

## ***My Experience With Voluntary Work, I Wish You Join Me***

**Hi all,**

***Let me first introduce myself to you; I'm Ahmed Mostafa (PMP), expert in Operations & Maintenance, and managing internal projects at a reputable telecommunication company. I experienced other many fields and application areas before my current post like; retailing business, manufacturing business, and marketing & selling business.***



My understanding of Voluntary work always implied charity activities where I only give without any expectations, or even a feedback.

When I received the announcement of PMI MENA chapter requiring volunteers for committees' startup, and after reading the discipline, I felt enthusiastic knowing that I can gain a mutual relationship which result in a win-win situation. I can share and give in a constructed team work to achieve predefined goals, and I will gain in return links with other people in different application areas and feel self actualization in addition to the other various experiences I can achieve.

Actually, I have been here for over 3 months now. I learned new things and met new people from other fields and from competitors in my field as well. Here we all help each other to reach our goals in harmony and successfully started our steps to our first goal which you are reading now.

I never fancied myself as a writer, but here am I discovering this talent in me, and using it to communicate my experience to you, feeling appreciated and valued, and allowed to publish my thoughts.

I dream of having Project management as a life style. In our lives we demand a lot of things that we try to achieve step by step where each achievable target is a deliverable and must be planned well for to catch it right, then we gather all our catches to get to our ultimate dream. This is called Rolling Wave Planning Technique, which depends on knowing some inputs convenient for making our plan on a short term basis till we explore more inputs, then we alter our original plan, enhance it, and keep it going over and over till target is achieved.

Run away from the stress of your job and your routine work processes; find something you will love to do, somewhere you can express yourself without pressure or without routine, somewhere you can communicate with other people in a friendly atmosphere, somewhere you can feed your instincts and raise up your professional character. HERE in MENA chapter volunteer committees, I am building new friendships with high talented and professional people who I would not meet them anywhere else, I discuss with them how to promote our committee business and what plans we should put to achieve our target. In Public Relations Committee, we address our mission by how we are going to communicate effectively with all PMI MENA chapter members and how we will disseminate our news to the Egyptian people segment who is interested in PM as a science or as an art. Here I started to find my satisfaction in doing and giving and I will continue hoping that more people join us to share the fun.

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