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### Boehringer Ingelheim and Ashoka recognise 'Medicine for All' initiative

**BOEHRINGER** Ingelheim and Ashoka Arab World's 'Making More Health' initiative honoured Waleed Shaouky, founder of 'Medicine For All' and the second 'Making More Health' fellow in the Arab region, for his great achievements during the past years. Shaouky, through the initiative 'Medicine for All', partnered with 30 NGOs across Egypt, was successful to significantly increase medicine donations during the past 8 years. The increased partnership with NGOs leveraged the initiative's monthly beneficiaries to as many as 400 in Egypt, throughout 2014 and to date.

The collaboration between Boehringer Ingelheim and Ashoka Arab World's 'Making More Health' initiative provided Shaouky and his social community initiative 'Medicine for All' with greater access, reach, and spread

to individuals through out Egypt, especially places that don't have enough healthcare centres like el-Fayyoun and Beni Suef. Shaouky's primary goal for launching the initiative was to create a system that fills the gap between the great need to access medicine and the huge amount of waste produced by various actors. Being awarded as 'Making More Health' fellow, Shaouky was able to get support to sustain his initiative and serve more patients requiring medicine all around Egypt specifically in rural areas and Upper Egypt.

Mohamed el-Sahhar, Director of Boehringer Ingelheim, Egypt said, "We are proud to have Waleed Shaouky in our list of impactful fellows under the 'Making More Health' initiative." We believe that 'Medicine For All' has the most promising solution to



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challenging health problems in Egypt," el-Sahhar added. "We are also pleased with the partnership and support of Ashoka Arab World in the region. Medicine waste is a crucial issue in a large country like Egypt which suffers from a large percentage of low income, and where affordability of expensive medication is a cause of concern. As a committed healthcare organisation, Boehringer Ingelheim totally supports the project which is helping us gain credibility as an effective health service in Egypt."