

Dakhla Survey, July 2026

Between July 21–31, 2026, Japanese researchers collaborating with Egyptian researchers conducted a field survey and focus group meetings with village farmers in Dakhla.

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Understanding Local Challenges and Opportunities



Listening to farmers: Voices from the oasis communities

2026-July-22 – July 30

Meetings were held in the four target villages (Rashda, Mushia, Qalamun, Budkhulu), as well as in Hendaw and newly in Izbet Qasr.



Six interviews in Dakhla

2026-July-24 – July 29

Six interviews were conducted in the target sites affected by problems such as soil salinization, alkalization, and malfunctioning government wells.



Collaborating with local authorities for water management

2026-July-25 – July 30

Due to the change of the village office head, the new one was visited. In addition, the Irrigation Department and the Drainage Department in Mut city were visited.



Hands-on efforts to improve experimental farmlands

2026-July-22 – July 24

Japanese researchers assisted with maintenance at experimental farmland contracted in Mushia and Rashda.

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Extremely hot days exceeding 40° C have continued. The soybean and peanut trials have also begun. There was an inspection visit by Japanese agricultural researchers.

2nd Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) Meeting at NARSS

2026-July-20, Cairo



The meeting covered progress updates from the project.

Dr. Hanan Magdy, Governor of New Valley, attended the meeting and emphasized the critical importance of sustainable groundwater management for the region's daily life and agricultural development, noting that the project addresses urgent issues in water resource sustainability. She agreed to establish a joint team between the New Valley Governorate and NARSS to support IT installation in the field and the development of the digital platform.

References: [Facebook بحضور محافظ... – وزارة التعليم العالي](#)

