

ITALIAN COOPERATION IN EGYPT

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS

Revitalization of Traditional Arts and Crafts and Environment in Old Cairo (El-Fustat)

Geographic Area: Governorate of Cairo

Area of Development: Control and Sustainable management of the environmental heritage

Sector: Conservation and restoration

Executive body: DGCS

Institutional counterpart: Governorate of Cairo and UNESCO

Other Funding parties: -

Beneficiaries: The population of Fustat

Period of implementation: 2003 – 2004

Amount and nature of the funds: 240,000 € grant through the debt swap

Type of intervention: Technical assistance, capacity building, training

Objective: Contributing to poverty alleviation and to the protection of artistic and cultural heritage in the area of Fustat

Description of the project:

The project aims at developing the artistic and cultural heritage in the area of Fustat, allowing the indigenous community to appreciate the traditional art and handicraft. The project proposes the integrated development of the *Fustat* market area through the establishment of a handicraft school for young apprentices. The project encourages the community to actively participate in safeguarding the historic and artistic heritage and to promote economic activities destined to the integrated development of the community.