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In celebration of their 21st annual Community Partnership Day, more than 24,500 Novartis associates across six continents and 52 countries are making a difference in the communities where they live and work Novartis associates volunteering their time to support social institutions and nonprofit organizations represents more than 196,000 hours of combined community service.

Community Partnership Day 2017 activities in Egypt spanned visits to two important medical facilities:Baheyafor the Early Detection and Treatment of Breast Cancer and AbuEl Reesh-Hospital for Children, with over 100 Novartis volunteers taking part inactivities organized to support patients.

"We are committed to serve the Egyptian society, and Egypt's patients in particular are a top priority for us.It's such our constant pleasure to organize and contribute to initiatives aimed at supporting the Egyptian Patients. Helping the less fortunate is every person responsibility in Novartis Egypt, and that is further emphasized by our position as the number one pharmaceutical company in Egypt, an honor we value and always seek to live up to," said Dr. BasyouniAbouself, Novartis Egypt Country President.

Novartis Egypt volunteers took part in handcraft and story-telling workshops, organized by the Mersal Charitable Organization, at Abu El ReeshHospital for Children where another group visited Baheya foundation, where they toured the facility to better understand the services they provide to patients, some of which Novartis plays an active role in, such as the ground-breaking psychosocial support program.