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United Nations Development Programme in Egypt

# PATHWAYS TO DEVELOPMENT

ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

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*Finding ways to make human development progress truly sustainable for the seven billion people who now live on our planet and for generations to come is a central challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The international community must find pathways to development which maintain ecosystem balance and reduce inequalities.*

Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator



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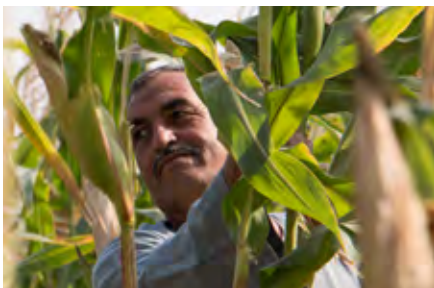
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## FOREWORD

# *A partnership for development*

The UNDP Strategic plan 2014-2017 presents a unifying vision to better help countries achieve the simultaneous eradication of poverty and reduction of inequality and exclusion. Our work is focused on helping countries build and share solutions in these critical, interconnected priorities for development action - sustainability, democratic governance and climate and disaster resilience.

For over five decades UNDP has been supporting the Egyptian government in striving towards sustainable development, providing expert advice at the policy level as well as grassroots interventions on the ground. Egypt has made good progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals since 2000, particularly in areas related to income poverty, the under-five mortality rate, sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, and universal primary education.

This report takes stock of the key achievements of the past five years, highlighting those results that have helped national authorities and organizations improve the living conditions of millions of Egyptians. These results are also the outcome of exceptional collaboration with the government, state institutions, civil society, academic bodies, the private sector, UN agencies as well as donors and international development agencies. We deeply value the collaboration, trust and support of our partners, without whom these results would not have been achieved.

The impact of development assistance is sometimes difficult to measure. While it is easy to measure income and poverty, it is more complex to measure empowerment or behavioural change over a limited timeframe. Yet often it is the soft part of development that is needed to make results sustainable and transformational.

This report brings together facts, data and statements from beneficiaries, government officials and development partners, all of which testify to the change brought about by UNDP's work in Egypt. Whether it is creating employment

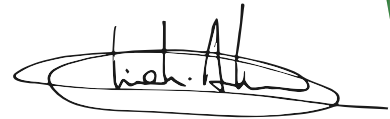
opportunities, providing poor people with access to legal aid, or shifting to efficient and renewable energy sources, at the heart of UNDP's interventions is people's empowerment, backed by institutional systems and processes that can respond to their aspirations.

2015 is a year of historic milestones: It marks the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations; it is also when the 15-year quest to achieve the Millennium Development Goals concludes and a new era of global development commitments begins with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals 2030; countries have also endorsed the Addis Ababa action agenda for financing Sustainable Development, revitalizing the global partnership for development; and Climate Change Conference in Paris aims to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate from all the nations of the world.

UNDP believes that involving people in the development of solutions to challenges such as youth unemployment, gender and geographic inequalities, as well as energy shortage is key to building a resilient nation. In this regard, UNDP remains fully committed to supporting Egypt to achieve sustainable human development and lead development innovation in the Arab region and we look forward to furthering our collaboration with all entities and engaged people to improve the living conditions of all Egyptians.



**Anita Nirody**  
Resident Representative  
UN Resident Coordinator


**Ignacio Artaza**  
Country Director





Women in Qena during an awareness session on FGM.

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH IMPACT** - In Egypt, Female Genital Mutilation rate has dropped noticeably over the last decade, a good example of social change resulting from the dialogue and collaboration of government, development institutions and civil society.

 Workers in Giza setting up a water pipe to bring drinkable water to the village.

**A SPECIAL FOCUS ON YOUTH AND EMPLOYMENT** - Ahmed and thousands of young people like him have climbed out of poverty with the help of the UNDP Public Works programme.

# Development with a human face

For fifty years, the United Nations Development Programme has been supporting Egypt's government and people in their efforts to reduce poverty, promote human development, and protect the environment, while advocating for human rights and women's empowerment.

Recent years have witnessed change in Egypt after the 2011 revolution, when people took to the streets calling for bread, freedom, social justice and dignity. Young people were at the forefront of the scene, fuelled by widespread aspirations for political, economic and social inclusion.

In the past decade, Egypt has seen progress in its development agenda. The average per capita income has increased significantly, from \$1,509 in 2000 to \$3,314 in 2014, while basic living conditions have improved and child and maternal mortality have dropped considerably during the last decade. But economic growth alone is not sufficient if not translated into greater opportunities and better livelihoods, especially for young people and women, within a framework of political participation, transparency and public accountability, respect for human rights, and reduced corruption.

This report presents UNDP's work in Egypt over the past few years, which resulted in a number of achievements, including:

- › 605,000 work/days created in public works during 2010-2014;
- › Strengthened the capacity of the Social Fund for Development to become the largest national institution providing livelihood opportunities for the poor;

- › Initiated a conditional cash transfer system used a model to scale-up a national social protection scheme in 2014;
- › Assisted in building a comprehensive database of the poor to enable social subsidies to be targeted more effectively, reducing leaks;
- › Strengthened the technical and operational capacity of electoral administration of Egyptian authorities through exposure to international standards and comparative experiences;
- › Supported the establishment of twelve nature protectorates across the country;
- › The impact of climate change and the implementation of adaptation measures was assessed and is being used for policy making;
- › Energy efficiency, concepts, standards and labels have been introduced and promoted.

Change creates new opportunities for development and UNDP is committed to continue supporting Egypt and its people. Egypt was among the leading countries in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, ranking second in 2011. UNDP stands ready to provide the requisite technical and implementation assistance to enable the country meet the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

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# How we work



## We build sustainable solutions

We develop models and solutions building on our extensive global knowledge network, through local adaptation and replication.



## We take the road less travelled

We promote South-South cooperation among developing countries to introduce sustainable and affordable solutions that improve living conditions. We link sources of knowledge and widen the circle of opportunity for all.



## Thought leadership and advocacy

Better measurement and monitoring of development conditions are critical to understanding the issues. Improved data and knowledge, through analytical research, such as the National Human Development Reports, enable policy making focused on the convergence between poverty, social equity, environmental and governance issues.



## Since 1953

The United Nations began providing development assistance to Egypt in 1953 through the *United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance* (EPTA). In 1958 the United Nations Special Fund established an office in Cairo to expand the work of EPTA. This office became the *United Nations Development Programme Country Office* in 1966.



### We walk the talk

We apply our principles to our projects and our office. UNDP Egypt is the first UNDP office in the Arab region to obtain the Gold Seal in gender equality, successfully embedding equality principles in the workplace and across our projects. Furthermore, we have reorganized our office into a flatter more agile, portfolio-based structure to tackle development challenges in a multi-disciplinary fashion.



### We work with the government

We partner with national institutions and work with national and local authorities in our programmes and projects. We help the government meet its obligations under international treaties, conventions and protocols.



### We work through partnerships

We work with local and international partners from civil society, academia, development agencies and think tanks, as well as the private sector.



### We are concerned with results and transparency

UNDP is committed to transparency and results-reporting. Our on-line portal [open.undp.org](http://open.undp.org) allows open and comprehensive public data on all our projects. A member of the International Aid Transparency Initiative since its creation, UNDP was ranked first among major development institutions worldwide 2014.

**THE RIGHT TOOLS, THE RIGHT SKILLS**

Investing in people is at the very top of our priorities, providing young entrepreneurs with valuable skills to help them escape poverty.



A woman in Qena learning how to create handicrafts using wood turning techniques.



## LIVELIHOODS AND EMPLOYMENT

# Opportunities that empower lives

Reducing poverty is a key priority to achieve equitable and inclusive development. UNDP supports training in professional skills, promoting entrepreneurship and job creation, with a special focus on women and young people. In addition, UNDP helps the government design new policies to benefit the poorest Egyptians.

*“The project offered many jobs for the unemployed in this village, and gave us a decent income.”*

Ahmed Sedky, a beneficiary of the Public Works project.

## Job creation through public works

To improve households' living conditions, UNDP works with the **Social Fund for Development** to create jobs and ensure income for the most needy. Supported by **the Government of Japan**, the project provides short-term jobs (3-4 months) and meets the urgent needs of unskilled women and men in the poorest districts while promoting community development.

The project improves the living conditions in under-served areas by building basic infrastructure such as potable water and sewage networks, refurbishing local health units, and covering canals. It also helps improve health and environmental awareness through campaigns on maternal and child health, and an initiative to employ young people to pick up litter.

IN 2012-2014



**605,500**

WORK/DAYS WERE CREATED

IN **11** OF THE  
POOREST  
GOVERNORATES

## Social protection and inclusion

UNDP pioneered a pilot programme for conditional cash transfers during 2006-2007 for 25,000 families in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, modeled to enhance targeting and to test how conditional cash transfers can positively impact on poverty reduction, women empowerment, as well as child nutrition and education. Building on results of this pilot, documented in collaboration with the American University of Cairo and the Ministries of Social Solidarity and Planning, the model has been scaled up to a nation wide programme known as *Takaful and Karama* (Solidarity and Dignity), funded by the World Bank.



## Entrepreneurship and livelihoods

UNDP supports the establishment of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with micro-credit, business development services and skills.



We take great pride in being at the origin of the **Social Fund for Development (SFD)** and its partner since 1991, strengthening its capacity as the main institution in Egypt to provide loans for poor people and support their economic empowerment through financial inclusion.

# 178,000

MEDIUM, SMALL AND MICRO  
ENTERPRISES BENEFITED  
IN 2014



# 218,000

JOBS CREATED IN 2014



## Monitoring and reporting on poverty

UNDP supports poverty monitoring and reporting through a number of periodic publications including the **Millennium Development Goals** report series, in addition to the flagship National and Governorate **Human Development Reports**. UNDP collaborated with SFD to produce and update the **Poverty Map** series to allow a more effective and evidence-based prioritization of Egypt's poorest governorates and villages.

MAIN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS:

MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
REPORT

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT

POVERTY MAP



## [+] UP CLOSE

## EGYPT NETWORK FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

# Tackling poverty on all fronts

The Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) is an area-based integrated development model tested by UNDP for the first time in Egypt. It aims at reducing poverty in rural areas in Upper Egypt through upgrading basic services, promoting micro, small and medium enterprises, and introducing sustainable agriculture and off-farm employment with a focus on women and young people.



## PROMOTING MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

ENID is boosting handicraft industry development and upgrading the technical and vocational education to enhance employability and promote entrepreneurship.



ENID CURRENTLY WORKS IN  
**35** VILLAGES IN  
**QENA**

*"I think that great things will happen in my life now. I hope to continue working with the local NGO to help increase my experience and train more in marketing. If I cannot work with the NGO, I will buy a machine and start to work by myself at home."* says Saaeda, a young beneficiary from Qena.





## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

ENID is introducing sustainable agricultural practices including crop residue recycling, community milk processing, roof gardening and backyard poultry raising. In addition, Farmer Field Schools provide farmers with technical assistance.



To maximise impact on poverty, the project adopts an integrated approach linking economic, social and environmental interventions concentrated on a specific area.

## ENID IN FIGURES 2012-2014



# 2,135

YOUNG WOMEN AND  
MEN TRAINED



# 573

WERE EMPLOYED IN  
ENID ACTIVITIES



# 70%

WERE WOMEN



## UPGRADED BASIC SERVICES

ENID is providing innovative joint literacy and sewing classes, has opened pre-schools, provided health services and upgraded the operations and curriculum of youth centres in Qena.



Visit ENID's website:  
[www.enid.org.eg](http://www.enid.org.eg)



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## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY

# Empowered women for a happier society

When women are empowered societies perform better. We work at all levels to remove the social barriers that prevent women from attaining their full potential and from participating in public life.







## Promoting female entrepreneurship

Kamla is from Fayoum, one of the poorest governorates in Upper Egypt. She received a loan from the Social Fund for Development (SFD) in order to start her own handicrafts business, and she now employs more than 15 other women, helping them to be economically empowered and to raise their standard of living.

SFD loans start from EGP 1,000 and in some cases have been as high as EGP 800,000. Most of the women's enterprises are based on creative ideas of low costs.



# 158,800

MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES OWNED BY WOMEN BENEFITED FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2013-2014

## Creating jobs and livelihoods

UNDP's Job Creation Public Works Programme provides badly needed jobs for young women and men in the poorest and most marginalized governorates of Egypt, where there are persistently high levels of unemployment and a lack of basic social services.



# 62%

OF CREATED WORK/DAYS IN SOCIAL WORKS WERE FOR WOMEN



In 2015 UNDP Egypt became the first UNDP office in the Arab region to obtain the Gold Seal in the Gender Equality Certification Process, in recognition of its commitment and efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in Egypt.



“This is a dream come true for me,” said Nesma, the principal provider for her family of three children and a disabled husband. “I need this ID card to be able to find a decent job and fulfil my responsibilities as a mother and wife. But most importantly, I need it to prove my existence as a woman.”

## Fighting violence against women and girls

UNDP partners with the National Council for Women and UN agencies to combat violence against women and to empower and engage young people to reduce the prevalence of violence in public spaces. We support changing negative public perceptions through advocacy and awareness campaigns.

Youth engagement is essential, and recent innovation camps on reporting violence against women and engaging men and boys in combating violence against women are essential. These camps use participatory and engaging methods to address challenges and design innovative, citizen-led solutions.

**IN EGYPT, 99% OF WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THEIR LIFETIME.**

Source: UNWOMEN

## Boosting participation in political life

Possessing a national identity card allows women to vote, to access government services including public hospitals, literacy programmes and banking services, and ensures their citizenship rights. In partnership with UN Women, we aim to reach and assist a total of **2 million women out of the 5 million** who have no identity cards.



**158,000**

WOMEN ISSUED NATIONAL ID CARDS



**300,000**

REGISTERED FOR ID CARDS

**[+] UP CLOSE****FGM ABANDONMENT AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

# Say no to FGM

UNDP supports a sociocultural environment that is favourable to change, to enable families and communities to abandon Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) practices. The overall objective is to further mainstream the fight against FGM through scaling-up activities, enhancing partnerships and coordination mechanisms, strengthening monitoring and evaluation activities, and expanding current advocacy and communication strategies.

The programme works extensively with the media and with religious institutions to advocate against this harmful practice. A Family Rights Declaration was developed in collaboration with civil society, the media and religious organizations and was adopted by Al-Azhar, and an anti-FGM television campaign was launched.

**VOICES OF CHANGE-** Samia Helmy, a 43-year-old woman from a remote village in Upper Egypt, is a victim of FGM that caused her pain and fear, affecting both her health and her marital life.

She is one of the first Egyptian women to attend awareness sessions that discuss the myths and harmful effects of FGM, and how to take action to end this tradition. Samia draws a clear link between the day she was forced to undergo the practice and the depression that she has suffered from ever since.

Better informed, she convinced her husband to stand with her as a family to face community members favouring FGM, and to spare their daughter from the harmful tradition. Today Samia is a leading advocate in her village against the detrimental practice, which prevents women's development and hinders the advancement of communities as a whole.



**NATIONAL FGM ABANDONMENT STRATEGY LAUNCHED**



**2 ANTI-FGM NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED**



**70 VILLAGES MADE A STRONG STANCE AGAINST FGM**



**AS OF 2015, THE PROJECT COVERS 160 VILLAGES**

## FROM SILENCE TO NATIONAL STRATEGY: MAJOR MILESTONES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FGM IN EGYPT

### 2003

- › The FGM-free village model launches
- › First media campaign 'Ana Bent Masreya' ('I am an Egyptian Girl')
- › Issuing of the Cairo Declaration for the Elimination of FGM

### 2005

- › First village to go public against FGM

### 2007

- › The Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population issues a decree banning everyone from performing FGM
- › Dar el Iftaa condemns FGM practice
- › Doctors syndicate issues a statement against FGM
- › Death of Bedour Shaker and declaration of National Anti-FGM Day

### 2008

- › FGM is criminalized in Egypt's Penal Code

### 2009

- › Egyptian government adopts the Joint Program for Family Empowerment and the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation

### 2013

- › Supreme Constitutional Court rules in favour of criminalizing FGM

### 2014

- › First case to be tried for violating anti-FGM

### 2015

- › An Egyptian court imprisons the first doctor ever brought to trial in Egypt on FGM charges
- › Launch of the National FGM Abandonment Strategy

# -13%

SINCE 2008, THE  
PERCENTAGE OF  
CIRCUMCISED GIRLS  
AGED 15-17 HAS  
DROPPED BY 13%

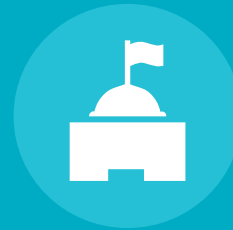
*"I am born perfect with my body whole. Why do you want to cut us, and take away the rights that God gave us? What you are doing to us is a crime, that takes away our childhood and our innocence"*

Girls from Beir Anbar village in Qena where the whole community has joined forces to end FGM.



**#EndFGM**





## ENHANCING GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

# Enhancing governance systems

Supporting improved public service delivery, modernizing public administration, increasing transparency and anticorruption, promoting the respect for human rights, and adopting international best practices in electoral administration are key areas of our work.

## Democratic transition

UNDP facilitated access to comparative experiences and practices to strengthen the democratic process in Egypt through the following:

- › Exposure to international standards, comparative experiences and practices for electoral administration officials and stakeholders through roundtables, workshops and study visits to electoral authorities and events in Tunisia, Libya, Mexico, Romania, Mozambique, Kenya, South Korea, South Africa, and France.
- › Five international and regional fora held in Cairo: International Principles of Electoral Management Bodies, Women's Participation in Parliamentary Elections, Gender Mainstreaming in Electoral Administration, Electoral Dispute Resolution, and the Role of the Electoral Management Body in Voter Education.



## Strengthened institutions to protect, respect and fulfil human rights

- › Almost 30,000 members of the civil service, law enforcement sector, students, media and practitioners participated in awareness-raising sessions on human rights principles, standards and international mechanisms.
- › National and regional fora held in Cairo to raise awareness on experiences with transitional justice and on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) framework for human rights indicators.
- › Translation into Arabic and dissemination of knowledge products such as OHCHR Guidebook on Human Rights and Constitution-making and UNDP's Guidebook on Democratic Dialogue.

## Transparency and integrity

UNDP strengthens national capacities to promote transparency and integrity in the civil service and contributed to:

- › Creation of knowledge products and comparative experiences for the national anti-corruption strategy and the new civil service law; a study on the cost of corruption; the booklet on the distinction between bribes and gifts in the civil service; and a field study and analysis of the integrity of the principal-agent relationship in the civil service.
- › Development of a code of conduct for civil servants and its roll-out among 1,500 public service employees.
- › Development of measurable criteria to assess and monitor the quality of government services provided to the public.

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION INDEX - EGYPT

ranking out of 175 countries

Source: Transparency International







## Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA)

- › 675 African and Egyptian professionals trained in 2014/15, strengthening knowledge and capacity to deal with the wider agenda of peace and security in Africa including trans-boundary issues and crisis management.
- › Pre-deployment training for 1,761 Egyptian peacekeepers deployed in United Nations peacekeeping missions in Africa in 2014/15.
- › Consolidated African voices to contribute to the review of the global peacebuilding architecture through International Conference on Regional Aspects of Peacebuilding organized in Cairo in 2014.
- › Hosted the Consultations of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Peace Operations for the MENA region in Cairo, to contribute to the Secretary General's report on peacekeeping architecture review; also hosted the African Union Senior Mission Leaders Training Course and the United Nations Senior to Mission Leaders Training Course which were held in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

“CCCPA's partnership with the Government of Japan and UNDP has expanded and diversified the Center's contribution to the African continent. We have trained thousands of military, police and civilian professionals, contributed to building institutional capacities, broadened our geographic coverage and thematic areas and have grown into a credible African voice on issues of peace and security.” Counselor Ashraf Swelam, CCCPA Director.

## Supporting the North West Coast Development and Mine Action Plan

In partnership with the Ministry of International Cooperation, the UNDP's Support to the North West Coast Development and Mine Action Plan project has supported the clearance of 94,400 acres of contaminated land along the Mediterranean coast. The cleared land has been handed over to the ministries of Housing and Agriculture, to allow them to embark on new development projects in these once hazardous and deserted areas.

The clearance operations were coupled with other developmental activities that contributed to the improvement of the livelihoods of mine victims and their families; 259 amputees were fitted with artificial limbs, and 72 women were provided with business starter kits to allow them to start income-generating projects. The project has also carried out three watershed management projects in the Hawaweer, Hebla and Ahdaf valleys in Matrouh governorate.



### 94,400

ACRES OF CONTAMINATED LAND  
HAVE BEEN CLEARED SINCE 2009

### VOICES OF CHANGE: FROM VICTIM TO ENTREPRENEUR

After her husband's landmine accident 20 years ago, Haja Najia became the main breadwinner. Supported by UNDP's Mine Action and Livelihoods initiative in the North West Coast, Haja Najia is one of the many women affected by landmines who benefited from a micro-loan, starting up a small business and improving their family income.



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## LEGAL AID AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT OFFICES IN FAMILY COURTS

# Promoting access to justice for everyone

Legal aid offices in family courts provide **free legal advice and services** that help poor and illiterate citizens, mostly women who need assistance.



**32 legal aid offices** were established in family courts in 20 governorates to give free guidance to litigants on the procedures and compilation of documentation and to draft notes and petitions for the poor and the illiterate, especially women, for cases that do not require the signature of a lawyer.



**200 employees** of dispute settlement offices (i.e. psychologists, sociologists and legal staff) received training on a variety of issues, including legal knowledge, skills for dispute settlement, communication, mediation, IT skills, using legal aid central information databases, children's rights and general provisions for alimony.



**400 employees** of legal aid offices and dispute settlement offices benefited from joint training on legal issues, details of the personal status law, communication skills, family disputes, work mechanisms and mediation skills. Family court judges participated in workshops on practical family court cases, inheritance, custody and residence, divorce and marital issues.

“The cooperation between the Ministry of Justice and UNDP starting April 2008 marked a turning point in Egypt's strategy, especially the judiciary sector, to provide prompt and fair justice in courts through the establishment of legal aid offices in family courts”

Judge Gihane El Batouty, Legal Aid Project Manager



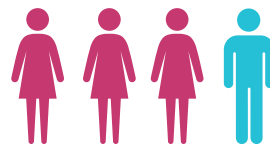


“When I came to file the case, a woman who filed one before told me she would take me to an assistance office. The office informed me of many things I didn’t know. It made me aware of what exactly I should do instead of being lost among lawyers and papers. It provided me with free services, everything was free.” -Omaima, a victim of a domestic violence case, explains how the project has helped her.

SINCE 2008  
LEGAL AID OFFICES HAVE ASSISTED



**45,600**  
CASES




**3** OUT OF **4** CASES WERE  
BROUGHT BY **WOMEN**



Litigants seeking assistance at the Legal Aid Office in Heliopolis, one of the 32 offices established across the country.

Project website: [www.ladsegypt.org](http://www.ladsegypt.org)



*“Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.”*

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General





## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# Promoting sustainable development

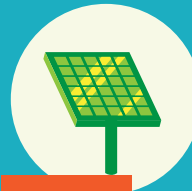
UNDP helps protect the environment and mitigate the adverse impact of climate change by promoting the sustainable management of natural resources, the conservation of cultural heritage, nature conservation and reducing pollution.

# The energy of development



UNDP supports the Government of Egypt implementation a national **standards and labels** programme for energy efficient home appliances

Recently launched an initiative to promote rooftop grid connected **photovoltaic systems**



Initiated market transformation to energy **efficient lighting systems** for different sectors in Egypt



“As always, contributing to meeting Egypt’s strategic priorities is high on our agenda. It was in this determined spirit that we agreed, with our distinguished tenants, to declare our “CEDARE building” the first administrative construction to transform to an energy-saving LED lighting system. The project was implemented in full partnership with UNDP, one of our most valued collaborators, and resulted in considerable savings in overall electricity

consumption. These reached no less than **42%** without affecting the functions in the building nor the light intensity. I consider this inspiring achievement an open invitation to other institutions to adopt and multiply this rewarding initiative many times over and, together, continue to chart a resource-efficient, prosperous and sustainable future for Egypt.” *Mona Makram Ebid, Executive Director of CEDARE and Former Minister of Environment.*



**P** AVAILABLE  
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To **reduce traffic congestion**, a connected display system has been installed around the city center in Cairo, helping car drivers to locate vacant places in parking areas much faster.

Establish **high quality service buses** that are integrated with underground network to encourage car owners to shift from driving to using public transport systems

Establishment of non-motorized transport corridor for Fayoum and Shebin El-Kom cities including **cycling tracks and improved pavements** to encourage cycling and walking as clean means of transport



## CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

UNDP assists the Egyptian government in developing its national climate change adaptation plans, building capacities to benefit from global carbon finance mechanisms such as Clean Development Mechanism and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action, meeting its international role by submitting the National as well as reporting to UNFCCC secretariat on the climate change initiatives through the national communication reports.

UNDP supports the government of Egypt in the adaptation of low lying lands in the Nile Delta with the expected sea level rise associated with climate change through Integrated Coastal Zone Management Planning and implementation of soft engineering solutions for shore protection

## PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

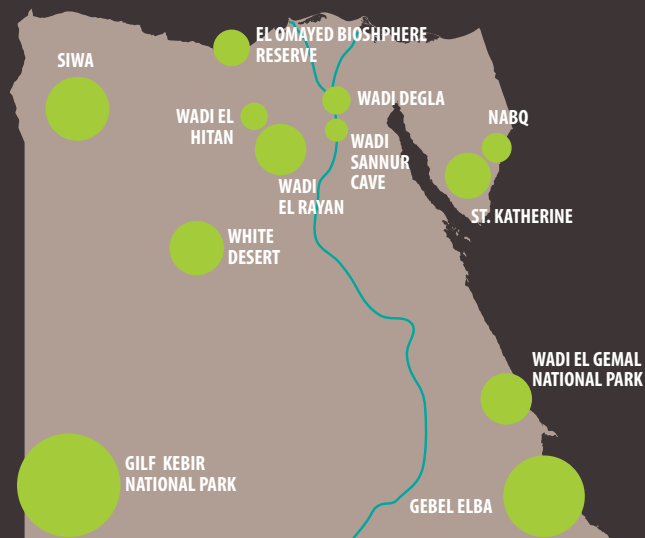
Through our work on Protected Areas and Biodiversity, we pursue a unique approach that links conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources to improve the livelihoods of surrounding communities in partnership with national authorities, NGOs and the private sector, introducing basic services to those areas in order that they become financially sustainable and first class eco-tourism areas.

## NATURE AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND ECO-TOURISM

The Medicinal Plants Conservation Project in the St. Katherine Protectorate received the prestigious Equator Prize in 2012 for community-based sustainable development solutions.



## UNDP SUPPORTED PROTECTORATES



ESTABLISHED  
**12** PROTECTED  
AREAS



COVERING  
**111,000**  
SQUARE KILOMETERS




AND CREATING  
**350**  
JOBS



“ I believe that only when people enjoy the natural beauty of protected areas, would they have an interest in actually preserving and keeping them safe.”  
- Omar Samra, Adventurer and Entrepreneur



 A white stork crossing the Red Sea-Rift Valley flyway, the second most important stopover for migratory soaring birds in the world and the most important route of the Africa-Eurasia flyway. Over two million birds migrate along this corridor each year.



**CLIMATE CHANGE MUSEUM** - The first open-air museum in the Middle East on climate change is located in Wadi Al-Rayan Protectorate in Fayoum governorate. Forty million years ago the site was a seabed, and today it contains a unique collection of fossils, including primitive whale skeletons and sharks' teeth.



## [+] UP CLOSE

## BIOENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

# The power of green

UNDP's BioEnergy for Sustainable Rural Development project turns animal waste into biogas, an alternative and cheaper source of energy. In addition to providing affordable clean energy solutions, this project helps rural women as they usually have to walk long distances and wait long hours to obtain butane gas cylinders as part of their household chores, whereas collecting cattle droppings is an established custom to be used as fertilizers.

Following a South-South model of cooperation, an Indian NGO implemented the initial stage of the project and transferred the know-how to Egyptian engineers and masons who have now established their own small enterprises. Building on its success, the government has adopted the model, scaling up the initiative across all governorates and transforming it into a national programme with its own institutional support.



SINCE 2012

950

FAMILIES BENEFITED

ACROSS

18

GOVERNORATES

## BIOGAS



## CAN BE USED FOR



LIGHTING



HEATING



COOKING

## AND BOOSTS ECONOMIC GROWTH



Biogas slurry is a natural fertilizer that helps increase crop production and income



It promotes the creation of specialized companies and jobs

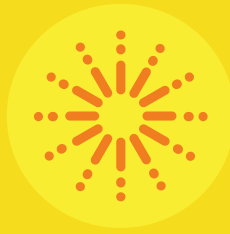


It helps families save money on energy costs



# Putting people at the centre


UNDP promotes the use of people-driven innovative solutions to improve the socio-economic conditions of citizens in areas related to entrepreneurship and business development, illiteracy eradication, e-health, persons with disabilities and combating violence against women.



## INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT



with  
no insects

 Youth during an innovation workshop, identifying the challenges faced by fishermen in Fayoum and seeking for new ways to help the fisheries industry.



## EGYPT ICT TRUST FUND

UNDP in cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology created the Egypt ICT Trust Fund in 2002 as a mechanism to foster socio-economic development through the promotion of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and digital literacy.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMEs



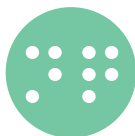
- › TIEC offers incubation services for **45 IT companies** yearly.
- › **13,500 SMEs** supported and trained on IT skills and business management.

### IT SKILLS AND YOUTH'S EMPLOYABILITY



- › ITI Professional Programme has trained and qualified **8,500 ICT specialized professionals**.
- › **1,300 facilitators, 3,000 NGO members and 9,000 youth** trained on computer literacy.
- › **45,000 students** trained on Business Process Outsourcing, a booming industry that creates thousands of job opportunities every year in Egypt.
- › Trained **1,2 million trainers** on ICT skills.
- › Established a vast network of **IT Clubs and mobile IT Clubs** across the country.

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



- › Equipped **schools for deaf and blind** with internet connection and ICT tools.
- › **742 training curricula** developed for hearing and visually impaired students.

The ICT Trust Fund comprises three projects:

- › The **ICT for Community Development** project adopts a comprehensive approach to development and integrates ICT tools to maximize its impact on citizens' lives.
- › The **Information and Technology Institute (ITI)** leads in innovation and entrepreneurship, employability and job placement, as well as international cooperation in the ICT field.
- › The **Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre (TIEC)** aims to stimulate an innovation-based economy and to connect ICT talented students with the private sector.



### RURAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL


- › **8,800 women** taught to read and write through ICT solutions.
- › Development of **E-Commerce platforms** to sell products online from remote areas in Egypt.
- › **E-health system** connected small clinics in Siwa, Nubia and South Sinai with medical centres and hospitals.
- › Equipped **80 public schools** with ICT solutions for education.



### KNOWLEDGE GENERATION

- › **20 million visits** annually to *kenanaonline.com*, an online community development portal about agriculture, disabilities and education among others.
- › Developed an **online expert system** on agriculture knowledge.
- › **1,300 students trained** by *The National Egypt Telecentre E-learning Academy*.

ICT for development

 Youth attending "Hack4mobile", a contest organised by TIEC for developing mobile apps under the umbrella theme of 'Smart Cities'.

*"Microsoft's partnership with UNDP has provided 17,000 young Egyptian with access to computing opportunities and empowered young future women leaders. We share the common goal of empowering youth to pursue their careers enabled by technology and connected to opportunities." - Ghada Khalifa, Citizenship Lead, Microsoft*

## SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Within the frame of South-south cooperation, the Academy maps and supports innovation in Egypt and African countries, linking them together.



In 2014, the Youth Employment Generation Programme was awarded by the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society.

## E-GOVERNMENT



UNDP supports the use of ICT to enhance the efficiency and accountability of the public sector in Egypt:

- › **ICT for Elections** - Since 2011, Egyptian citizens can access their voter registration details through [www.elections.eg](http://www.elections.eg), SMS, a call centre and a mobile application. The service received **154 million requests** in 2012-2014.
- › Implemented in **132 city councils** across Egypt, **one window service offices** offer a wide array of public services to citizens in one single place.
- › **The Egypt eFamily Smart card** makes easier for citizens to access subsidized services including health insurance, education, transport and fuel. [subsidy.egypt.gov.eg](http://subsidy.egypt.gov.eg)
- › **Bawaba Egypt** is an online platform that facilitates the procedures and automation of more than **200 services**. [www.egypt.gov.eg](http://www.egypt.gov.eg)

# Fostering social innovation in Egypt

- In 2014, UNDP Egypt launched the first **UNDP Innovation Lab** of its kind in the Arab Region. The Lab organizes a large number of activities across the country based on the belief that citizens can drive projects and initiatives which can bring improvements in our society and generate creative and effective solutions to tackle national development challenges.

## GAMES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Four games are being developed by youth with the support of UNDP. The games aim to educate players on causes of the Hepatitis C virus in Egypt, to raise awareness on the benefits of social-entrepreneurship/businesses and to encourage youth and children to tap into their creativity and imagination.

## DESIGN FOR INTEGRATED LIVING

As a result of this initiative aimed at creating innovative solutions that would aid persons with disabilities in leading an easier, inclusive and integrated life, UNDP is supporting the development of six prototypes and ideas. One of them is the Mobile Ramp which is a mobile application that enables citizens with reduced mobility to report their needs of ramps on the street. It also shows the existing ramps so that users can identify accessible ways. Sharqia Governorate has selected two ideas to launch a pilot project and to construct 50 ramps across the Governorate.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

3 youth teams in partnership with the National Council for Women are developing "Wave", an ICT-based service that will allow victims of gender-based violence to report and monitor their cases in addition to receive legal and psychological assistance through a mobile application, a hotline and USSD messages.





activities 2013-2015  
 smart cities mobile hackathon  
 regional youth innovation camp  
**human centered** get online 3D printer workshop  
 week  
 social entrepreneurship the circle **approach**  
 youth camp spot the future  
 design for **integrated living** big data hackathon  
 combating **violence against women camp**  
**social justice** games for development  
 youth camp make the future  
**games design** challenge  
 boot camp  
 street design

**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH CAMP**

As a result of this camp, UNDP is providing 10 teams with technical support and business management skills for the establishment of their social enterprises. The three best projects will receive a small seed fund for the launching of their activities in 2015.

**THE CIRCLE**

The Circle is a UNDP series of events and workshops that aims to bring together organizations, entrepreneurs, youth, friends to discuss and present new innovative ideas and issues. The first meeting brought together nearly 100 participants looking forward to connecting with other innovators and to further developing their initiatives by collaborating with others.

MORE THAN  
**1,000**  
 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN UNDP LAB  
 ACTIVITIES SINCE ITS LAUNCHING IN 2014

MORE THAN  
**100**  
 PROTOTYPES GENERATED BY YOUTH.  
 20 ARE CURRENTLY BEING INCUBATED BY  
 THE UNDP INNOVATION LAB



# Knowledge for change

UNDP has access to a global network of knowledge and experience being on the ground in more than 170 countries and territories. To support the government on the path towards sustainable human development and the advancement of key developmental issues, UNDP produces analytical research, policy papers and studies.

## NATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT SERIES

Egypt's National Human Development report series have brought issues like poverty, education and gender equality to the forefront. The national debates triggered by the reports helped put the emphasis on people to be at the heart of policies. The reports not only raised red flags but proposed policy changes and innovative solutions as well.

UNDP Egypt was a pioneer in producing the national Human Development Report (1994) and was also the first to produce the Human Development Index (HDI) for Egypt's 26 Governorates providing a comparative assessment tool which was expanded later within each Governorate.

Reports are co-written by a group of scholars, researchers and subject matter experts. Each NHDR focuses on a specific theme with an in-depth analysis. For example, the global award-winning 1995 report studied the problem of poverty and income distribution, exploring people's perceptions regarding living conditions.

### 2010 Youth in Egypt Building our Future

The Report, produced six months before the January 2011 uprising, analyzed from a human development perspective the



opportunities and constraints that faced Egypt's sizeable youth population, examining issues of concern to them including education, health, gender, poverty, employment, housing, and participation in society. The Report called for greater consultation and communication between young people, the Government and civil society presenting nine main messages to ensure youth's inclusion and full participation in society.

### Millennium Development Goals Reports

Assessment studies were carried out to assess Egypt's progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the role of UNDP interventions to help achieve them. The different studies provided recommendations to aid and accelerate progress as in the following reports:

- > Egypt: assessment of development results - Evaluation of UNDP contribution 2012.
- > Egypt's progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals 2010.
- > Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: a midpoint assessment 2008.



**EGYPT NHDR 2010  
RECEIVED THE HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE**

## *actionable knowledge that boosts change*

### **Egypt Human Development Report Decentralization - Choosing Decentralization for Good Governance**

Egypt is one of the most highly centralized economies and the Report pioneers in pointing out the issue and covers major components, such as local governance, private sector participation, voice of the poor, civil service reform, and capacity building.

### **Choosing our Future: Towards a New Social Contract**

This Report submits a vision for change based on two important notions: A new 'social contract' whereby the state encourages further political, social and economic participation from civil society and behavioral change such that the values of participation, entrepreneurship, innovation and transparency can prevail.

### **BUSINESS SOLUTIONS FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2007**

The report presented documentation of the valuable contribution of large corporations operating in Egypt in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) creating a 'demonstration effect' for other responsible business to follow. The report emphasised that the development context of Egypt requires the private sector to play a greater role in facing mounting population and development pressures.

### **TOWARDS A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT NATIONAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2005**

resulted in the establishment of the Social Contract Centre which provides policy advice on economic and social issues such as strategies to protect the poor and has launched the Social Responsibility Map to provide information on the prevalence of poverty. The Centre works on anti-corruption in different sectors and monitors the implementation of the MDGs.

### **POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY 2013**

The study looks at the potential impacts of climate change on Egypt's economy, agriculture and tourism by 2030 and 2060.

### **LEXICON OF ELECTORAL TERMINOLOGY 2014**

The first tri-lingual (Arabic, English and French) Lexicon of Electoral Terminology that provides explanations of over 500 key concepts and terms in the field of elections.

### **THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2052**

The exhaustive study gives a visionary plan for comprehensive sustainable urban development for Egypt.

### **CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER**

UNDP supported the Ministry of Social Solidarity with the Social Research Center of The American University in Cairo in an intervention for alleviating poverty in the country. A pilot conditional cash transfer program was launched in 65 of the poorest villages in Sohag and Assiut. The programme gives cash to families living below the poverty line on the condition that they comply with requirements related to child health and education to break down the reproduction of poverty on the long term.



**WE ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE.** Raising public awareness about developmental issues and advocating for change is an important aspect of UNDP's work to support sustainable development and respect of the rights of all Egyptians. We do so by engaging wide audiences in public debates through workshops, conferences, innovation camps, social media as well as other outreach campaigns.



**YOUR ID, YOUR RIGHTS** campaign was launched in 2012 to encourage women to issue national IDs highlighting, economic, social and political rights that come as a result.

**SAY NO TO FGM** public awareness campaigns in broadcast and social media help refute wrong allegations about FGM and to support those who want to oppose it.



**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN YOUTH INNOVATION CAMP (2015)** where young women and men, worked collaboratively on analyzing the root causes of underreporting, brainstormed solutions to encourage citizens to take a stand, and finally built low-cost prototypes to visualize their ideas.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE INNOVATION CAMPS** in Cairo (2014) and Aswan (2015) aimed to define social justice and find innovative ways to improve social justice in their community.



# Changing mindsets

**WATY EL WATT (2015)** campaign is reaching out to the public and private sector to encourage them to switch to efficient energy systems.



**CLEANING CAMPAIGN (2014).** In partnership with Omar Samra, Wild Guanabana, Mansour Foundation and the Ministry of Environment, UNDP organized a cleaning campaign in Wadi Degla that resulted in the inclusion of this unique geological area as one of the 30 protected areas supported by UNDP and recognized by the Ministry of Environment.



**CYCLING FESTIVALS (2015)** were held in Mounoufia and Fayoum to encourage environmentally-friendly transport.



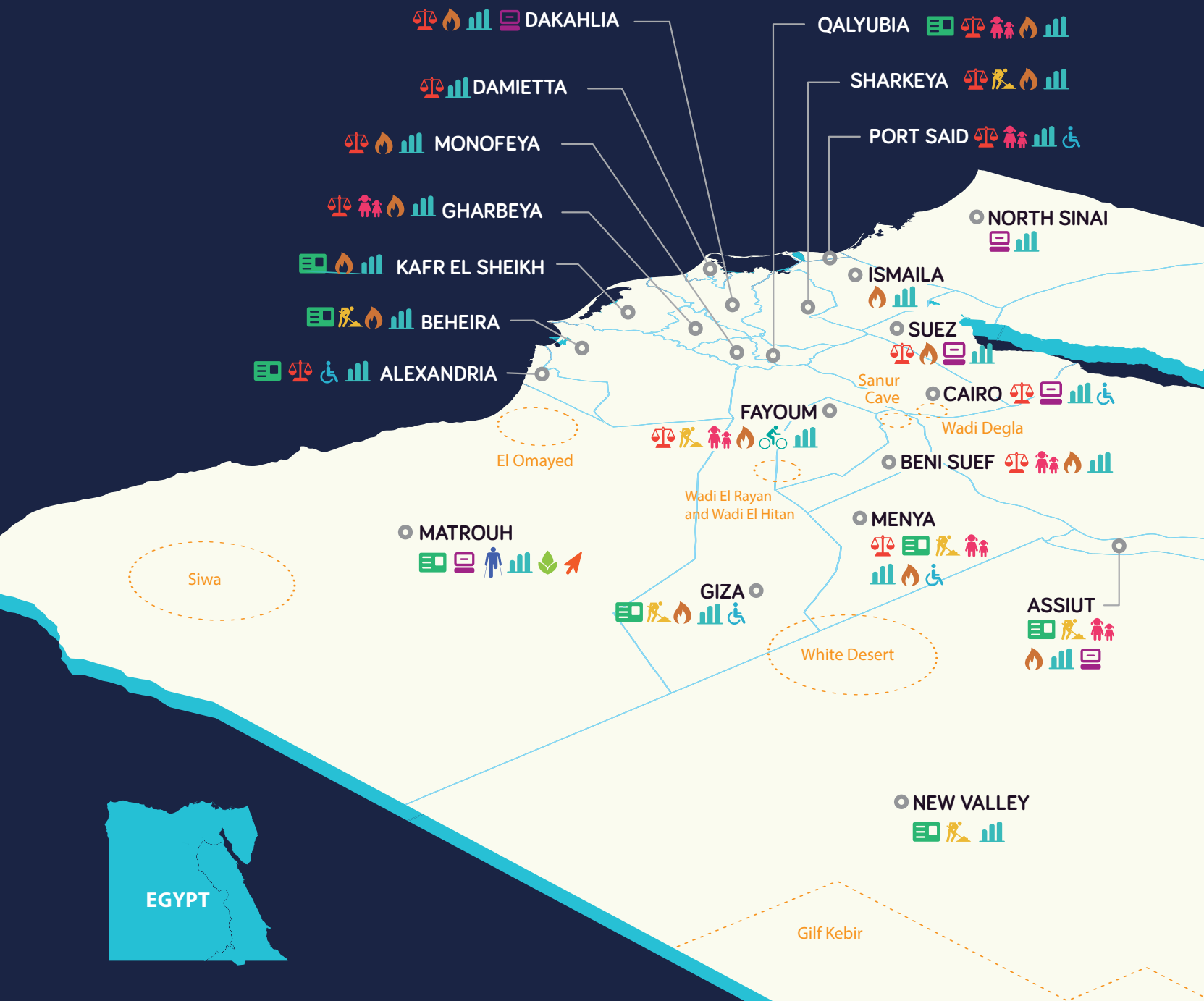
**THE NATIONAL FORUM ON DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION (2011)** gathered over a thousand Egyptian to look at the challenges and compare experiences of other transition countries.



**THE REGIONAL FORUM ON ELECTORAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (2014)** introduced to electoral stakeholders comparative experiences and best practices to resolve disputes that often occur in the course of electoral competition and require speedy, effective and efficient settlements.

**PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN IN DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS (2011)** was organized in order to alleviate setbacks in women's rights.







# Where we work

## OUR PROJECTS, ON THE FIELD

-  Citizenship initiative
-  Legal aid offices in Family Courts
-  Job creation in public works
-  Social Fund for Development
-  Egypt Integrated Network for development
-  FGM Abandonment
-  Community development and livelihoods
-  Mine action
-  Biogas
-  Migratory soaring birds
-  Cycling tracks
-  ICT and entrepreneurship
-  ICT for community development
-  ICT for persons with disabilities
-  Protected area



Our projects reach all  
**27**  
**GOVERNORATES**  
 of Egypt

# Resources 2011-2014

## TOP DONORS / FUNDING SOURCES (in million US dollars)



GOVERNMENT  
OF EGYPT  
**213.3**



GOVERNMENT  
OF JAPAN  
**21.5**



UNDP / UN  
**13**



GLOBAL  
ENVIRONMENT  
FACILITY  
**7.2**



GOVERNMENT  
OF GERMANY  
**4.9**



EUROPEAN  
UNION  
**3.4**



GOVERNMENT  
OF NORWAY  
**2.6**



EGYPT ICT  
TRUST FUND  
**2.4**



MONTREAL  
PROTOCOL  
**2.3**



GOVERNMENT  
OF SWEDEN  
**2.1**



GOV. OF THE  
NETHERLANDS  
**2**



GOV. OF  
SWITZERLAND  
**1.5**



GOVERNMENT  
OF AUSTRALIA  
**1.4**



GOV. OF  
THE UNITED  
KINGDOM  
**1**



GOVERNMENT  
OF BELGIUM  
**0.9**



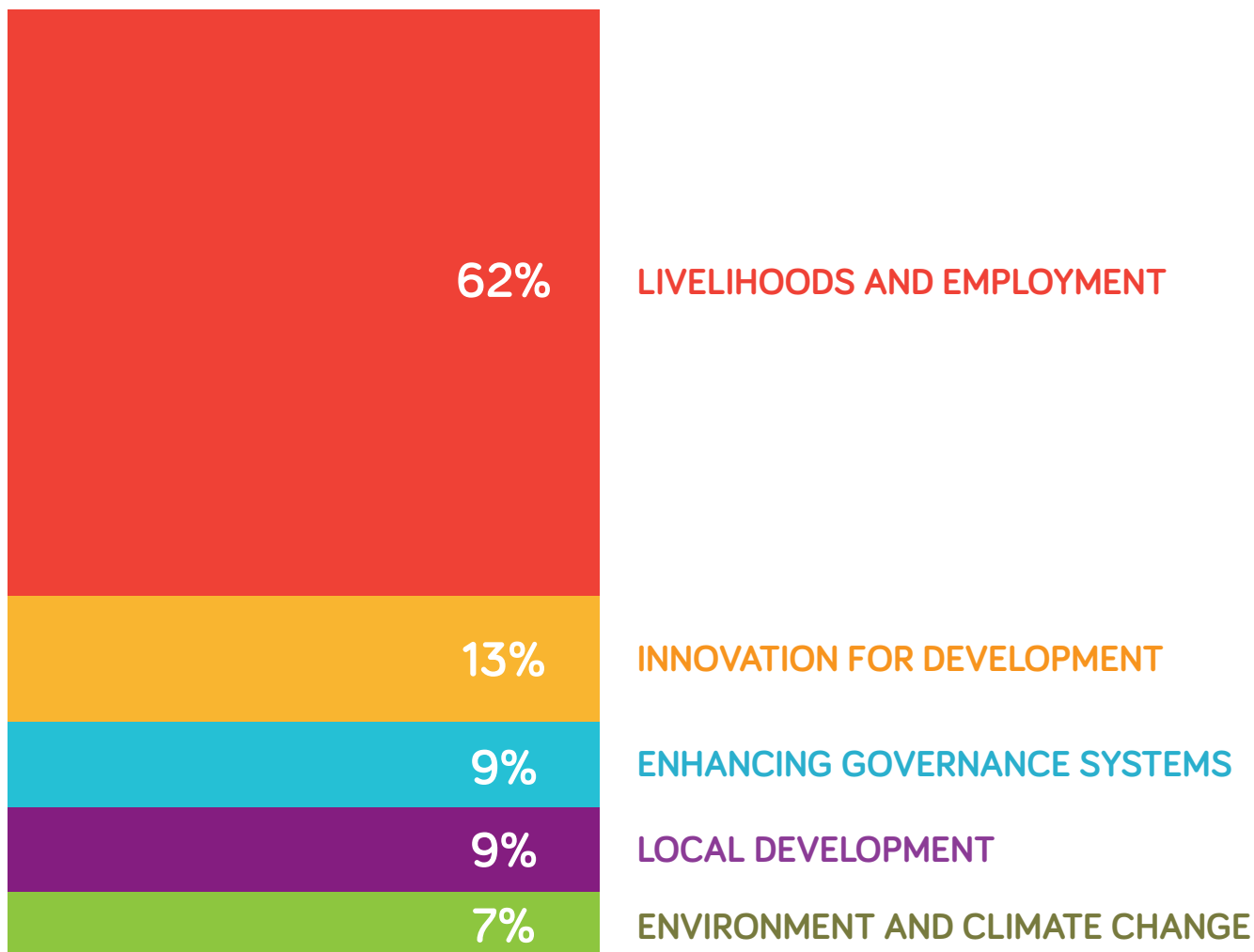
OTHERS  
**3.9**

TOTAL: **284.1** MILLION USD



## PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE BY THEMATIC AREAS

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- > Australia
- > Austria
- > Belgium
- > Canada
- > Denmark
- > Egypt
- > Finland
- > Germany
- > Ireland
- > Italy
- > Japan
- > Netherlands
- > New Zealand
- > Norway
- > Romania
- > Spain
- > Sweden
- > Switzerland
- > United Kingdom

## DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- > Bird Life International
- > Care International
- > European Union
- > Ford Foundation
- > Global Environment Facility

- > UN International Labour Organization
- > Islamic Development Bank
- > Montreal Protocol
- > UN OHCHR
- > UNDESA
- > UNFPA
- > UNHABITAT
- > UNICEF
- > United Nations Volunteers
- > United States Agency for International Development
- > UNWOMEN
- > UN World Health Organization

## CIVIL SOCIETY

- > Ahead of the Curve
- > Creative Cooperative
- > Engagement Lab / Emerson College, Boston
- > Fab Lab Egypt
- > IceCairo
- > Misr El Kheir Foundation
- > Open It
- > Telecentre Foundation
- > Tennra

## ACADEMIC PARTNERS

- > American University in Cairo
- > Cairo University
- > Nile University

## PRIVATE SECTOR

- > American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt
- > Arab African International Bank
- > CocaCola
- > Dana Gas Company
- > Mansour Group
- > Microsoft
- > Orascom Construction
- > Orascom Telecommunication Parks
- > Polaris International Industrial
- > Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- > Sawiris Foundation
- > Siemens
- > Vodafone





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