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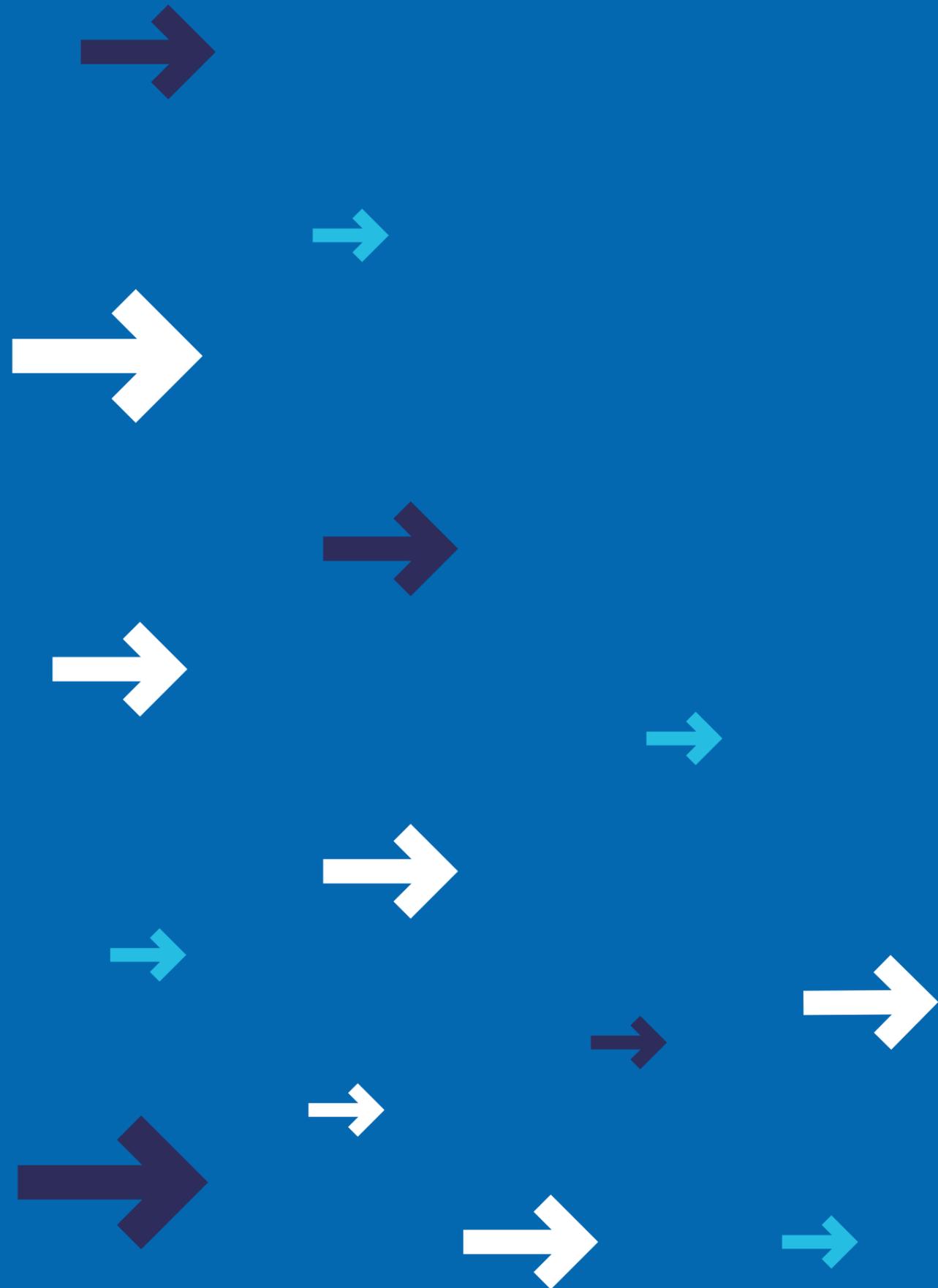


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FOREWORD



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We will all remember 2020 for the unprecedented challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic brought to humanity. This year reshaped the world and highlighted starkly our collective interdependencies, exposing vulnerabilities in our way of life, societies, and institutions.

In Egypt, UNDP efforts were immediately amplified to support the government and people of Egypt to increase **preparedness** and support the **response** and **recovery** efforts against the negative impacts of COVID-19. With the onset of the pandemic, our country programme pillars remained relevant but we accelerated and redoubled focus, to foster resilience and prepare recovery to the crisis. It would not be “business as usual”.

At the global level, UNDP focused on supporting the UN System to examine and address the socio-economic effects of COVID-19. In Egypt, we intensified pioneering solutions to increase awareness, accelerate digital services for persons with disabilities and the poor, support government capacities and evidence-based analysis and policy support. We maintained our programme through more than 50 projects in all of Egypt’s governorates.

This report highlights some of our results and presents UNDP’s experience using its integrated, transparent, and innovative role. We addressed, together with the government of Egypt and our partners, some of the complex issues facing the country, namely in issues related to the environment, climate change, job creation, women and youth empowerment, persons with disabilities, health, and local development.

We ended 2020 on a particularly positive note, in the shadows of the iconic Pyramids of Giza sending a strong message to the world as we renewed our commitment to “**Leaving No One Behind**”.

As we move into the second year of our response to the COVID-19 crisis, we are confident with our partners to be able to deliver adapted solutions for resilience and development and will continue to capitalize our global resources and experience to benefit the country in its journey to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build back better post COVID-19.

Through strong networks and committed partnerships, we will be able to build together a new future.

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ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
Amcham	American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt
AI	Artificial Intelligence
CO	Country Office
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GEF	Global Environment Fund
GFATM	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
IFIs	International Financial Institutions
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
ITI	Information Technology Institute
MCIT	Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
MoPED	Ministry of Planning and Economic Development
MoIC	Ministry of International Cooperation
MoSS	Ministry of Social Solidarity
MSMEDA	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency
NCW	National Council for Women
NTP	National Tuberculosis Programmes
PA	Protected Areas
PV	Photovoltaic
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SDS	Sustainable Development Strategy
TIEC	Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNPDF	United Nations Partnership Development Framework

OUR MODEL

HOW DO WE WORK?

- UNDP is known for its **transparency**. It remains the most transparent UN agency according to the global [2020 Aid Transparency Index](#). For UNDP, all projects' information and data are published publicly on the [UNDP Transparency Portal](#). This portal allows open, comprehensive, and accessible data on all UNDP projects and their status of implementation, location of interventions, implementing partners, number of beneficiaries, in addition to project documents and evaluation reports.
- UNDP offers transformative solutions to achieve and **connect the SDGs**. In Egypt, we adopt the same approach to integrate the SDGs and work across them. We tackle programmes and projects with a more holistic view through various effective interventions.
- We work with the government, UN agencies, private sector, civil society, and international organizations harnessing the power of collective work to deliver the best results.
- We place gender equality at the center of what we do. We start with ourselves. UNDP Egypt has been recognized with the **Gold Gender Equality Seal**. The seal is a certification process led by UNDP to ensure institutions deliver gender-responsive solutions and results by instituting gender mainstreaming policies and monitoring their implementation.
- UNDP Egypt is positioned with its partners as a knowledge frontier organization and thought leader in identifying innovative approaches and mechanisms, paving the way for new partnerships and implementation modalities.
- Our global model is **#NextGenUNDP**. Next Generation UNDP is designed to achieve integrated development results at speed and at scale during quiet and turbulent times, leveraging innovation and technology. This multi-year effort builds on broad networks within and between 170 countries to push the boundaries of how we think, deliver, invest, manage and help respond to rapidly evolving development challenges.



OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS IN EGYPT

WHAT GUIDES US?



Our programme in Egypt is:

1. Determined to support Egypt's national priorities as outlined in Egypt Vision 2030
2. Guided at horizon 2030 by the SDGs which UN member states committed to in 2015
3. Aligned with the United Nations Partnership Development Framework (UNPDF Egypt 2018-2022)

OUR IMPACT

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2020?

UNDP rose up to the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Country Office engaged with government and other partners to reinforce and better target digital transformation, environmental sustainability, health, job creation, and social inclusion. Innovative programmes, initiatives, and solutions emerged to respond to the pandemic, impacting the government, businesses, and citizens.

IN 2020

TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

\$68M



NUMBER OF STAFF

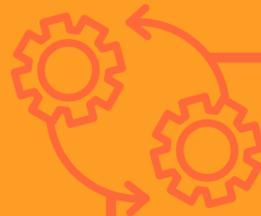
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NUMBER OF ONGOING PROJECTS

47

IN ALL GOVERNORATES



TOP CONTRIBUTORS

**EGYPT, GCF, GEF,
JAPAN, GFATM,
UNDP**

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED

160,177

(37% WOMEN)



NUMBER OF PARTNERS

49





INCLUSIVE GROWTH & INNOVATION

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of technology. UNDP realized the importance of digital transformation before the pandemic and adopted a whole-of-society approach to achieve the sustainable development outcomes. When COVID-19 hit the world, UNDP moved swiftly and professionally to help institutions' digital transformation.

Swipe up to unlock

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MSMEs

In 2020, the CO supported the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (MSMEDA) in its effort to rapidly prepare MSMEs to digitalize their businesses. UNDP conducted nation-wide MSMEs surveys with the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED), MSMEDA, CAPMAS, and the African Development Bank (AfDB) and funded by the Government of Japan. The surveys sampled more than 6,000 MSMEs to assess the impact of COVID-19 on businesses and their response to the stimulus packages launched by the Government of Egypt. While COVID-19 affected MSMEs, UNDP supported MSMEDA to disburse 2.9 billion EGP of financing to MSMEs, reaching 103,255 enterprises (43,369 women and 59,886 men). It has built beneficiaries' capacity to run their own businesses through 137 training sessions, benefiting 5,192 entrepreneurs (2,763 women and 2,429 men).

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP & JOB CREATION

Empowering youth and institutions have been prioritized throughout 2020. With the support of UNDP, partners nurtured startups to build their capacity in digital transformation and Information and Communications Technology. Egypt's Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC), with UNDP support, created an environment that nurtures talented ICT entrepreneurs with bright ideas, while enhancing Egypt's reputation as a global competitor in high value-added innovation and supported 166 startups, of which around 25% are women. The Information Technology Institute (ITI), supported by UNDP, provided the Egyptian labor market with a pool of highly qualified IT professionals and entrepreneurs through capacity development in ICT and entrepreneurship, delivering professional training programmes and more than 167,926 in MaharaTech. To help best react to COVID-19 market conditions, UNDP organized trainings for youth and social entrepreneurs on fundraising techniques, crisis management, and telecommuting.

166
STARTUPS
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PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs

UNDP, in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt, intensified advocacy on the prominent role of impact investment and the private sector, aiming to mainstream the SDGs in their operations and measure their social and environmental impact.

PEACE & SECURITY

Sustaining peace and security is a prerequisite for sustainable development. UNDP supports the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) in its continuous efforts as a key think tank on peace and security issues through a series of high-level conferences and workshops. CCCPA moved activities online: a series of expert workshops for 99 participants (39 are women), and training for nearly 2,000 Egyptian peacekeepers being deployed to Africa. Building on the inaugural Aswan Forum and its conclusions, the second edition, taking place early 2021, advanced a positive and forward-looking agenda as Africa charts its pathway for recovery post-COVID-19.



CCCPA SERIES OF EXPERT WORKSHOPS FOR

99 (**39** ARE **WOMEN**) PARTICIPANTS



2,000

EGYPTIAN PEACEKEEPERS BEING DEPLOYED TO AFRICA



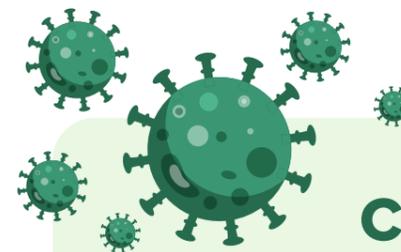
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

UNDP held the Egypt Walk for Inclusion at the iconic Giza Pyramids to highlight the importance of assistive technologies for the empowerment, independence, and public participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Egypt. This UNDP campaign brought together key ministers, UN agencies, national counterparts, and the private sector and delved in policy options through two online events on women with disabilities, assistive technologies, and innovation.



SDGs IMPLEMENTATION

In 2020, UNDP supported national institutions in data, measurement system analysis and monitoring indicators for SDGs and for Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) Vision 2030. UNDP supported MoPED in assessing financing flows that contribute to financing development and to accelerate SDGs attainment.



COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

UNDP supported Egypt's Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) to respond to COVID-19 by developing a dedicated chatbot to guide persons with disabilities seeking healthcare through sign language.

The CO expanded its support to the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority to respond to the increase in demand on telecommunications networks due to the pandemic.

Supporting MSMEs is crucial for faster and stronger recovery from the pandemic. UNDP supported MSMEDA to enhance the efficiency of its marketplace and built the capacities of MSMEDA beneficiaries through e-learning materials, ensuring the effective transition of their products and services online.

We also supported the socio-economic empowerment of women in Upper Egypt as the garment factory in Qena shifted production from clothes to medical masks sold at discounted prices for the most vulnerable communities, also raising capital to increase production and ensure continued employment.

UNDP collaborated with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and AmCham to develop a business report **assessing the impact of COVID-19 on the private sector, to be launched in 2021.**

STORIES

AI IS LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: ACCESSIBLE CHATBOT FOR DEAF AND HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS

Wasel has provided a platform for persons with hearing impairments to test their symptoms through the online application. Following the World Health Organization (WHO) and Egypt's Ministry of Health protocol, the chatbot asks the user a number of questions using sign language. The service is available 24/7, including providing support to those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, through connecting them to the responsible government agency to receive the necessary care.



#KEMAMA SOLIDARITY AGAINST COVID19: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE!

In the midst of a global pandemic that causes higher threats to those living in remote and poor areas, the dedication and perseverance of Upper Egyptian women emerged as they stepped up to produce protective gear to the people of Qena, and their neighbors in Luxor and Aswan.

Up until May 2020, they were able to produce around 3,000 masks a day. This does not come close to what the people of Upper Egypt need; Qena alone is home to 3.2 million people.



ENVIRONMENT

UNDP promotes natural resource efficiency, environment protection, and green growth. UNDP works closely with the Ministry of Environment to meet its international obligations towards global environmental agreements and report achievements and lessons learned. This included the Montreal Protocol to phase out ozone-depleting substances and the First Biennial Update Report to UNFCCC, documenting efforts to mitigate climate change. With the support of UNDP, Egypt was able to reduce carbon dioxide emissions because of energy efficiency, roof-top Photovoltaics (PVs) and sustainable transport initiatives. The CO continued the successful support to the Ministry of Electricity in fully transforming a market and making energy-efficient lighting as the first choice for residential, commercial, and government buildings.

In 2020, UNDP supported the Ministry of Environment and partners with climate change mitigation and adaptation, also campaigning to have Egypt's biodiversity recognized as a central asset for tourism.



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ECO-EGYPT

UNDP supported Egypt with the promotion of eco-tourism through the presidential 3-year initiative "Eco-Egypt", aiming to reconnect tourists with Egypt's ecological sites and protected areas (PAs). With the launch of Eco-Egypt, the Government of Egypt also issued several decrees: applying a permit system for all commercial activities in PAs, increasing entrance fees for the Red Sea and Sinai, prohibiting diving from boats, and a policy to ban the single-use plastics in South Sinai. People living in PAs are key to the areas' protection. Improving their livelihoods has always been a fundamental pillar of nature conservation. 2,400 women were trained on the production, packaging, and marketing of local goods. 24 recreational boats in Wadi Rayan PA were established for local communities. A crafts shop and outlets were established for women to sell their products in Wadi El Gemmal protected area.



2,400

WOMEN WERE TRAINED ON THE PRODUCTION, PACKAGING AND MARKETING OF LOCAL GOODS



24

RECREATIONAL BOATS IN WADI RAYAN PROTECTED AREA WERE ESTABLISHED

SOLAR ENERGY

2020 saw the demand for small-scale solar power systems reach a new high, indicating that Egypt is ready for a faster energy transition to roof-top PV systems. The concept has been piloted over several years by the "Egypt-PV" project supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by the Industrial Modernization Center (IMC) and UNDP. The total installed electricity generation capacity of PV systems supported by the project increased from 6.9 to 8.2 MW, reducing emissions of 9,740 tonnes of CO₂ eq per year. The total number of pilot projects exceeded 100 and has included new building types such as schools, universities, and historical buildings. At the end of 2020, the Egypt PV project was rewarded for its achievements with the prestigious British Energy Institute Award for Low Carbon initiatives.

TOTAL INSTALLED ELECTRICITY GENERATION CAPACITY OF PV SYSTEMS HAS INCREASED FROM **6.9 TO 8.2 MW**



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SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

The high-quality bus system pilot project under the Sustainable Transport Project was inaugurated early in 2020, marking a new business opportunity for private sector investments in the transport sector that reduces the dependency on private cars and increases the use of public transportation to reduce greenhouse gases emissions. Meanwhile, the bike-sharing scheme in the Fayoum pilot project under the Sustainable Transport Project offers university students a cleaner and healthier mode of transportation for commuting between residence halls and the university campus, demonstrating the feasibility and replicability for other sectors and other locations.

THE HIGH-QUALITY **BUS SYSTEM** PILOT PROJECT WAS INAUGURATED IN EARLY **2020**



CLIMATE CHANGE

Attention to climate change adaptation is growing with the increased impact and frequency of extreme weather events and severe storms. In March 2020, Egypt was hit by a medicane storm (Mediterranean hurricane) for the first time. Using early warning systems, supported by the GEF and UNDP, the Government has made unprecedented preparations for the storm, which reduced casualties and economic losses. 2020 also witnessed significant progress in construction works of the soft dike system to protect the low-lying lands in the Nile Delta from sea surges during strong storms. Construction was completed for the first 14 Kms out of the targeted 69 Kms of the dike system. Preparation has also started for the climate-resilient Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), six-month training programme has been completed for 111 government employees (40% of them are women) from different government sectors in eight coastal governorates.

A **SIX-MONTH TRAINING** PROGRAMME HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



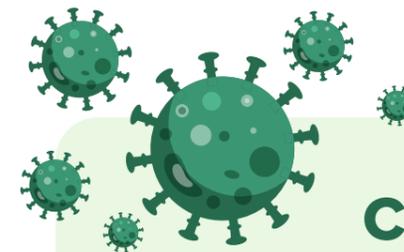
40%

ARE WOMEN



MIGRATORY SOARING BIRDS

UNDP's regional project protects the migratory birds during their migration along the Red Sea/Rift Valley flyway. Recognizing its efforts, the project has been selected as a national winner of the 2020 Energy Globe Award for its role in protecting Egypt's nature and its commitment to put ambitious sustainable development programmes as a national priority. The project works to mainstream programmes for the conservation of migratory soaring birds in partnership with the government, the private sector, and the civil society organizations involved in the energy sector.



COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2020, a Central Treatment Facility (CTF) for medical waste treatment was inaugurated in Gharbia governorate. The facility introduces autoclaving systems as a new technology in Egypt for sterilizing medical waste without generating harmful emissions, including persistent organic pollutants which are internationally banned under the Stockholm Convention, signed, and ratified by Egypt. The facility now safely treats 5 tons of medical waste every day.

The facility ownership was transferred to the Ministry of Health and Population. The operation staff were trained to use the facility and machines. Additionally, the medical staff in hospitals, generating the medical waste feeding into the CTF, were also trained on medical waste separation to ensure the CTF's best performance. Five model hospitals were equipped with the appropriate hardware to enable the best sorting of medical waste. An online training programme on medical waste management was developed and will be extended to all waste management officers in Egyptian hospitals.

STORIES

BRINGING-TO-LIGHT: “ECO EGYPT” - EGYPT’S HIDDEN GEMS

Eco Egypt’s concept aims to reconnect adventurous travelers with Egypt’s countless ecological sites and protected areas. With the goal of prompting natural rediscovery and boosting the importance of ecological conservation, ECO EGYPT sheds light on all the wildlife, plant diversity, and natural landscapes on offer throughout Egypt. The concept encourages sustainable, responsible tourism for travelers seeking unique, out-of-the-box experiences.



EGYPT WINS THE BRITISH ENERGY INSTITUTE AWARD FOR THE BEST PROJECT IN THE LOW CARBON CATEGORY FOR 2020

The project was selected from a list of more than 120 projects in 29 countries including; Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the USA, and many European countries. “Egypt-PV” was awarded for its outstanding results and for providing a model for best practices in implementing small solar PV systems on the rooftops of different facilities. It is implemented by the Industrial Modernization Center in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and funded by the Global Environment Facility.



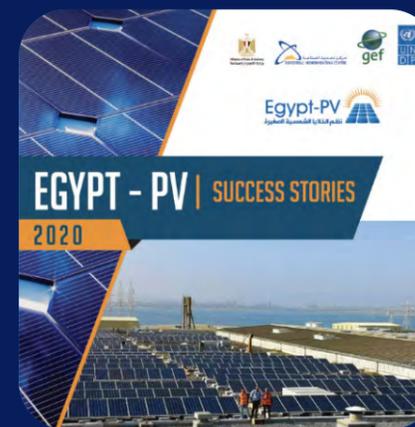
THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROJECT EGYPTIANS RETURN TO CYCLING

The Sustainable Transport project is part of UNDP in Egypt’s efforts to protect the environment and mitigate climate change while helping the government achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Sustainable transport can help transform Egyptian cities into healthier cities for people, and for the planet.



PUBLICATION ON GRID-CONNECTED SMALL SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS “EGYPT-PV”

This album presents success stories of Solar System projects supported technically and financially by the Grid-Connected Small Scale Photovoltaic Systems “Egypt-PV”, which is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Industrial Modernization Center (IMC) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).



SOCIAL INCLUSION & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

UNDP invested in Leaving No One Behind, especially for persons with disabilities and vulnerable populations affected by HIV and TB.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Gender mainstreaming is a core priority for UNDP. We assess and consider both women and men at all levels of the decision-making process and project implementation. The MSMEDA Gender Unit enhanced gender mainstreaming throughout MSMEDA activities. Women beneficiaries for financial services reached 50 percent and non-financial services to women increased.



ENHANCED GENDER MAINSTREAMING THROUGHOUT MSMEDA ACTIVITIES WHERE WOMEN BENEFICIARIES FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES REACHED

50%

FINANCIAL LITERACY

UNDP has provided financial and non-financial services to women. This included literacy classes and vocational training and raised the awareness of 600 women rural leaders on social protection services and economic empowerment.

RAISED THE AWARENESS OF

600

WOMEN RURAL LEADERS ON SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.



HIV/TB & HEALTH

UNDP supported HIV/TB programme comes at a critical moment for the HIV national response following the decline of the HIV available resources and the severe interruption of HIV prevention activities for key populations (KPs). The programme capacitated four NGOs in three governorates, reaching 4,027 (3,531 men and 496 women) with HIV prevention packages. It also supported 2,305 to access HIV testing services. To link HIV diagnosis to treatment, the programme conducted six workshops on HIV clinical care for health service providers. The workshops benefited 120 physicians and pharmacists working in the fever and psychiatric hospitals and equipped them with information on providing comprehensive care and treatment for people living with HIV. Additionally, the programme notably contributed to support the National Tuberculosis Programmes (NTP) capacities to detect and treat TB patients, emphasizing improved management and treatment.

4,027 PEOPLE
WERE REACHED WITH HIV
PREVENTION PACKAGES.



3,531
MEN



496
WOMEN

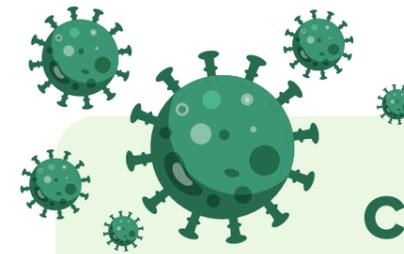
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120
PHYSICIANS AND
PHARMACISTS



COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS

UNDP has mobilized more than \$7 million to support the Government of Egypt's efforts in combatting COVID-19 through awareness raising and safeguarding the furthest left behind including persons with disabilities and the elderly thanks to donor support from The United Kingdom, Canada and the European Union.

UNDP supported the provision of health equipment as an essential input in Government's COVID-response and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) with making use of the wide networks of "Waaï programme" to advocate adapted protection behavior vis-a-vis COVID-19 in the most disadvantage communities.

With the support of UNDP, the Ministry of Social Solidarity - the key institution for social protection during the pandemic, with its public campaigns and governance. 600 rural women leaders, in addition to 100 MoSS staff were trained on the Waaï programme: a comprehensive social protection awareness and advocacy programme. It focuses on enhancing awareness and knowledge of vulnerable groups on social protection services, supporting the mainstreaming efforts of MoSS across its beneficiaries. The programme's good hygiene practices pillar has been used since the onset of the pandemic to combat COVID-19's spread, while promoting social distancing as a protective measure, and correcting wrongful COVID-19 related misinformation as well as Waaï's economic empowerment pillar for those financially impacted by the pandemic.

Throughout 2020, UNDP also worked in close partnership with the Ministry of Health and Population to build the capacities of healthcare service providers. The partnership aims to ensure that people living with HIV and key affected groups can access quality healthcare services. It also guarantees geographical coverage of HIV treatment and care services by targeting healthcare facilities from different governorates.

STORIES



WALK AT THE PYRAMIDS CALLS FOR GREATER ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR PWD

With the ancient pyramids of Giza as their witness, around fifty Egyptian differently abled athletes completed the Egypt Walk for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) to highlight the importance of assistive technologies in expanding horizons of independence and public participation of PwD in Egypt. Endurance athlete and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Goodwill Ambassador for Arab States, Michael Haddad, accompanied them on the walk.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (YLP)

The Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) was launched in 2015 as an initiative to build the Arab States regions' most dynamic network working at the intersection of youth, innovation and sustainable development. In 2020 and through a series of webinars, virtual interactive innovation camps and dialogues, the programme directed the talent and skills of youth to create solutions to overcome the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic. YLP's virtual activities saw the participation of 1400 young Egyptians with 54.5% women participation.



YOUTH CHALLENGE 2.0

The Youth Challenge 2.0 is part of Generation Unlimited (GenU)'s global youth engagement strategy to inspire the innovative engagement of disadvantaged youth aged 10-24 as problem solvers rather than beneficiaries, and to transition from education and training to employment and entrepreneurship. In cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNICEF and Plan International, UNDP organized 11 innovation camps in 10 Egyptian governorates with more than 400 participants who formed 75 teams.



KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

EGYPT HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT

UNDP Egypt embarked on developing the National Human Development Report (NHDR): Egypt 2020 under the title **“The Right to Development: Pathways and Prospects”**. Covering the period between 2011 and 2020, the report provides an in-depth analysis of key human development issues that significantly influence the SDGs’ achievement. It focuses on investment in human capital, economic development, social development, gender, environment, and governance. It reviews the adopted and implemented reforms and policies taken by the successive governments during this period and their effect on Egyptians lives. Simultaneously, it provides assessment and policy recommendations based on international best practices within the context of Egypt.

The Egypt HDR 2020 comes from the Declaration of the “Right to Development” perspective, issued by the UN General Assembly in 1986. This Declaration is based on developing people’s rights to choose their development path and achieve their true independence without external dictates and based on their national values.



POLICY NOTE ON SDG ACCELERATORS

Using unique quantitative long-term forecasting, the Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) policy note sketches the type of bold, integrated policies and quantitative evidence necessary for Egypt to deliver optimally on the SDGs. It proposed several policy packages with the potential to simultaneously accelerate economic growth and improve social and environmental outcomes.



PLANS FOR 2021

In 2021, we continue to respond to the pandemic’s impact on the country, supporting positive recovery from the crisis and build forward better.

- In 2021, UNDP planned additional social protection and MSMEs interventions to address the socio-economic impact of the pandemic on both businesses and citizens.
- Going forward, UNDP will further strengthen cooperation with the private sector who has a prominent role to play in achieving the SDGs.
- We continue to work in digital transformation to expedite economic growth and service delivery.
- Climate change has become an increasingly painful emergency for people worldwide. In 2021, the Egypt office will accelerate the implementation of its largest project to enhance climate change adaptation of the North Coast in Egypt through upscaling the sea defense systems.
- We are reimagining the way we think, invest, deliver, and manage development to perform faster, better and at scale. Our newly launched Accelerator Lab is part of this effort, offering a new set of capabilities for national partners and decision makers to explore, experiment, and grow portfolios of mutually reinforcing solutions to tackle the 21st century challenges. UNDP Egypt Accelerator Lab is now part of a global network of 91 Accelerator Labs across 115 countries – the world’s largest learning network on sustainable development challenges.

PARTNERS & FINANCES

We are grateful for the commitment and support provided by partner governments, International Financial Institutions (IFIs), the UN family in Egypt, development partners, academic institutions, the private sector, and civil society. We acknowledge the vision and ongoing commitment for development of the Government of Egypt, which is at the center of the results presented in this report.

GOVERNMENTS

- Egypt
- Canada
- Italy
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of International Cooperation
- Ministry of Local Development
- Ministry of Planning and Economic Development

- Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency
- Egypt Post
- General Organization of Physical Planning
- The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
- The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics
- The Information Technology Institute
- The National Council for Human Rights
- The National Council for Persons with Disabilities
- The National Council for Women
- The National Telecom Regulatory Authority
- The Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- Bird Life International
- European Union
- Global Environment Facility
- Green Climate Fund
- Montreal Protocol
- UN in Egypt
- United States Agency for International Development

CIVIL SOCIETY

- The Big Heart Foundation
- The Egyptian Network for Integrated Development
- Fab Lab Egypt
- Misr El Kheir Foundation

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

- Cairo University
- Nile University
- The American University in Cairo

PRIVATE SECTOR

- American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt
- Commercial International Bank (CIB)
- Global Water Challenge
- Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- Sawiris Foundation
- Vodafone Egypt

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