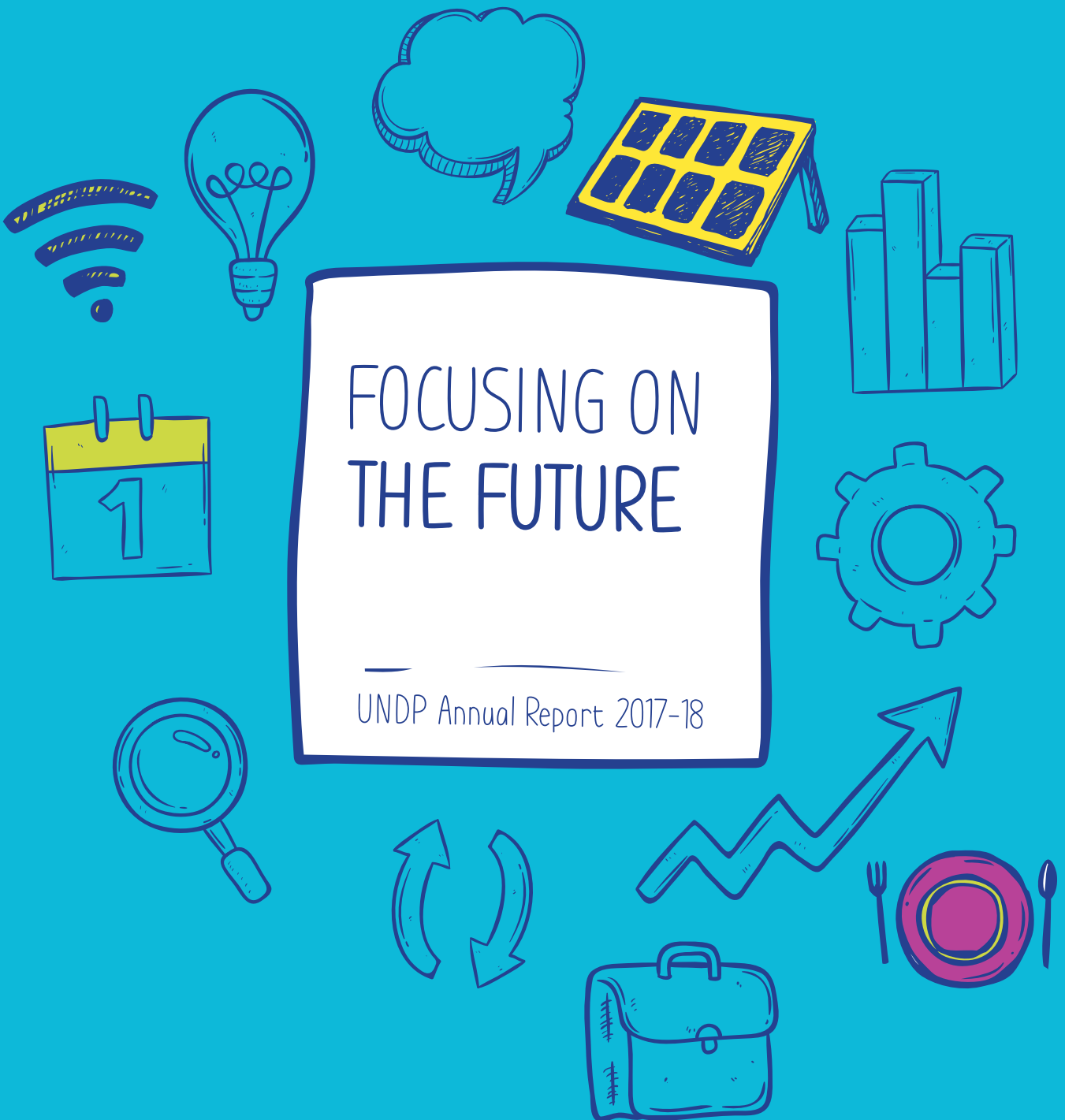




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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has a wealth of knowledge and expertise, working in 177 countries worldwide to eradicate extreme poverty, strengthen good governance and prevent and respond to crises.

Last year saw several major developments; Achim Steiner was appointed UNDP's new Administrator for a four-year term, and UNDP adopted a new strategic plan which encompasses six signature solutions and aims at demonstrating tangible progress towards the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In light of the new strategic plan, UNDP Egypt in 2017 developed a new Country Programme Document for 2018 to 2022. The document draws on the 2030 Agenda and on the Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt Vision 2030, as well as the United Nations Partnership for Development Framework (UNPDF), and focuses on three pillars: growth and innovation, environment and climate resilience, and gender equality.

As well as developing a new plan for the way forward, UNDP has continued to support the Government of Egypt in implementing key programmes and introducing new strategies to support the achievement of the SDGs.

In this context, UNDP in 2017 assisted the National Council for Women in launching Egypt's National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030. UNDP has also brought impact investment, or investments made to generate a measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return, to Egypt through the partnership with the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation. It has fostered fruitful discussions on the role of the private sector in implementing the SDGs, thanks to the close cooperation of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt. UNDP has also recognized private companies for their energy-saving measures, including switching to energy-efficient LED technology, again in cooperation with the American Chamber of Commerce. In another major achievement, Egypt's first climate change adaptation project was approved in 2017 with the support of UNDP, and the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation. The project aims to combat shoreline erosion on the country's northern coastline, reducing the potential negative impacts of climate change.

This report presents these achievements, and many others, while giving an overview of UNDP's key milestones in 2017 and showing how UNDP provides continuous support to the Government of Egypt as it seeks to improve the livelihoods of Egyptians.

Special thanks to the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation for supporting UNDP and to our funding partners for their generous contributions.

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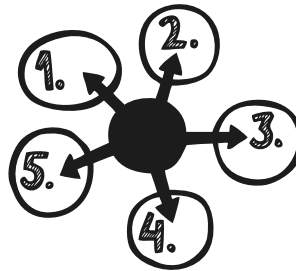
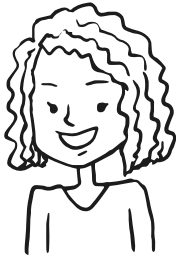
THE SDGs IMPLEMENTATION ON TRACK



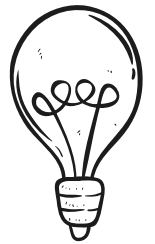
This report reflects UNDP's work and efforts in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on people, planet and prosperity. For each SDG, we showcase efforts that are done in partnership with the Egyptian Government and donors to further develop national institutions and benefit people all over Egypt.

UNDP is operating on the ground, supporting the Government of Egypt and delivering to people the best solutions particularly to the most vulnerable.

WOMEN & YOUTH



In 2017, UNDP developed its 2018-2022 Country Programme. It focuses on inclusive growth and innovation, climate change and environment and gender equality. The Programme flows from the United Nations Partnership Development Framework (UNPDF), based on intensive consultations with the government, private sector, academia, youth, donors, and civil society.

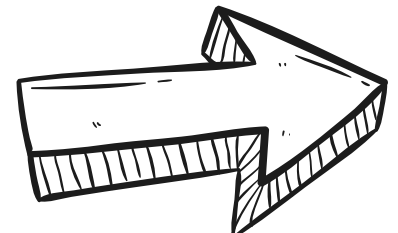


FOR PEOPLE, PLANET AND PROSPERITY



Since 2015,
195 MEMBER STATES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS,

including the Government of Egypt, committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, an ambitious action plan that pictures a better world, with serious commitment from countries to meet the set targets by 2030.





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Beat Plastic Pollution June 5, 2018

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2017?

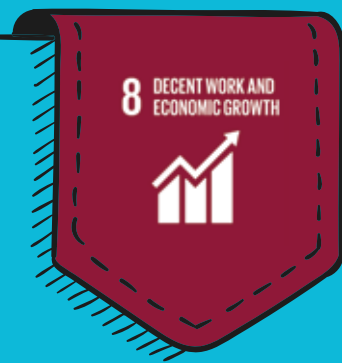


Committed to development, UNDP supported the government promptly and efficiently to address Egypt's national priorities as outlined in the Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt Vision 2030 and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With the support of our partners and donors, we were able to disburse an amount of \$42.84m through 51 projects implemented all over Egypt, that benefited the Government of Egypt and its people in areas of improving livelihoods particularly for women and youth through job creation, environment protection and climate change adaptation, and the use of innovation for development.

SDG 5 AND 8

UNDP continued to support the Social Fund for Development while it transitioned to the new Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development Agency. The Agency extended financial services to over



180,000 MSME,

creating

171,000 Jobs

with a total of

1 MILLION

jobs since 2014.

→ **49%** are women-owned.



In 2017, UNDP disbursed around

\$2.6 MILLION

supporting a number of initiatives targeting **women's legal, social and economic empowerment**. These initiatives include legal aid and dispute settlement, skills development, and combating FGM and gender-based violence, as well as small and micro-credit programmes for women.

UNDP contributed to women's empowerment through different projects: the Abandonment of FGM and Empowerment of Families Joint Programme, the **'Support to Legal Aid and Dispute Settlement in Family Courts'**, Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) and the support to the MSME Development Agency.



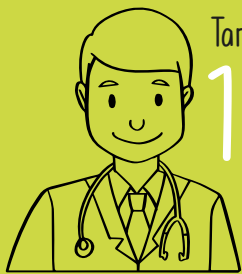
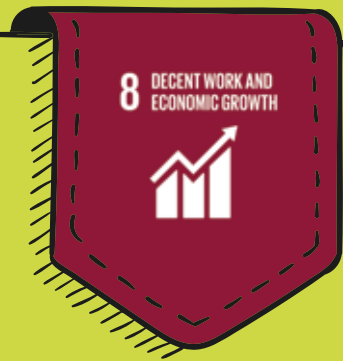
In Egypt,

82%

of circumcisions are regrettably performed by trained medical personnel.



SDG 5 AND 8



Targeting
110 doctors.

The programme was supported by the European Union and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

The initiative aims to **combat the medicalization of FGM** and integrate a module on the harms of FGM and the paralegal aspect of engaging in the practice of FGM within the Medical Curricula taught in Egyptian medical school. The launch of the campaign was endorsed by a number of Deans of Medical schools at various Universities as well as the Supreme Council of Universities.



It is expected that

"DOCTORS AGAINST FGM"

campaign will also work on many levels to encourage physician practitioners to denounce the practice of FGM and to Counsel Families on its harms.



UNDP works with the Information Technology Institute, Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology on

- Youth Employability,**
- Career Empowerment**
- & Entrepreneurship Development,** providing opportunities to youth all over Egypt.



Through the cooperation with Microsoft

59,000 had their capacities developed and

23,000 enjoyed career guidance and

35,000 job opportunities were created in



Kenana Online (<http://kenanaonline.com>), a specialized e-portal that offers information on agriculture, small enterprise development, healthcare and farming.

@ Portal average daily visits: **10,000**

of pages added daily to kenana portals (average): **120**

SDG 5 AND 16

UNDP provided institutional support to the Ministry of Justice to establish

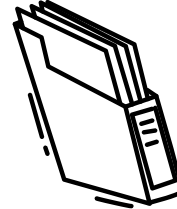
23 legal aid offices, (out of 43 nationwide) benefiting over



152,000 & 638,000

citizen,

CASES (through 43 offices nationwide) since 2008.

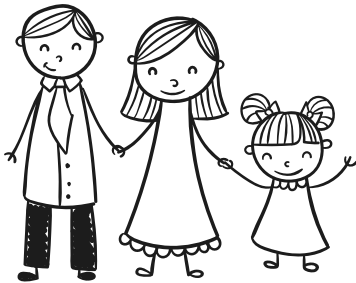
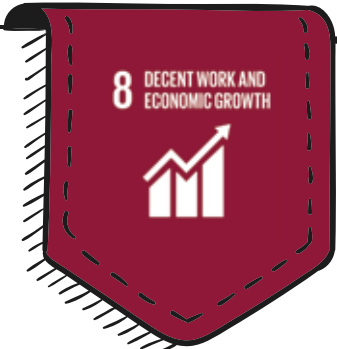


UNDP is bringing knowledge for the Administrative Control Authority senior and technical staff to adopt best standards to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

SDG 8

We partnered with MSMEDA to roll out a cash-for-work programme targeting 5 host communities of Syrian refugees in Alexandria, Menoufia and Sharkia, creating job opportunities in public health awareness and waste management. Funded by the Government of Kuwait, the project has created

106,205 workdays for 664 persons, (72% were women).



More than

12,000



families of Syrian refugees and host communities benefited from waste management, environmental awareness and health awareness activities as a result of this intervention.

SDG 8 AND 10

UNDP supported job creation and women employment in 45 of the poorest villages

in three governorates in Upper Egypt (Qena, Sohag and Luxor) by partnering with the Egypt Network for Integrated Development and the Ministry of Cooperation and International Affairs, delivering training to over

9,455 women



on business management and marketing skills, leading to a total of

2,574 jobs,



75% are for women.



In response to government request to scale up, UNDP fostered cooperation between 11 ministries and over 50 local civil society organizations to cover the poorest villages.





SDG 10

UNDP supported the automation of

80% of 4,000 post offices nationwide.

which is now delivering modern and digitalized financial and saving services for over

22 MILLION citizen,

&

5.5 MILLION pensioners every month.



SDG 11

UNDP partnered with the Egyptian Armed forces, Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation and the European Union in clearing

360 acres of land in the North West Coast

In October, the Egyptian President inaugurated New El-Alamein City to be a residential, touristic, agricultural and industrial hub at investments of EGP

40 BILLION

The new city is built on cleared land.



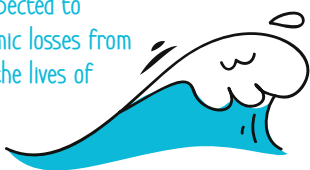
UNDP supported the General Organization for physical Planning (GOPP) in preparing the Land Development Map for Egypt which will be the mechanism to support the issuance of the Planning Law, as an executive tool required to implement the strategic plans' outputs at the national, regional and governorate levels, in line with the State Plan for Economic and Social Development.



SDG 13 AND 15

UNDP mobilized resources and expertise to support the Ministry of Water and Irrigation test soft engineering solutions covering 35 km of the North Coast, to counter shoreline erosion, now scaling up to additional 69 km under the Green Climate Fund. This work is expected to reduce the significant economic losses from shoreline erosion impacting the lives of

25% of Egyptians.



UNDP provided technical expertise for the restoration of 10 protected areas: the Petrified Forests, Wadi Degla, Wadi Rayan, Qatrani, Ras Mohamed, Nabq, Abu Gallum, Saint Catherine, Wadi Gemal and Siwa, out of 30 declared in Egypt, with the generous support of the Italian Cooperation, with revenues reaching

USD 26 MILLION since 2012.



SDG 16

UNDP supported the organization of study visits to Paris for

14

members of the Administrative Control Authority



as well as

2

training workshops in New York and Beirut with the aim of establishing stronger capacity for corruption prevention at the sectoral level and better outreach capacity to engage civil society and the business community in related efforts.



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



UNDP supported the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peace-building (CCCCPA), re-chartered in 2017 as an international center with an expanded mandate covering all peace and security issues. CCCPA built African capacities on crisis management, conflict resolution, combating human trafficking, preventing extremism leading to terrorism.



The Center organized:

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13 trainings for 274

participants from African countries out of which

33.8% of participants were women.



2

12 trainings for 2,371

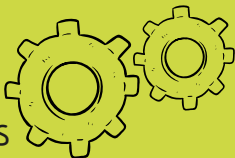
Egyptian peacekeepers

being deployed to Africa, covering topics such as the mandate of the peacekeeping mission, gender issues and preventing sexual exploitation and abuse.



SDG 17

250 leading businesses

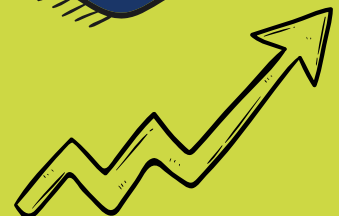


from Egypt and the region convened through UNDP, the American Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation. Sustainable business strategies and solutions were on top of the agenda, with a focus on SDG driven Corporate Social Responsibility actions.

UNDP and the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation brought Impact Investment to Egypt, backed Egypt representation to the UN Social Impact Fund, mobilizing the required expertise for the Impact Accelerator pilot, a programme that aims to encourage investors to invest in local entrepreneurs, pledging

EGP 5 MILLION

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

INNOVATE FOR SOMALIA:

UNDP Egypt supports UNDP Somalia in mainstreaming and adopting innovation for development. Through the UNDP Egypt Innovation Lab, we supported UNDP Somalia in the design thinking process as a tool for problem-solving. Further support was provided post innovation camp.

LAUNCH OF THE REGIONAL UN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION LAB:

UNDP helped establish and capitalize on the findings emerging from the Innovation labs. The Labs acts as a source for the exchange of knowledge and experience, designing development projects, with the purpose of exploring solutions through technology and innovation. The Labs also serve as links with various parts of the UN system on innovation issues.

THE EGYPTIAN DJIBOUTIAN CAPACITY ACCELERATION PROGRAM (EDCA):

UNDP Egypt led the launch of two training rounds in Cairo for a total of 24 Djiboutian students in Cairo. Training rounds were for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Applications Development (respectively). Plans for creating a sustainable capacity development activity within the Djiboutian system is in place. This involves the establishment of an Egyptian-Djiboutian Capacity Development Center of Excellence (under construction).

EXPANSION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR NILE STATES STRATEGIC STUDIES & RESEARCHES (INSSR):

UNDP helped the information infrastructure team to design a portal for INSSR of Nile Basin Countries, a unique institute that is concerned with research on issues related to the Nile Basin Countries. The upgrade of their information system will enable them to capitalize and disseminate their research, enhance joint research and cooperation.

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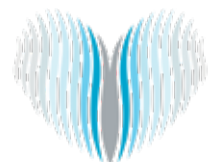
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