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**SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL SELECTS TWO EGYPTIAN CITIES TO LEAD
INFRASTRUCTURE-BUILDING PROJECTS IN COUNTRY**
*Cities joins 15 others to complete projects addressing sanitation, health, and
water issues in urban areas of Africa*

WASHINGTON, DC — Sister Cities International announces today that Luxor and Aswan and their U.S. counterparts were selected to develop projects that address sanitation, health, and water issues in urban areas of Africa. The cities join 15 other selected city pairings to participate in the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (AUPAP), a three-year project funded by a \$7.5 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"This Sister Cities International program represents a major effort to address the fundamental needs of citizens of urban areas in Africa," said Patrick Madden, President and CEO, Sister Cities International. "These particular projects in Egypt have the ability to strengthen the ties between the U.S.-Egyptian city pairings as well as to create an immediate impact on urban poverty."

The 17 cities were part of a competitive proposal process and selected by an independent panel of experts who specialize in the areas of city-to-city assistance, and international development. Each city pairing will have a budget of up to \$115,000 to apply to their projects, in addition to travel funds. The recipients include:

- **Aswan, Egypt, and Sonoma, California**
- **Luxor, Egypt, and Baltimore, Maryland**
- **Obuasi, Ghana, and Riverside, California**
- **Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana and Oakland, California**
- **Mombasa, Kenya, and Long Beach, California**
- **Mombasa, Kenya, and Seattle, Washington**
- **Zomba, Malawi, and Urbana, Illinois**
- **Segou, Mali, and Richmond, Virginia**
- **Casablanca, Morocco, and Chicago, Illinois**
- **Osogbo, Nigeria, and Wilmington, Delaware**
- **St. Louis, Senegal, and St. Louis, Missouri**
- **Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Jacksonville, Florida**
- **Buffalo City, South Africa, and Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

- **uMhlathuze, South Africa, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
- **Arusha, Tanzania, and Durham, North Carolina**
- **Moshi, Tanzania, and Delray Beach, California**
- **Tanga, Tanzania, and Toledo, Ohio**

AUPAP, administered in cooperation with the Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation, is designed to address urban poverty through water, health, and sanitation projects developed collaboratively by U.S. and African sister city programs. This includes involvement and support from the private sector, NGOs, community-based organizations, municipal governments, and traditional leaders in Africa to provide sustained technical assistance and community development strategies.

Beyond improving sanitation, health, and water infrastructures in urban areas of Africa, this project is aimed at accomplishing Sister Cities International's mission of promoting peace and prosperity through international people-to-people collaboration.

Visit <http://www.sister-cities.org/africa> to learn more about the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

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ABOUT SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation by focusing exchanges and public programs on sustainable and economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance. More information about Sister Cities International can be found at www.sister-cities.org. Facebook: Sister Cities International; Twitter: SisterCityIntl

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