

## Discussion Question On Water User Groups

An investment program was undertaken in the Wadi Senang undertaken. The main canals and the secondary canals were rehabilitated and given a new profile.

As part of this investment program the local organization that would manage the water system was strengthened. With the help of community organisers 44 Water Users Associations were formed.

A careful 10 step process was followed, whereby Water Users Associations among others had an election, registered under Law and opened a bank account. Intensive training was given to the Water Users Association in among others accounting and in leadership.

Six years later the project was evaluated and the 44 Water Users Associations were visited. It was found that only 4 out of 44 Water Users Associations had regular meeting and were using their bank accounts. Most other Water Users Associations were not meeting and maintenance and water distribution was at best done through traditional arrangements.

### Question

What went wrong?

If you could do it all over again, what approach towards strengthening local water users association would you have followed? What would have been your strategy and plan of activities?