

Narrative Report Arab-West Foundation 2019 and 2020

Board members in 2019 and 2020:

Koen Vliegthart (chair)

Dick van der Steen (secretary)

Céleste Voogel (treasury)

Advisors to the board in 2019 and 2020

Cornelis Hulsman

Eildert Mulder (appointed in board meeting March 26, 2015)

The Stichting AWF supports the work of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT), and Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU) in Egypt. Board members and advisors provided advice concerning work and management of CIDT in Egypt. The work of CIDT and CAWU has been described in separate narrative reports. The Stichting is concerned about the meagre pension savings for Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil and Cornelis Hulsman as well as their debts to Egyptian tax authorities and makes efforts to address these and build up some reservations.

The last AWF meeting was on April 19, 2019, in Cappelle aan den IJssel. Attending were Koen Vliegthart (chair), Céleste Voogel, Eildert Mulder and Kees Hulsman. Dick van der Steen was moving from his house in Den Haag to Veenendaal and apologized. Sawsan was working in Groningen and apologized. Dr. Matthew Anderson attended over zoom. The narrative report and financial report over 2018 were accepted.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic no annual board meeting was held in 2020. Cornelis Hulsman returned to the Netherlands on April 8 and returned to Egypt on August 12, 2020. For this reason, this report is comprised of the activities in 2019 and 2020 combined.

1. Board advisors

1.1. Work board advisor Eildert Mulder

Eildert Mulder met with Kees during several visits in 2019 and 2020 to the Netherlands. On April 17, 2019, Eildert Mulder and Cornelis Hulsman organized a meeting for Tunisian humanitarian activist Ms. Rekaya al-Hafi [Ruqaiyya al-Ḥāfi] with Mr. Laurens van Doeveren, Libya expert of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Rekaya al-Hafi, at the time, was working on a peace plan to unite the warring tribes of Libya together in a reconciliation conference. The [proposal for this conference](#) was placed on April 22, 2019, in Arab-West Report. Eildert Mulder contributed on February 5, 2020, with [an article about honor and shame](#)

[in the Arab World](#) and in June 2020 with an [interview with intern Gurjinder Khambay](#) about “Lessons from 11th century Muslim scholar Abu Hamid al-Ghazali about dialogue with people with different views from ours,” which resulted in a contribution for the SGP funded webinar of the Center for Arab-West Understanding and a publication in Arab-West Report.

2. Al-Sawt al-Hur (ASAH)

ASAH was founded by Jan Keulen and Petrus Schothorst as media monitor organization in Egypt. It was agreed that ASAH and CIDT in Egypt would cooperate together since there were lots of similarities between both organizations. As part of this agreement it was agreed in February 2015 that ASAH would be able to store 80.537 Euros on the AWF account for ASAH activities in Egypt. This balance at the end of 2018 was fully used for their activities in 2019.

3. Visit Dutch church delegation to Egypt

Cornelis Hulsman organized a visit for four Dutch pastors to Egypt between January 28 and February 8, 2019. The focus was on the Christian spiritual heritage of Egypt. The pastors allowed interns of the Center for Arab-West Understanding to join them which resulted in wonderful discussions that in turn resulted in [14 reports for Arab-West Report](#). PKN pastor Rev. Dirk Neven was so impressed that he returned with his wife between February 15 and 23, 2020. This too was organized by Cornelis Hulsman.

4. Misereor

Misereor funding for CIDT ended 1.7.2019. All financial reporting was completed. This resulted in substantial reductions in the salaries of Cornelis Hulsman and CIDT accountant Adel Rizkallah. CIDT had been funding CAWU since its establishment since Egyptian authorities did not allow foreign funding for Egyptian NGOs but do accept this if funding is coming from companies registered or people living in Egypt. NGOs in Egypt only can be registered if they have their own premises. Thus, CIDT paid for the rent of the CAWU office, 200 Euro/month, and decided the budget for its own staff was so constrained that it could no longer afford the funding of costs of CAWU. The end of the payment of the rent would have meant the end of the existence of CAWU. Yet, the support for the CAWU-Learning Center (see item 10 in this report) changed this.

5. Fundraising in Christian Reformed Church

AWF received in 2019 3.324 Euro and in 2020 4.655 Euro from the Christian Reformed Church in Den Haag. On December 10, 2018, Deputaten Diaconaat of the Christian Reformed Church agreed to contribute to the operational budget of CIDT for 2019 and thus to allocate 10.000 Euro

of these funds for 2019 and 19.000 Euro for 2020. Since 2019 ended with a large deficit this was partly solved through allocating 12.000 Euro to 2019 and 17.000 Euro to 2020. The remaining deficit of 11.153 Euro was covered through an extra emergency support of the PKN church. The reason for the deficit in this year was a contract with Vardot IT company that included a level of service that we were no longer able to afford.

Deputaten Diaconaat could not renew their support for 2021 because the support for 2019 and 2020 had come from a fund that was earmarked as one-time support. This resulted in a further reduction of the income of Cornelis Hulsman who, however, is determined to continue until his pension and transfer to Matthew Anderson. The payments for Hulsman included support from his wife Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil for work at CIDT. The gross income of Cornelis and Sawsan Hulsman reduced from 3500 Euro/month in 2018 to 2237 Euro/month in 2021. AWF plans to request the Christian Reformed Church in Den Haag to continue their contribution in 2021.

6. Project with the Data Archiving and Publishing

The Data Archiving work with DANS and the Archdiocese of Koeln in 2016-2019 made it possible to sign a contract with Royal Brill Publishers on April 8, 2020. Prior to this Cornelis Hulsman had consulted donors Missio and Kerk in Actie who both agreed, Missio on condition that it would receive a free subscription for its library to which Brill agreed. Brill requested CIDT to implement SAMS-Gatekeeper and Counter-4. The implementation of this project was given to Dutch IT company Impressie and started in December 2020. At the time of this report this was not yet completed. Brill recently asked for a cover photo that can be used for the promotion of Arab-West Report. We agreed with Dr. Matthew Anderson and Brill that a photo of a church and mosque standing side by side would be best. We do not have a such a photo in stock and taking a photo from the internet would give copyright problems. Next week Cornelis Hulsman will go with two Dutch students to locations in Cairo and make some photos.

7. Expanding the work of Arab-West Report

Cornelis Hulsman visited Tunisia between February 3 and 11, 2018 and lectured at the Manouba University in Tunis. An effort was made to encourage Tunisians to participate in creating data for Arab-West Report from a Tunisian perspective. The visit to Tunisia was organized by humanitarian activist Mrs Rekaya al-Hafi. On September 26 and 27, 2019, Cornelis Hulsman participated in Euro-Mediterranean conference [towards the Tolerant and Plural Dialogues of Values and Religions in the EuroMediterranean during which he spoke about the role of Arab-West Report](#). This resulted in a strong recommendation of the participants for the work of Arab-West Report. On February 1, 2020, Matthew Anderson presented a proposal to the British University in Egypt (BUE) with a plan to gradually move the work of Arab-West Report, CIDT

and CAWU to BUE. These two activities were used as a basis for the funding proposal for the Anna Lindh Foundation. Cornelis Hulsman and Matthew Anderson worked in April and May 2020 on the proposal. This the summary of the project we presented:

Based in Cairo, Egypt, the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT) has developed a strong European and Middle Eastern educational network, built the Arab-West Report Database (AWR), which now stores approximately 55,000 documents related to intercultural dialogue and the place of religion and gender in Middle Eastern societies, and coordinated what has become one of largest international student intern programs in Egypt. Despite this impressive track record, there remains a significant need for a new digital knowledge hub and training program for a greatly expanded network. A new digital knowledge hub will serve as the nexus point for the following endeavors: 1) the multiplication of network partners across Europe and the Middle East prioritizing intercultural relations and student engagement; 2) the facilitation of new student internship opportunities based on this network; 3) the development of a new flagship Ambassadorial Dialogue Program (ADP) where select students receive mentoring, academic training, and certification as advanced practitioners of dialogue; and 4) the preparation of the AWR Database in coordination with Brill Publishing for institutional access and contributions by network partners across the region. With a new digital knowledge hub and training program, the network will be able to create and publicize new opportunities for intercultural exchange to a vast number of students in the Euro-Med region.

The proposal was support by a large network of organizations in Egypt (8), Jordan (2), Lebanon (2), Tunisia (2), Algeria (1), The Netherlands (4, including the Arab-West Foundation), Germany (1), UK (1), Denmark (2), Italy (2), Czech Republic (1), Slovenia (2), Romania (1) and no one less but HRH Prince el-Hassan bin-Talal of Jordan. We had not expected to receive on October 13, 2020, a letter stating that our project was not accepted. This project included a large role for Matthew Anderson. He would become the project manager with a salary paid through this project and if granted this would have brought Matthew Anderson per 1.1.2021 to Egypt and Jordan. The network that was already created and the program would have greatly facilitated his start at CIDT but this was, unfortunately, not to be so which was in particular for Matthew Anderson a great disappointment.

8. Seeking a successor in Dr. Matthew Anderson

Cornelis Hulsman visited the US in 2018 to attend the promotion of Matthew Anderson and encourage him to become his successor in Egypt. Cornelis Hulsman and Matthew Anderson have been in frequent contact in 2019 and 2020. Matthew Anderson is fully aware of the

developments taking place at CIDT and CAWU. Since September 2018, Matthew has been teaching theology and Islamic studies at Georgetown University, USA. It is a significant step for him to give up work possibilities in Washington DC and come to Egypt. He is highly interested in the work of Arab-West Report but also has large study debts which makes things very challenging. In October 2020 he agreed to the budget for 2021-2023 as presented to Missio which included 1580 Euro gross per month starting September 1, 2021. In the past weeks he informed Cornelis Hulsman that he could not do this because of the large study debts he had acquired. Cornelis Hulsman worked on a revision of the budget, increasing the salary of Matthew Anderson to 2300 Euro gross per month starting January 1, 2022. This was made possible through using the salary budgeted for September-December 2021 for the period 2022-2023 and reducing the budgetline for indexation of our database to zero. We will need to find separate funding for this. Priority should be making it possible for Dr. Matthew Anderson to come to Egypt to succeed Cornelis Hulsman. Cornelis Hulsman is budgeted for 2022 and 2023 as advisor to Matthew Anderson and thus will remain involved until December 31, 2023. The revised budget has been presented to Kerk in Actie on April 21. Once Kerk in Actie approves CIDT can sign a contract with Kerk in Actie and CIDT will have to request Missio to accept the revision in the budget since the budget for both organizations needs to be the same.

9. Summer schools in 2019 and 2020

Cornelis Hulsman and Dr. Matthew Anderson organized between July 2 and July 8, 2019, a summer school for Christian-Muslim dialogue with the support of SGP Shiraka funding of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We proposed the SGP continued cooperation with the Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development in Egypt since the cooperation with this university in 2018 was definitely successful. The Heliopolis University receives substantial loans from the Dutch Triodos Bank. They in turn voiced reservations about organizing a summer school with SGP support only and suggested us to ask D66 to contribute. D66 agreed to supporting one day of the summer school and keep the remainder of the days with the SGP but the SGP rejected a cooperation in which also D66 would participate. This raised eyebrows at the Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development. How come a Dutch party would advocate dialogue between Muslims and Christians and would not be able to engage in a dialogue with a political party in the Netherlands? The SGP representative responded that they could not do this because of their own constituency. The SGP is fiercely opposed to abortion and euthanasia while D66 is on these subjects on the other end of the Dutch political spectrum. The SGP representative told us the SGP only cooperates with D66 in the Netherlands Institute for Multi Party Democracy (NIMD) but not in Shiraka projects. Since we did not want to lose the opportunity of a summer school we moved at the last minute to a cooperation with the Anglican Diocese of Egypt which had no problems with the positions of the SGP on abortion and euthanasia which anyhow played no role in the summer school. The summer school of 2019 was

successful and gave us a lot of insights in the great work the Anglican Diocese is doing in the field of dialogue.

The Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development was founded by SEKEM company which organized between July 7 and 14 an alternative summer school in which Matthew Anderson participated one day and Cornelis Hulsman participated the entire period. We regret this could not have been one summer school.

All reports were placed in Arab-West Report.

We requested the SGP support for a summer school in Muslim-Christian dialogue in June 2020. Due to the covid-19 pandemic the SGP approved our request to turn this into a webinar on June 22, 23 and 24. At the last moment Dr. Kamal Boraiqa (Azhar), Dr. Girgis Saleh (Coptic Orthodox Church) and Dr. Tareq Mansour (Ain Shams University) dropped out with the argument that they had received recommendations from the Egyptian security not to participate. We consulted Archbishop Mouneer who recommended to postpone the webinar with an alternative program. Since we already had many applications participation in the June webinar we ended up organizing two webinar, one in June with speakers who had no problems in continuing and other speakers for an additional webinar on Inclusive Citizenship on September 26, 2020. Former SGP Member of the European Parliament, Mr. Bas Belder, presented a paper quoting Coptic political activists in the West who are critical of Egyptian church leadership which made Bishop Mouneer extremely angry. Bishop Yohanna Qulta complimented us for the quality of the contributions and suggested that we would compile this for a book publication. The SGP supports this. Due to time consuming efforts to obtain a new funding contract for 2021-2023 and the CAWU-Learning Center this has not yet been completed.

10. The CAWU Learning Center for refugees

On March 26, 2018, CAWU launched its book on the Egyptian Constitution at the Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development. This was attended by H.E. Amr Moussa, the head of the Constitutional Assembly that formulated the new constitution in 2014. The book launch was attended by H.E. Ambassador Laurence Westhoff of the Netherlands. This event was attended by some 300 people. It was one of the best attended events CAWU had organized in years. CAWU was presented by Cornelis Hulsman with ten student interns. The book launch also resulted in a memorandum of understanding between the Center for Arab-West Understanding and the Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development.

One of the students participating was Diana Moore from Guinea/Liberia (at the time 18). Cornelis Hulsman had come to know her at the Maadi Community Church and since she was not studying and neither had work he advised her to join the CAWU internship program. Not long

after the book launch it turned out that Diana could not read and write. Cornelis Hulsman was able to place her in a refugee school but this was not successful since they placed her in group 8 for age reasons while Diana academically should have been in group 1 or 2. Since there were also two Italian-Egyptian students that lacked adequate education Cornelis Hulsman organized in the summer of 2018 a summer school for these three students. There were sufficient student interns who were able to provide assistance. This turned into a learning center in September 2018 with one teacher. That in turn was not a success since for education it turned out to be preferable to have a group. In March 2019 Cornelis Hulsman met with Fr. John Kipkemoi Korir of St. Joseph Church in Zamalek, Cairo, that operates a learning center for Eritrean refugees based on the Sudanese curriculum until grade 8 (end of primary school). St. Joseph Church had no space to expand their learning center beyond grade 8. We thus decided to start a learning center at CAWU for secondary school education based on the British curriculum, applied in May 2019 for funding at Sternsinger Kindermission, Germany, received the funding and started with 20 students (aged 15-21), mostly from St. Joseph Church, and two teachers. Our focus on the British curriculum is unique within the refugee community in Egypt and attracted much positive attention. It, however, is not easy to transition students from a Sudanese curriculum to a British curriculum which is much more demanding for students but on the other hand if they obtain a recognized British diploma they are also able to do much more with this.

Mr. Joop Westhoff, father of then Dutch Ambassador Laurens Westhoff, advised his local PKN church in Alphen aan de Rijn to financially support the CAWU-Learning Center. Cornelis Hulsman knew Mr. Joop Westhoff from the time that he was the Director of the Netherlands Emigration Service while Cornelis Hulsman was the director of the Christian Emigration Service (1986-1991). This resulted in a presentation about the CAWU Learning Center on August 15, 2019 and a decision of the church to support the Learning Center with 2000 Euro per year for a period of four years with the opportunity for renewal pending circumstances at that moment. This funding had been allocated to the cost of the rent of the Learning Center ad 200 Euro per month.

Teaching continued until March 2020 when it stopped because Egyptian authorities ordered all schools and learning centers closed to prevent the spread of covid-19. The Dutch Embassy and Kerk in Actie highly recommended Cornelis Hulsman to return to the Netherlands. The fight the Dutch government had promised Dutch nationals in Egypt did not come until April 8 which made Cornelis Hulsman take a flight from Cairo to Paris and from Paris to Amsterdam. The flight to Paris was paid by CIDT. Kerk in Actie paid the costs of the flight from Paris to Amsterdam. Teachers continued with assignments through WhatsApp but this was not a great success. Most refugee students have insufficient discipline to follow-up instructions over WhatsApp. Diplomas were handed out after the return of Cornelis Hulsman to Egypt on August 12. With funding of Sternsinger Kindermission for the second school year we could resume teaching on October 3, 2020. Ten more students were added to our students, a third classroom

was opened and a third teacher was appointed. It became rapidly clear that Catholic leaders in Egypt were more interested in the work we did in education for refugee children than in our dialogue work. This turned out to be important in obtaining the letters of recommendation that were needed for the renewal of the contract with Missio, Germany. In September 2020 Cornelis Hulsman met with Majorel CEO Ricardo Langwieder who showed a great interest in supporting the CAWU-Learning Center. His company sponsored the formation of a learning center choir for which we received approval of the Ministry of Social Solidarity. This was for CAWU a major breakthrough. CAWU had twice tried to obtain permissions for foreign funding but this did not work but now the funding came from an Egyptian company it was approved. Majorel later provided the learning center with secondhand computers. Majorel is committed to 20.000 \$ annually in support in the form of assets (including books, stationary, video conferencing, etc.). In March 2021 we had an online meeting with May el-Haddad, representative of Cambridge Assessment, a British examination board, for talks about becoming accredited by their organization. If the CAWU Learning Center would receive accreditation it would also be possible to attract paying Egyptian students since international schools in Egypt are so expensive. The lowest cost school with Cambridge Accreditation in Egypt charges a school fee of 45.000 EgP (around 2400 Euro) per year while we calculated that we might be able to provide education for roughly 1200 Euro per student per year. This would open up opportunities to accept schoolfee paying Egyptian students and provide spaces for refugee students for highly reduced fees. Mr. Jan van der Leest of World Servants recommended Cornelis Hulsman to contact the Weeshuis der Doopsgezinden for financial support. The funding needs to be requested through a Dutch Stichting, the Arab-West Foundation. The funding deadline is April 26, 2021. Cornelis Hulsman presented the Learning Center on April 21 in a zoom meeting to members of the PKN Church in Alphen aan de Rijn and the Christian Reformed Church in The Hague. This meeting was attended by Mrs. Merel Schreurs of the Weeshuis der Doopsgezinden.

11. Renewing the contract with Missio and Kerk in Actie for 2021-2023

The donors of CIDT have worked for several years with three-year contracts. The previous three-year contract concerned the period 2018-2020. In this period CIDT lost the support of German organization Misereor per 1.7.2019 for a change of policy of Misereor. It was thus of key importance that the financial support of Missio and Kerk-in-Actie would continue. Missio is the international Catholic mission work of the Catholic church in Germany. As in previous years they demanded a letter of recommendation of the Apostolic Nuncio and/or the Apostolic Vicar and/or the Catholic Patriarch of Egypt. For the period of 2018-2020 we had received a letter of recommendation of Apostolic Vicar Bishop Adel Zaky. He, however, had passed away on July 21, 2019, 71 years old. The Apostolic Nuncio, Mgr Nicolas Thevenin, did not know us. It was impossible to request letters of support while being in the Netherlands. Without a letter of support from one of these dignitaries our funding would not be renewed for a new period of three years. It was obvious that Cornelis Hulsman had to travel to Egypt in order to meet with these

dignitaries in person. Cornelis Hulsman met in July 2020 with Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Aldo Cavelli who provided Cornelis Hulsman with advice and the contact of Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald whom Cornelis Hulsman knew from his time as Apostolic Nuncio in Egypt (2006-2012) but had lost contact with. Archbishop Fitzgerald was supportive and wrote Mgr. Nicolas Thevenin a email supporting our work. Cornelis Hulsman worked in the Netherlands on recommendation letters of Bishop Yohanna Qulta (Cairo), Fr. Paul Brenninkmeyer, Mr. Geert van Dartel (Pokrof), Prof. Dr. Willem Kuiper (retired, University of Amsterdam), Dr. Jacco Verburgt (Tilburg University), Ed Arons (former Editor in Chief of the Katholiek Nieuwsblad), Father Jan Bronsveld (Jesuits, Alexandria), Fr. John Kipkemoi Korir (St. Joseph Church, Zamalek, Cairo), Fr. Simon M. Buthia (Dar Comboni, Zamalek, Cairo), Fr. Dr. Jean Druel (Dominican Institute, Cairo) and Fr. Dr. Jason Welle (Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome). Cornelis Hulsman had returned to Egypt on August 12 and was only able to meet with Mgr. Thevenin on September 2. This meeting with Mgr. Thevenin was both formal and friendly. He said he would only write Missio and not CIDT after studying all documentation. A meeting with Patriarch Ibrahim Sedrak Ishaq followed on September 15. This appointment had not been easy to obtain. Prior to this Cornelis Office had visited his office a few times, had left the recommendation letters for the Patriarch, had spoken with the Patriarch on the phone and had sent an email with requested background information.

Since Missio had not received any recommendation letter they rejected CIDT's funding request for 2021-2023 on September 14. I gave a copy of this letter to the Patriarch who was friendly but did not feel compelled to write Missio. We were very alarmed but were assured by Missio's Middle East project coordinator Romina Elbracht that we could continue working on one or more letters of recommendation until the last board meeting of Missio at the end of November 2020. On October 30 Bishop Claudio Lurati was consecrated as the new Apostolic Vicar for Egypt. Cornelis Hulsman knew Bishop Claudio from the time he was a Comboni priest in Cairo. Bishop Claudio was not entitled to write a letter of recommendation before his consecration but on November 4 he wrote Missio a letter of recommendation for our funding request for 2021-2023. A few weeks later Mgr. Thevenin sent Missio his recommendation. The Patriarch referred Cornelis Hulsman to Bishop Bakhoum, head of the Diakonia Development Office. Bishop Bakhoum wanted first a protocol for cooperation between the Diakonia Development Office, CIDT and CAWU which was concluded on November 5, 2020. That day the Bishop also wrote a letter of recommendation to Missio.

The period between the summer of 2020 and November 4, 2020, was a period of great uncertainty with CIDT and CAWU not knowing if they would be able to continue after the end of the 2018-2020 contract or not. Only when Missio confirmed that the letters of recommendation were received we were relieved. Missio sent on January 12, 2021, the contract for the period 2021-2023. We do not yet have a new contract with Kerk in Actie for 2021-2023.

They were first waiting for the decision of Missio and once that was positive they faced a delay due to a change of director but a renewal for 2021-2023 has been promised.

12. Visit Mr. Kees Haye

Mr. Kees Haye, member of the Christian Reformed Church in The Hague, was actively involved in organizing an evening about the CAWU-Learning Center for refugees in September 2019. He prepared for this two large bill boards to promote the evening. In October 2019 he visited Egypt and saw the work of CIDT and CAWU. Cornelis Hulsman later presented the results of his visit during an evening in the Christian Reformed Church of The Hague. Mr. Haye asked the board of the Arab-West Report to become fundraiser and advisor to the board of the Arab-West Foundation which was approved.

13. EO-Metterdaad

In October 2019 Rev. Erjan van de Linde of the Diaconal Office of the Christian Reformed Church informed Cornelis Hulsman about the opportunity to apply for funding to EO-Metterdaad. This had been earmarked for refugee leadership training. Cornelis Hulsman made inquiries if this could be used for the CAWU Learning Center for refugees but this was not possible since this project should aim at established leaders. Mr. Kees Haye and Cornelis Hulsman met in Cairo with Lori Lawson of the African Teacher Training Network (ATTN) and together developed a proposal for Metterdaad. ATTN dropped out in December and Cornelis Hulsman asked Anglican Archbishop Mouneer if this could be done in cooperation with the Anglican Diocese. Archbishop Mouneer agreed and referred this to Refuge Egypt of the Diocese. Since this concerned a cooperation with the Anglican Diocese some changes had to be made. The change in partner organization created a delay in the start of the project that was supposed to start on January 1 and end on December 31, 2020. Cornelis Hulsman formed a steering group with representatives of several organizations including the Anglican Diocese, the Center for Arab-West Understanding, the Comboni Fathers and Sisters of St. Joseph Church and the Moral Rearmament Association. CAWU recommended former CAWU student intern Comfort Dickson as coordinator and Refuge Egypt nominated Dani Missangwa as deputy-coordinator. The training started in March 2020 but was soon after this hampered by the covid-19 pandemic which forced Comfort and Dani to continue online. They resumed in class teaching in August but depending on government regulations had to alternate between online and in class teaching. This created delays and Cornelis Hulsman requested Rev. Erjan v.d. Linde and EO-Metterdaad to continue the program until the end of January 2021 and report at the end of February 2021. In January 2021, however, the Egyptian authorities did not allow group meetings which again created delays. Comfort Dickson is still working on the final report, a handbook for refugee leaders, and expects this to be ready before the end of April.

14. Open Doors

Cornelis Hulsman was asked in December 2015 to audit the work of Open Doors about their Egypt reporting. That resulted in critique on the Open Doors method of work. Cornelis Hulsman corresponded in 2016 and 2017 with Open Doors asking for a response but no responses except that they were busy and have had no time have come. This was not followed up in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and still needs to be done.

15. Pension Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil and Cornelis Hulsman

The 2017 annual report of AWF described the reasons of the AOW and pension gap of Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman which brings the income of both below the Dutch subsistence minimum once they would retire. The AWF board remains deeply concerned about the status of their pension and is dedicated to help them to find solutions.

15.1. Siwa Farms

In the narrative report of 2018 the purchase of desert land in Siwa oasis in an effort to address the AOW-pension gap of Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman was mentioned. There were no new developments in 2019 and 2020.

15.2. Pension savings through AWF

AWF is making savings for the pensions of Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman.

16. Taxes old CIDT

Tax accountant Mr. Aly Abdel Wanees filed on September 12, 2018, a request to eliminate those so-called additional taxes related to the taxes of CIDT Tawsiya Basita (old CIDT, 2005-2012). Tax authorities have not responded since and thus the file seems to be closed. For an overview of these taxes see the narrative report of the Arab-West Foundation for 2018.

April 26, 2021