 began through a training directed to those in charge of care homes, through "Sanad" forum under the title of "preparation for aftercare" with the aim of confirming the importance of training youth from early childhood so that they take responsibility for preparing to leave the care home.

### **"Facing Covid 19 Pandemic" session and ways of cooperation:**

The session took place with the aim of supporting partner care homes after the outbreak of the Covid 19 Pandemic, to identify the existing challenges and the possibility of finding appropriate solutions.

The session included 9 care homes partners and was via Zoom.

## Fourth: Responding to the Covid 19 Pandemic

### Seminars on child care and protection amid Covid 19 pandemic

Facing the Covid 19 pandemic and coinciding with the Wataneya' interest in transmitting distance-education, **Aman Center**, affiliated to Wataneya and accredited by Pearson

14

Seminars on topics related to children, caregivers and youth supporting their cause.

387

Participants from Egypt and the Arab world benefited from these seminars.

## Some of these Seminars:

**"Crisis management in care homes amid Covid 19 pandemic"**  
Mr. Ashraf Abdel Moneim - Protection Consultant

**"Dealing with childrens' behaviors in times of crisis"**  
Dr. Heba Wagih - Professor Practitioner of Psychology at the American University in Cairo

**"Self-Care and psychological maintenance"**  
Prof. Dr. Mona Rakhawy - Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Rakhawy Foundation for Training and Scientific Research.

**"Identity and youth life"**  
Dr. Iman Gad - Dean of the College of Education at the British University - Dubai

**"How to prepare our children from childhood on self-reliance"**  
Mrs. Noha Emam - Senior Research and Knowledge Specialist, Wataneya Society

**"Principles of counseling and guidance"**  
Mr. Faisal Al-Babli - Expert in management sciences

**"Safe Child"**  
Dr. Iman Al-Hussi - Lecturer at the Faculty of Education - Graduate Studies - Cairo University

## Campaigns to support care homes:

### “Amanhom Awlawya” campaign:

The campaign coincided with the covid 19 pandemic that swept the world in early 2020, and was launched to reassure workers and managers in care homes and support them in facing the crisis and encourage them to take the serious and responsible positions they took to contain the anxiety of children and youth during the crisis.



## Cooperating with community initiatives and volunteers for a decent life for every orphan

The cooperation with some initiatives comes in response to the Covid 19 pandemic to activate the role of civil society towards supporting children and youth in care homes, to confront this crisis, pass it safely, and complete the support process in order to provide a decent life for every orphan.

## Beit El Nogoom Initiative – “Star house initiative”

In cooperation with the journalist and writer Samar Gad, and a group of professors of the Faculty of Applied Arts, Ain Shams University on the one hand, and Amer Publishing Corporation on the other hand, the initiative aims to discover the literary and artistic talents of children and youth to develop their skills, so that it will be an aid factor in containing anxiety, tension and taking advantage of free time, especially with the covid 19 pandemic.

**Eight care homes and 60 children benefited from the service.**



### Mersal Foundation

The foundation provided the needs of **5 care homes with flu medication.**



### ULKER Corporation

During the covid 19 pandemic, and to entertain children and contain the crisis in a simple way, **the company donated their products to 10 care homes.**



## Baseera Foundation for People with Visual Needs

The Foundation provided free medical examinations for children and caregivers and works to complete the treatment journey as needed

**121 children and 18 caregivers benefited from the service.**



## Waste Management Control Company for recycling



It aims to raise awareness of the importance of waste recycling and preserving the environment.

**3 Awareness sessions were held in 3 care homes.**

## Nahdet Misr Publishing House



Provided external textbooks, for basic subjects from the first grade to the secondary grade.

**8 care homes and 300 children benefited from the service.**

## Activating the role of volunteers

### “For a better tomorrow” initiative

A cooperation protocol was signed with “For a better tomorrow” initiative, which is a volunteer initiative aiming to provide support and scientifically studied programs to children and youth without parental care living in care homes, so that they can be successful individuals within the community.

Wataneya provided technical consultations, a workshop of ethics for visiting care homes, and training on the quality standards of alternative care to enable them to carry out effective and useful visits in a number of care homes.





## Initiatives in collaboration with DELL TECHNOLOGIES



### "GENMOVE" Initiative

A sports initiative by DELL employees to raise awareness on the cause of children and youth without parental care, and to raise donation for a quality of life for every orphan.

### "Make a wish" initiative

DELL employees took another volunteer initiative, **Make a Wish**, and gave Christmas gifts to children in care homes.



### "Tatawaa bekhtelaf" initiative

Mrs. Aya Al-Shuwaihi, the Food Blogger presented 2 workshops to children at care homes, to teach them how to make simple meals themselves.



### CISV Egypt

Egypt CISV volunteers participated in the Pyramids Half Marathon at the beginning of the year. With the aim of raising awareness about the issue of children and youth without parental care, and collecting donations to support the rehabilitation and training of caregivers to ensure the safety of the environment in which children grow up.



“  
I feel  
comfortable  
when  
I am  
at  
Wataneya  
”

Says one of the youth of the “Youth Aftercare” Program



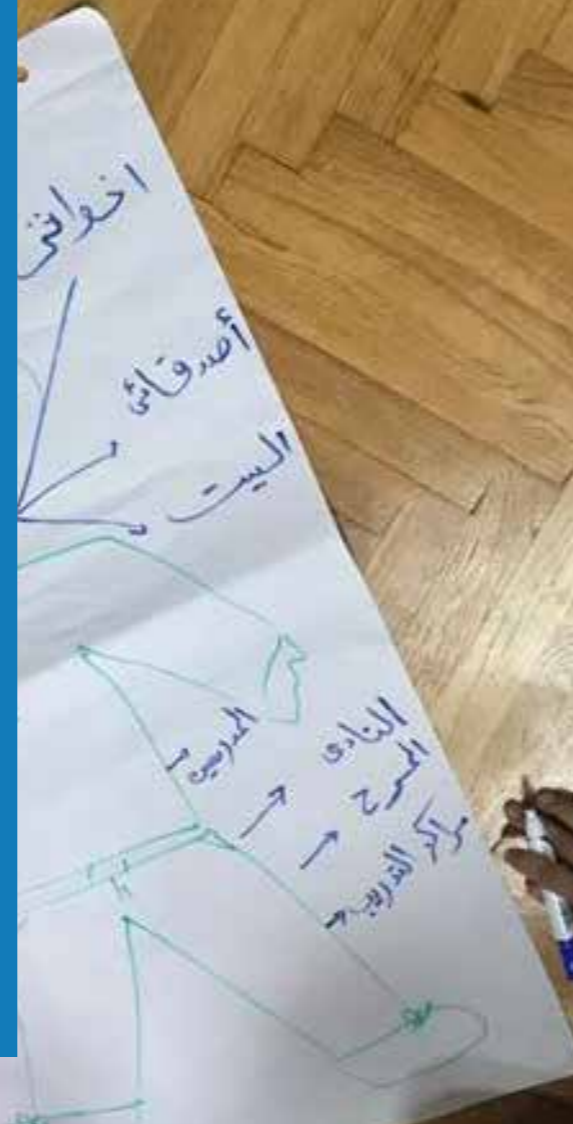
## Youth after 18

Our goal in 2023 is to reach 500 independent youth

The dream of every parent is to see their children turn into independent, stable, and responsible adults. Dreams of successful life are the same for all children and youth without parental care.

In order to achieve their dreams, Wataneya works so that youth without parental care can obtain skills and capabilities that qualify them for a decent and stable life after they leave care homes

This happens through several methods:



## Youth support and development in 2020

**36** youth joined the "Youth Aftercare" program.

**18** sessions were held for the Youth Forum.

Launching the youth's voice to the world.

Awareness campaigns to support youth.



## First: Youth independence and self-reliance Program:

Youth training on life skills began in October 2020, with all the precautionary measures.

Youth were divided into three groups to maintain the distance and some sessions were held in open places or remotely in cooperation with some consulting and implementing partners.

### The program includes topics on

- Life Skills
- Independence Skills
- Employment Skills

### The First Batch

**36** Youth

**4** Homes for alternative care

### Some youth's testimonials:

“ I really enjoyed it.

I enjoyed and benefited.

Honestly would like to continue.

It was a very, very, very beautiful day, and I benefited from today's lecture.

”

## Second: Youth Forum:

Wataneya launched the **"Youth Forum for youth without Parental Care"** in December 2017 with the aim of being a safe environment for the exchange of experiences among them, and also in order to benefit from experts in many fields to discuss the challenges facing young people and think of suggested solutions to them. The forum also aims to empower youth communicating their voice to the concerned authorities.

The forum targets young people without parental care, from the age of 18 years



This year, the forum included a series of sessions with different topics, like (how to accept the past and not judge others, how to cope with the current situation and the Covid 19 pandemic, the difference between action and reaction, and the concept behind culture of apology) and many topics on character building and self-reliance, the concept of independence and how to face society and its challenges.

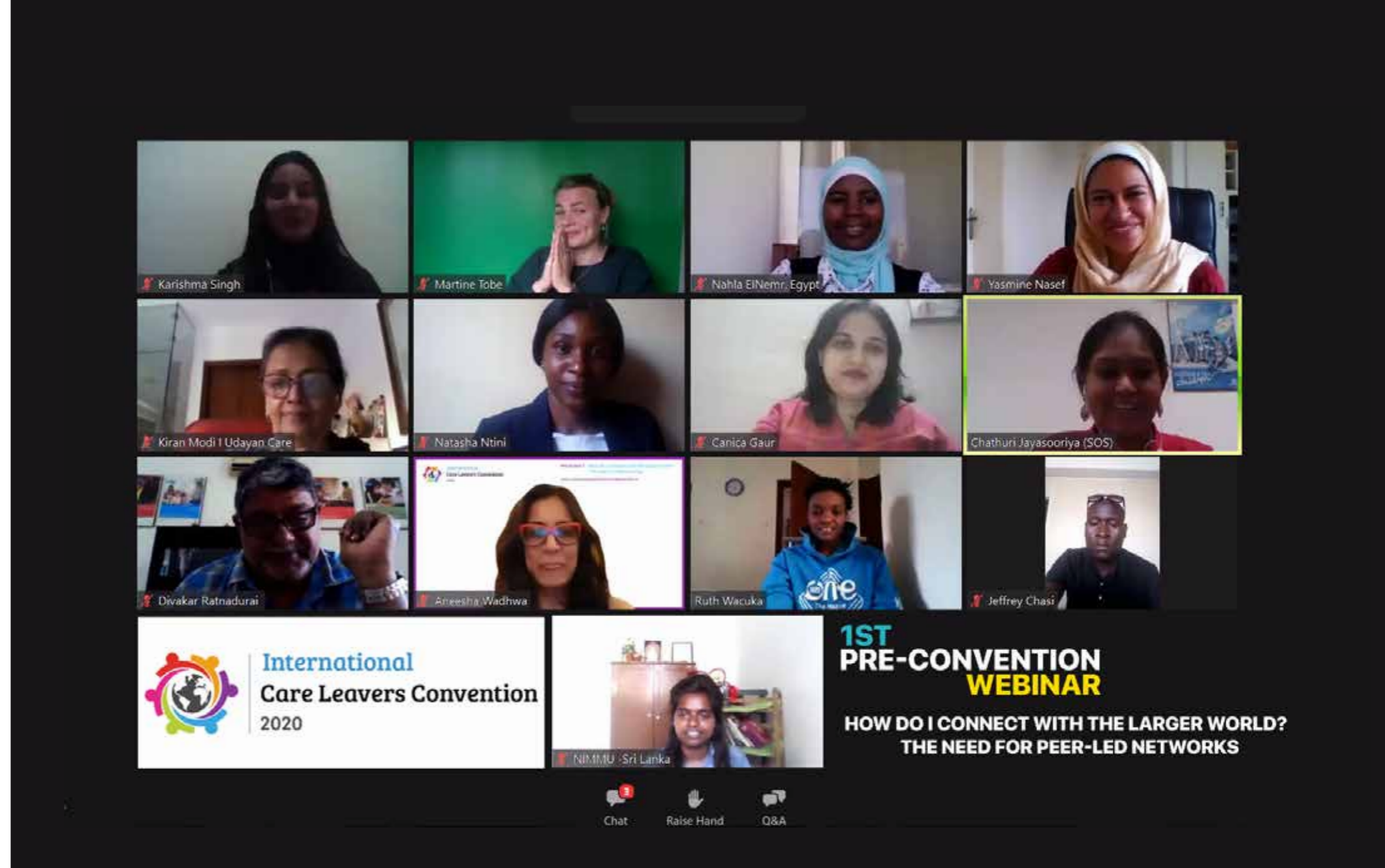
Facing the covid 19 pandemic, the forum sessions were held from February to August virtually, and we doubled the number of sessions to support young people on how to deal with the crisis.

## Third: Supporting the voice of orphaned youth

### 1. Participation in international conferences

Wataneya participated as a technical partner in the first international **Care Leavers Convention** organized by a committee comprising of Udayan Care - India, University of Hildesheim - Germany, Kinderperspectief - Netherlands and SOS Children's Villages - International)

[For more, click here](#) 



#### Wataneya worked on:

- Coordination with speakers from Arab countries to present their experiences at the conference
- Communication with young care graduates in the Arab countries.
- Providing the conference website with information on alternative care in Egypt.
- Providing recommendations for the conference agenda and session design.
- Translating a document to respond to the needs of young people without parental care in different countries during the Corona pandemic and sharing it with the association's knowledge network for approval.

This conference aims to network care leavers internationally, and provide them with the spaces and tools that give them an opportunity to learn, share experiences, knowledge and share challenges related to them through interactive sessions with care leavers, service providers, researchers and decision-makers working with and for care home graduates.

Egypt had a prominent role through the participation of the youth of Wataneya Forum: **Mr. Marwan Khalil - Mr. Ibrahim Salama** And from Wataneya's' team: **Mr. Reda Ali**: Marketing and Communication Specialist.

**Ms. Nahla Al-Nimr**: Leader of the Institutional Assessment Team **Ms. Yasmine Nassif**, Senior Officer, Youth Development and **Mrs. Yasmine Al-Hagry**, Executive Director, The conference sessions were held over three days, and during the conference activities in October, November and December.

It is worth noting that Her Excellency the Minister of Social Solidarity, **Dr. Nevin El-Kabbaj**, expressed at the end of the conference, her appreciation for the youth who have strength, resilience, courage and boldness that helped them to overcome the difficulties they have gone through.

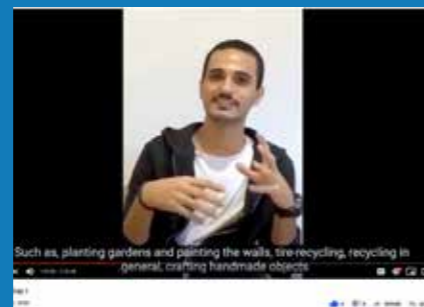


That was during the last session of the decision-makers to discuss the recommendations of the conference; her Excellency stated also that in addition to social justice, social protection and an egalitarian approach, care home graduates need to be supported in their new lives.

[To watch the session, click here](#) 



Mr. Reda Ali



Mr. Ibrahim Salama



Mr. Marwan Khalil

(The conference was held virtually over three days (23-25 November))

**1500**

Participants and institutions

from

**83**

countries participated and attended

## 2nd Middle East North Africa Regional Conference on Community Psychology

**Mrs. Yosr Kotb**, Learning and Development Consultant. **Mrs. Noha Imam**, Research and Knowledge Manager, and **Mrs. Amira Ghoneim**, Learning and Development Senior Manager Presented 4 different experiences on Wataneya's interventions in the field of alternative care, including providing technical support for care homes and preparing young people for independence and self-reliance.

**Mr. Reda Ali**, marketing and communication specialist at Wataneya and a member of the Youth Forum, gave a presentation on the successful societal integration of youth without parental care.

[To watch the session, click here](#)



**2nd Middle East North Africa  
Regional Conference on Community  
Psychology**





## 2. For the first time, a care leaver is an ambassador for community control of care homes

Her Excellency the Minister of Social Solidarity **Dr. Nevin El-KabbaJ**, in 2020, named: **Mrs. Nahla Al-Nimr** who works at Wataneya as a senior specialist in organizational development as an **Ambassador of Community Monitoring Care Homes.**

This title comes after great efforts that **Nahla Al-Nimr** took to prove that youth without parental care are the most worthy of people able to positively change society's view about the cause.

**Nahla Al-Nimr** joined Wataneya as a volunteer and a representative of orphan youth in 2012, participated in several workshops on developing the quality standards of alternative care, and then she joined Wataneya team in 2013 as a volunteer coordinator.

She received many specialized trainings and became a Senior Institutional Development Specialist and Leader of the Assessment team in Wataneya.

She became a trainer at the Amaan Center of Wataneya, a member of the technical committee, and an advisor to the jury for the Beit Al-Helm award.

Nahla Al-Nimr holds workshops and trainings for sponsors and volunteers on "Dos and don'ts when visiting orphanages."

Nahla shared the story of her growing up in a care home, Tedx Cairo women, wikistage Cairo and Tedx Manaret Elfarouk fans, the challenges that the child / youth who graduated from care homes is going through, and how she contributed to changing society's view of the issue of orphans.

**Ms. Nahla El-Nimr** was chosen as one of the 10 most influential women figures in Egyptian society at the end of 2019 by the Egyptian Women magazine.

## To view Ms. Nahla El-Nimr's achievements during 2020

- [Sharing her story with SHE IS ARAB as one of the success stories of Arab girls.](#)
- [Participation in the success stories of the solidarity women film - produced by the Ministry of Social Solidarity.](#)
- [Participate in TEDx Manarat AlFarouk School.](#)
- [Participation with the incubation initiative in Egypt.](#)
- [A meeting with the anchor Mahmoud Saad.](#)

## Fourth: Awareness campaigns to support youth independence

### Alamhom Sanadhom Campaign "Their education is their support"

The campaign aims to raise community awareness by supporting children and youth in obtaining quality education and acquiring life skills that help them to settle and self-reliance after leaving care homes to face life.

Nahdet Misr Publishing House signed a cooperation protocol with Wataneya, to support the campaign to empower youth without parental care, socially and economically, through education.



[For more, click here](#)



### Ebny Ensan "Build a Human" Campaign

An extension of their education is their support campaign working on the youth's readiness to graduate from care homes in safety.

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**Coldstone Company** initiated a fundraising campaign with a product presented to the public specifically to support a Wataneya's campaign to educate children and youth without parental care.

Working on offering " quality of life for every orphan"



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“  
she came  
and joy came  
with her  
suddenly the house  
was full of  
life”

Mama Rasha

**The First Single Fostering Lady**



## Alternative families

Our 2023 goal is to reach 2000 alternative families  
who are eligible to foster children



The family is the natural safe place for all children, which is why we support and encourage the alternative family concept (kafala) of children without parental care, so that they have a family, while preserving the full rights of children within welcoming families.

enabling them to raise children in a healthy and safe atmosphere.

**A Good Rehabilitation**



**A Safe Family**



**An Independent Child**



## First: Preparing the Ministry of Social Solidarity calibers to activate the alternative families' system

The Ministry of Social Solidarity entrusted Wataneya, in partnership with the FACE Foundation, with the task of preparing a guide for the new alternative- care families system.

During two years of preparation, evaluation and revision under the supervision of the Higher Committee for Alternative Care Families, the guide was issued and approved by the ministry in 2019.

The capacities of 54 calibers of Social Solidarity staff were built through a training program to introduce the new system for alternative care families, in preparation for its activation.

The program was presented in the four governorates of Giza, Alexandria, sharqia and Assiut. And provided some sessions remotely due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The training program consists of:

- A general introduction to parental care and the new alternative care family system
- A technical part for the implementers of the system
- A science transfer part to popularize benefits.

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Training program

For

4

Governorates

54

Calibers of the Ministry of Social Solidarity

## Second: Raising community awareness of the importance of alternative families

### "Mesh Zay Ay Om" campaign

It aims to highlight the noble role played by everyone who has taken it upon herself to take care of children without parental care. The campaign addressed success stories of extraordinary mothers, whether they are surrogates, sponsors or foster mothers"

[For more, click here](#)



### Kafala in Egypt

Wataneya cooperated with "Kafala in Egypt" by providing technical consultations to support them to develop a strategic plan for their initiative, with the aim of raising awareness about Fostering children in families and how to foster a child in a family to ensure safe experience.

[For more, click here](#)



“

Wataneya is indeed

Aptly named

Its work is an

explicit  
patriotic act

not just a professional work

”

States Dr. Nevin El-Kabbaj  
**Minister of Social Solidarity**



**Wataneya: "Center of excellence " in alternative care**

**Our goal is to become a beacon spreading knowledge regionally and internationally, to achieve the best interest of the child and young person without parental care.**



In line of its vision, Wataneya has succeeded in becoming a center of excellence in the field of alternative care, and it's now seen as a reference point in the field of alternative care, by many stakeholders locally and internationally.

Wataneya has cooperated with the Ministry of Social Solidarity to adopt the quality standards of alternative care in Egypt to be applied in care homes. Wataneya participated in many international conferences and organized the first Arab conference for alternative care, and became an active member in more than one international coalition to preserve the rights of children.

Adding to that, a procedural guide for empowering alternative families was issued, under the supervision of the Supreme Committee for Alternative Families, in which Wataneya is membership since 2016.



## First: A cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Social Solidarity to serve youth without parental care and activate alternative families

**Dr. Nevin El-kabbaj**, Minister of Social Solidarity, signed a cooperation protocol with Wataneya, with the aim of working to improve the quality of care for children and youth without parental care. The aim is to develop the aftercare

system through the project (Care leavers independency) implemented by Wataneya in three governorates of Cairo, Giza and Dakahlia, to socially and economically enable the graduates of orphan care homes, lacking parental care.

In addition to activating the alternative families system, by Developing an operational plan for implementing and evaluating the pilot phase and activating the procedural guide in Egypt

## Second: Wataneya's presenting knowledge to empower the alternative care system

### 1) Issuing a procedural guide for implementing the quality standards of alternative care in care homes

Wataneya developed an integrated transformational approach to implement the quality standards of alternative care in 2014 in cooperation with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

Wataneya has experimented this methodology, in more than 100 care homes nationwide, which were summarized in the procedural guide that was developed with funding from the Fanar Foundation.

The guide aims to enable care homes to implement the quality standards of alternative care and to develop and improve management systems that ensure safety and health of Children and youth, both physical and psychological, and ensure their empowerment and their integration into society.

### 2) Writing a book chapter on institutional care in Egypt

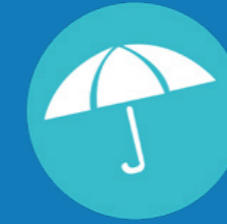
Wataneya has written a chapter on institutional care in Egypt, as part of a book on institutional care in Africa. The book will be published in a series of books by the International Child and Youth Care Network in 2021.

[For more, click here](#)



# الدليل الإجرائي

لتطبيق معايير جودة الرعاية البديلة في  
بيوت رعاية الأيتام



جمعية وطنية  
ضمان كرامة لكل إنسان





### Third: Wataneya wins first place in education quality with the Misr El-Kheir Foundation Award for Entrepreneurial Charitable and Development Giving in its first session 2020

Wataneya won the first place in “Quality Education” within the award launched by Misr El-Kheir Foundation for pioneering charitable and developmental giving in its first session 2019 towards achieving sustainable development goals, Egypt Vision 2030.

By submitting a vocational rehabilitation project for caregivers of children without

parental care, in the field of promoting child development, which aims at the healthy upbringing of the early stages of life, “early childhood” for the child by strengthening the profession of children caregiver.

A cooperation protocol was also signed with the Misr El-Kheir Foundation, entitled “Developing and implementing a code of conduct for managing associations working

with children without parental care”, in order to improve the quality of child and youth care within care homes.



## Fourth: Wataneya with global prospects

Continuous development and access to the latest developments and research in the field of alternative care, as well as practical experience is one of the most important reasons that made Wataneya a member of several international alliances. In addition to that, Wataneya participated in a number of international conferences, that serve the field of alternative care for children and youth without parental care.

### 1) Joining international alliances supporting children

#### Child Protection Alliance in Humanitarian Action

Wataneya joined the coalition, which includes a group of international and local organizations from different countries and is currently led by UNICEF and Plan International, working to enhance child protection by setting standards and providing technical support.

Wataneya shared its experience in "Strengthening the Capacity of Caregivers in a Time of Instability to Enhance Child Protection" at the Coalition's Annual Meeting 2020 remotely.

[For more, click here](#)

#### IFCO "International Foster care organization"

Wataneya joined the organization with its experience in dealing with the Corona pandemic, by publishing a blog post on its website, and it was shared with other partners through their newsletter.

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#### Egyptian Professionals Network

Wataneya has joined the Egyptian Professionals Network, EPN an international network of professionals and experts from various fields.

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#### "Leep" network

Wataneya has joined the Leep network that works to facilitate access to important knowledge and resources, so that change makers can expand their impact, to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities across Egypt.

[For more, click here](#)



## 2) Participation in international conferences and specialized platforms to support the cause of lack of parental care

### The Fourth International Conference of the Egyptian Society of Treatments and Associations

Wataneya participated in the Fourth International Conference of the Egyptian Society for Treatments and NGOs, which was held on January 15-18, 2020, and presented its experience in implementing the quality standards of alternative care during the Sanad project, The presentation discussed the research conducted to evaluate the project and recommendations, as well as Wataneya's experience in achieving successful societal integration for youth without parental care through its program "Forsa" for Youth Development.

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## 3) Participating in "Qualify Summit"

Collaboration with Qualify Summit, which helps young people with employment skills and career choices, **Mrs. Yasmine El Hagry**, Deputy of the Executive Director, presented a project proposal-workshop developing the financial resources of associations.

[For more, click here](#) 



## Fifth: Building the capacity of Wataneya's employees

In order to maximize the impact on its beneficiaries, Wataneya is constantly upgrading the knowledge and skills of its team, and providing the necessary support to build the team's capabilities.

### 1) Training the concept of alternative care and rehabilitation for independence

**Mrs. Zaina Alloush** - Senior International Consultant in Alternative Care.

**Mrs. Zaina** gave a 3-days training program on the concept of alternative care, with the aim of strengthening the capacity to address the needs and potential risks in the scope of interventions in the field of alternative care, especially with young people preparing for independence and aftercare.



### 2) A self-development management session during troubled times

**Dr. Iman Gad** - Dean of the College of Education at the British University - UAE

During the Covid-19 crisis, a session was held remotely on how to contain crises and maintain good moral in performing duties to the fullest.

### 3) Psychological resilience workshop for the team - Bridge Company for Psychological Advice and Consulting

Dr. Sherry Boutros - Psychologist, Master of International Psychological Counseling. The psychological resilience workshop was presented to the team, with the aim of meeting the daily challenges faced by humanitarian workers in order to continue to bid while preserving mental health



### 4) Capacity Building Program for NGOs - PDF

Three members of the working team participated in the program, which aims to empower civil society institutions with the necessary skills to manage their human and financial resources efficiently to achieve the desired sustainability within their institutions as well as within the communities they serve.

### 5) Workshop on the protection policy

Mr. Mustafa Hanafi Academic Senior Specialist – Wataneya  
Due to direct engagement with children and youth in order to achieve its strategy, Wataneya is keen that the work team is fully aware of the protection policy, the mechanisms for facing abuse, and the limits imposed by the professional relationship when dealing with children.

### 6) Training of follow-up and evaluation mechanisms for NGOs - Sawiris Foundation

The training aims to identify the follow-up and evaluation mechanisms for the projects of the Sawiris Foundation, to benefit from their expertise in this field, in terms of evaluation and supervision of projects, developing an evaluation plan and determining success indicators to ensure successful and sustainable projects.

# Thank you for your contribution

Wataneya extends its thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed to providing quality of life for every orphan.

## Volunteers with knowledge and experience



Dr. Heba Wagih  
Professor Practitioner  
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Management Science  
Expert



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Faculty of Medicine, Cairo  
University



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psychology



Mr. Ashraf Abdel  
Protection Consultant



Mrs. Aya Shuwehi  
Food Blogger



# Thank you for your contribution

Wataneya extends its thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed to providing a decent life for every orphan.

## Wataneya's new headquarters

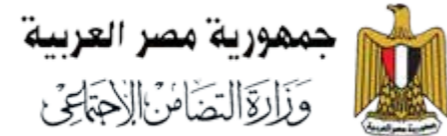
We are expanding to provide more support for every young person and child without parental care  
We thank **Eng. Amira Selim** for the design work for the headquarters through her company, **Design Dialogue**  
We also **thank MOHM** for supporting the furnishings of the new headquarters



# Wataneya's Partners 2020

## Strategic Partners

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## Main Partners



## Youth and Children Empowerment Partners



## Civil Society Partners



## Supportive Partners



## "Beit El Helm" Award partner



# Support

## a decent life for every orphan



### Donate

Learn about donation programs to support a quality of life for every orphan

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### Volunteer

With knowledge and experience to qualify and educate youth, children, and caregivers, and to raise the competence of Wataneya's team

[info@wataneya.org](mailto:info@wataneya.org)



### Contribute to

Raising community awareness about the issue of orphans and the role of Wataneya

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