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To: The many friends of the Bayad Human Development Project  
From: The Institute of Cultural Affairs  
Subject: A brief report on recent events and a summation of the major accomplishments thus far.

### Recent Events

- November: -Weekly classes for women on health, nutrition, family planning  
-Renovation of Community Center, now housing PreSchool, Community Kitchen, and village meetings  
-Street cleaning established as regular activity
- December: -Raising of water tank on tower and full system hook-up  
-Completion of first toilet/shower facility  
-Marmalade production established on regular basis  
-Visit by Governor of Beni Suef
- January: -100 students from Cairo spent three days working in Bayad  
-One feddan of desert prepared for trickle irrigation  
-Village initiative produces work on the next three toilet/shower facilities
- February: -Village roofing industry begins  
-New model wall for village housing demonstrated  
-Pilot brick plant operational  
-New pump installed to supply adequate water for completed system  
-Fish cages repaired in preparation for return of fish to cages after the cold winter months



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## Summation of Major Accomplishments

As a demonstration project, Bayad is designed to show what is possible in any village in this nation in terms of practical economic, social and environmental change related to national concerns and which are sustained by local people and structures. We suggest that Bayad is already a demonstration of possibility in the following significant areas:

- 1- Water that is both good and available. Village people did the work in getting it, and they are maintaining the system.
- 2- Sanitation facilities. Village people, having seen one facility, are now demanding an adequate coverage throughout the village, and are investing their own time and money in making it happen quickly.
- 3- Social Structures providing basic needs. Health and nutrition care, literacy classes, preschool, and community meeting structures are all operating with village leadership. Vitality and creativity are leading to increased cooperative effort in solving various community problems.
- 4- Micro Industries (bricks and marmalade) have already shown the viability of spreading the economic base beyond agriculture and encouraging the development of new skills.

In addition, two more major priorities are now being launched:

- 5- Desert Reclamation of one feddan , and then 20. Farmers are fully involved because of the success of the small test plot last year.
- 6- Village Housing that is sturdy, non-flammable, low cost, and locally produced. The roof and the wall introduced by the Intermediate Technology people promises a major breakthrough.

Your past support has produced well.  
Your continuing support is needed.

Contributions may be sent to ICA, Data Exchange Box 74, or c/o IBA, 1079 Corniche El Nil, Garden City, Cairo.

Your visit to Bayad is welcome any time. Just follow the Nile south of Cairo 120 km on the EAST BANK, past Helwan, asphalt road all the way.



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