

## ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF EGYPTIAN WOMEN'S RIGHT TO INHERITANCE IN SOHAG GOVERNORATE

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**Targeted area**  
Sohag governorate - Egypt

### Context

Egyptian women, especially in rural areas such as Al Sa'eed area (Sohag governorate), are victims of a special type of violence which consists in depriving them from their inheritance. Although the Egyptian Civil Code affirms women's right to own, inherit and independently use their property equally to men, in Sohag, 93% of women are deprived of their inheritance, and 60% are unable to manage their inheritance. Moreover, 88% of men refuse to give women their inheritance, according to a study by the international instance KIR. Discriminatory prejudices lead men and families to deprive women of their right and communities silently encourage and accept this practice. The result is that women are deprived of their economic rights which make them more vulnerable.

### Objective

To support Egyptian women in claiming their right to inheritance through mobilizing parliament members and civil society organizations, and through encouraging Muslim and Christian religious leaders to raise the community's awareness regarding women's legitimate right to ownership and inheritance.

### Activities

The core activity of the campaign will be training religious leaders to encourage them to talk about women's right to inheritance in their sermons, in mosques and churches, and holding a series of awareness-raising sessions and round tables gathering decisions makers, civil society organizations, the media and the general public to discuss and defend women's rights to inheritance. Additionally, street-theater activities will be realized together with the dissemination of awareness-raising materials, and the collection of signatures in support of the campaign.

**Start date**  
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**For more information:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/badrngo/?fref=ts>

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