

Dakhla Survey, Aug 2026

Between Aug 22-27, 2026, Japanese researchers collaborating with Egyptian researchers conducted a field survey and focus group meetings with village farmers in Dakhla. Additionally, Japanese researcher accompanied in the farmer survey, which has been implemented by NVU members.

Participants

- Sophia University: Dr. Erina Iwasaki, Dr. Naoko Fukami
- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies: Dr. Kazuaki Takemura
- New Valley University: Mr. Mahfouz Z. Ahmed, Mr. Mohamed Wafy Arafat, Mr. Mahmoud Zakariya
- NARSS: Dr. Adel Shalaby



Understanding Local Challenges and Opportunities



Listening to farmers: Voices from the oasis communities

2026-Aug-24 – Aug 27

Three public seminars were held at village, alongside three well-level focus. Dr. Adel Shalaby outlined soil analysis plans in Sep, gaining farmer support.



Interviews in Dakhla

2026-Aug-24 – Aug 27

Stakeholder perspectives were obtained from the Mut Agriculture Director, the village head, and farmland-owning farmers.



Progress confirmation and implementation of the farmer survey

2026-Aug-24 – Aug 27

Japanese researcher accompanied in the farmer survey and verified completed questionnaire sheets.



Hands-on efforts to improve experimental farmlands

2026-Aug-25 – Aug 27

In Rashda farmland, soil sensor issues were fixed, and protective covers installed on two intake flow meters to prevent livestock damage.

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Peanuts have begun to develop underground. The third round of maize and sorghum planting has started.

Visit to New Valley University

2026-Aug-22, Kharga



On the opening day of the survey in New Valley Governorate, discussions were held in the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture regarding the invitation to Japan and future research cooperation.

Subsequently, despite temperatures over 40° C, the NVU experimental farmland was visited, where Dr. Khaled Abdelhafez and Mr. Omar Fatih provided updates on crop growth. In addition, President Dr. Abdel Aziz Tantawy and two Vice Presidents joined the meeting to review the progress achieved to date.

