

The Key Research Findings

Preamble

The discussion of research findings presented in this paper is intended to summarize the main issues and assess the evidence arising out of this special Egypt study on the personal and cultural dimensions of development assistance. Given the large number and variety of personnel that took part in this study, it was not surprising that there were quite a few differing perceptions and opinions. To reiterate, the aim of the study was to increase our understanding of what it takes for development projects and personnel to be effective in Egypt, with the focus on individuals and how their interaction influenced outcomes. Although there was a need to understand the technical goals of projects, the institutional constraints and pressures, etc., the aim here was primarily to try to understand how these influenced the attitudes and behaviour of individuals involved in the implementation of development projects in Egypt.

In order to appreciate the full array of findings emerging from this research, it would be advantageous for the reader to consult three

other project reports which present and discuss the research findings in more depth. These reports are the following:

Report One: The Technical Advisor in Egypt: An Empirical Profile of Success

This report presents research findings in the form of identifying the key skills, knowledge, and behaviour of the highly effective technical advisor in Egypt.

Report Two: Comparing Perceptions on Development: CIDA, CEA, Egypt, Advisor, and Spouses (Survey Questionnaire Results)

This report presents an analysis and discussion of responses to survey questions in which respondents were asked to identify and assess the importance of various factors influencing the overall outcomes of development projects in Egypt.

Report Three: The Experience of Individuals and Groups in Egypt (Findings from Interviews)

This report presents the findings of interviews and other open-ended questions asked in the