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‘FOR OUR FAMILIES’ : PENTATHLETES IN EGYPT JOIN COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS CHARITY DRIVE



Pentathletes in the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF) have come up with a meaningful project to support their community – delivering boxes of supplies to people in need.

The EMPF identified people working in the UIPM Sports community who are struggling with the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis or the measures imposed to tackle the pandemic. They created a programme entitled ‘For Our Families’.

As people cannot go out due to the curfew in Egypt, members of the Federation have helped prepare boxes containing food (pasta, rice, oil, butter, sugar, tea) and cleaning supplies (soap, detergent, alcohol spray).

The Federation collected donations from all individuals willing to volunteer, including athletes, parents, executive board members and trainers. All Egyptian pentathletes have participated in the programme and packages have been distributed to 225 persons on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

The President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Sharif Elerian, expressed his gratitude to all those who have taken part, including EMPF executive members, and another of the main contributors - Engineer Hisham Hattab, President of the Egyptian Olympic Committee.

The EMPF hopes to be able to repeat the charity drive next month and renew the operation on a monthly basis if the crisis continues.

President Elerian urged other sports federations to undertake similar projects and to care for their community and people who are in need. He said: "If everyone can follow this movement of solidarity, on a large scale and in every field, the country might be able to reduce potential damage and, hopefully, overcome the crisis."