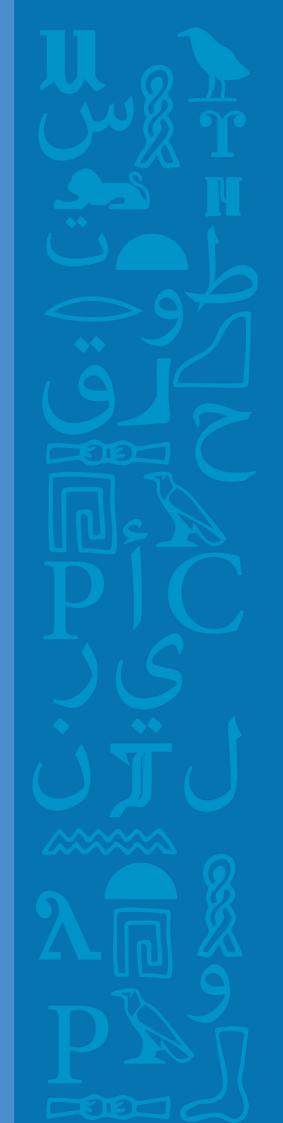


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"All rights and freedoms are interconnected and integral, and there is a close connection between democracy and human rights, with the importance of achieving a balance between rights and duties, and between the rights of the individual and society and the necessity of combating corruption to ensure the enjoyment of rights and freedoms. Egypt always welcomes the diversity of opinions, and even their differences, as long as they take into account the freedoms of others, and aim, through constructive and participatory criticism, to achieve what is best for the benefit of Egypt and its people".

His Excellency President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi President of the Republic

on the day of launching the National Human Rights Strategy

### Introduction

As part of the State's continuous commitment to promoting and enhancing human rights, Egypt reaffirms its determination to implement its National Human Rights Strategy (2021-2026), to which President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi laid paramount importance since its launch and throughout its implementation. This is a step within the framework of ongoing national efforts to establish the foundations of the New Republic, which is based on respecting equality, rule of law, democracy, and human rights.



This Strategy, which represents an unprecedented step in national history, is based on a forward-looking vision aimed at providing a national environment that ensures the respect of human dignity, enhances citizenship and belonging, and develops the capacities of civil society to be a key partner in the process of reform and development.

In implementation of the directives of His Excellency the President, the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights is pleased to release the third annual report on the progress made in implementing the Strategy, coinciding with the celebration of the 2024 World Human Rights Day. This report reflects the State's commitment to transparency with its citizens regarding the implementation of national action plans and responds to the aspirations of its people for a society of justice that ensures human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Through this report, Egypt reaffirms that the respect for human rights is not just an international commitment, but primarily a national one. It is a guarantee upon which public policies are based. It is a national commitment that is translated into tangible programs and initiatives aimed at empowering citizens, protecting their rights, and providing a decent life for them and for nearly nine million foreigners in Egypt, including refugees and legal and illegal immigrants.

The report provides a comprehensive survey of the efforts exerted by various national bodies, civil society, private sector, and international partners, based on the implementation tracks outlined in the Strategy document (legislative, institutional, and capacity-building). It also serves as documentation of the key projects, plans, and initiatives that promote human rights and directly contribute to the achievement of the Strategy's target results. Additionally, the report highlights the presidential elections, which witnessed the highest voter turnout in Egypt's history, and the ongoing national dialogue between various community representatives and political forces. Furthermore, the report reflects the significant progress made as a result of these efforts in civil and political rights, economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as the enhancement and protection of the rights of diverse groups.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the ministries and relevant bodies, as well as the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights, for their efforts over the past three years in implementing the Strategy. I affirm that the protection of human rights is a continuous and cumulative process. No matter how much effort is expended or how much progress

is achieved, it will always fall short of achieving perfection. There will always be challenges related to ensuring that everyone enjoys their rights and freedoms, which requires further efforts to overcome accumulated challenges and address existing shortfalls.

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I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve.

African leader

Nelson Mandela

(1918-2013)

the first president of South Africa after apartheid collapse

### **Executive Summary**

For the third consecutive year, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights continued to implement the directives of the President and exercise its jurisdiction stipulated in the Prime Minister's decision establishing the Committee. This includes following up on the implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy (2021-2026), and documenting the efforts of various national bodies, civil society (both local and international). As well as, specialized agencies of the United Nations, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, and international partners, all of which contributed to the implementation of the Strategy's target results in its four focus areas. This report includes the results of the Technical Secretariat's monitoring of the significant measures taken during the period from September 2023 to August 2024, the third year of the Strategy's implementation.

During this year, the State remained committed to its consistent approach of recent years, engaging constructively with international and regional human rights mechanisms, and fulfilling its commitment to submit reports. At the level of United Nations mechanisms, Egypt discussed its periodic reports with the Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and is preparing to discuss its periodic reports with the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Egypt is also preparing for discussions on the report of the fourth round of the Universal Periodic Review at the Human Rights Council. Additionally, periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination are being prepared.

At the level of regional mechanisms, the State discussed its initial report with the committee of the Arab Charter on Human Rights at the League of Arab States, and periodic reports are being prepared on the implementation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The Cabinet also approved a draft presidential decree on Egypt's accession to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa.

Furthermore, Egypt strengthened its interaction with the complaints and correspondence system of all international and regional mechanisms to respond to allegations and to examine and follow up on serious ones to address them.

This year witnessed an increase in the number of target results worked on, reaching 174 target results, compared to 159 in the second year of the implementation, and 141 in the first year. Thus, the total target results for which measures were taken during the three years reached 195 out of 226 total results targeted by the Strategy, representing about 86% of the overall targets. The number of measures monitored by the Technical Secretariat during this year also increased, reaching 1,238 measures, compared to 1,097 in the second year of implementation, and 531 in the first year. Therefore, the total number of measures monitored by the Secretariat over the three years reached 2,866.

During this year, the State continued to adopt an approach based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, by integrating the Strategy's target results into its various plans. This was evident in the new government's work program Together We Build a Sustainable Future 2024-2027, the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025, and the economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025. The National Health Strategy 2023-2024 was launched, along with the second executive plan for the National Strategy for Early Childhood Development 2024-2029.

In terms of monitoring the significant efforts of national bodies according to implementation paths: At the institutional path level: the Office for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities was established in the Judicial Inspection Department of the Public Prosecutor's Office, and a unit for the affairs of persons with disabilities was established in the State Lawsuits Authority. The Public Prosecution developed judicial guidance books for its members, and circulated a guide on the elements inspected and the mechanisms for measuring the compatibility of these elements with legal considerations and relevant international standards.

National authorities issued several guides to enhance institutional performance in accordance with a rights-based approach, including the procedural guide for program budgets that respond to equal opportunities and gender equality, 40 guidelines for applying human rights principles in healthcare, and providing comprehensive and integrated healthcare according to the highest quality standards. As well as, the judicial guide on international labor standards; the Gender-Responsive Inspection guide for labor inspectors to use during the inspection process of facilities; 7 training guides on quality assurance standards for nurseries; and 4 training guides for capacity building of civil society organization that provide support for children with mental disabilities, developmental disorders, and autism spectrum disorders.

A standing technical secretariat was formed for the committee concerned with studying mechanisms for regulating markets and commodity prices. It is responsible for monitoring the availability of products, production quantities, consumption, and imports on a regular basis, and developing a comprehensive system for monitoring procedures and price controls. That is in addition to establishing the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Unit at the Ministry of Finance and defining its competencies, and launching the project of labor judicial assistance offices with the aim of providing legal advice to workers. To strengthen and ensure effectiveness of regulation mechanisms of shelter, care and social defense institutions, 135 employees of the Ministry of Social Solidarity were granted the status of judicial police officers for crimes that occur in violation of the law at such institutions. Work is also underway to prepare a procedural guide for child protection policy in social care institutions.

At the legislative level: several pieces of legislation were issued this year that enhance human rights in line with the National Human Rights Strategy, including Law No. 182 of 2023 regarding the reorganization of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood; Law No. 186 of 2023 amending some provisions of Child Law No. 12 of 1996; Law No. 1 of 2024, which allows the appeal of judgments issued in felonies from all types of courts.

In addition to, Law No. 5 of 2024 amending some provisions of Law No. 139 of 2021 establishing the Medical Emergency Response Fund; Law No. 19 of 2024 on providing care for the rights of the elderly; and Prime Ministerial Decision No. 4586 of 2023 identifying the incapable and the controls for exempting them from the burdens of the comprehensive health insurance system.

The House of Representatives is discussing the draft law submitted by the Government for a new criminal procedure law. The House held a community dialogue on the draft to come out in a way that takes into account the concerns and proposals of all national stakeholders and in consistence with the Constitution and Egypt's international obligations, ensuring the adoption of the highest standards applied in the field of criminal justice. The draft ensures the implementation of many of the target results of the National Human Rights Strategy, specifically the right to personal freedom and guarantees for a fair trial.

The Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights also continued to propose laws and legislative amendments related to implementing the Strategy and supporting and enhancing human rights.

On the Human Rights Education and Capacity Building track, the Ministry of Interior expanded the training and awareness-raising programs provided periodically to members of the police force on various human rights topics, including the use of the Nelson Mandela rules. Various national bodies, in cooperation with local and international civil society organizations, continued to implement many training and awareness-raising activities in the areas of combating violence and physical harm and promoting a culture of citizenship and acceptance of others. The Ministry also continued its capacity building programs directed at citizens, employees of the State administrative apparatus, and new labor union cadres.

As for monitoring the efforts of national authorities regarding the Strategy's focus areas, efforts came as follows:

At the level of implementing the civil and political rights focus area, efforts related to the right to life and physical integrity included the issuance by the Court of Cassation, during the year 2023, of twenty-six final rulings to compensate victims of crimes of torture and cruel treatment, and many practical measures were taken to enforce accountability and prevent impunity, including disciplinary and criminal measures against personnel of the Ministry of Interior in a number of incidents (1,217 incidents during the period from November 2019 to July 2024). Additionally, the Public Prosecution carried out 290 inspection visits to a number of childcare and rehabilitation centers to monitor all legal procedures taken regarding children there, and judicial police officers at the Ministry of Social Solidarity carried out 728 field visits to shelter and care institutions, orphanages and social defense institutions. The National Council for Women also held a training program to support 897 survivors of violence, and the Child Helpline received 559 new cases. In addition, psychological reports were prepared regarding 207 cases for the Public Prosecution.

To ensure the right to personal freedom, the Public Prosecution has given utmost importance to the requests of convicts related to rulings implementation; it has decided on the requests submitted by convicts regarding deducting the periods of pre-trial detention that convicts spent in cases in which acquittal was ruled from the periods of punishment imposed in other cases, in conjunction with the Public Prosecution's commitment to expand the use of alternatives to pre-trial detention.

To enhance the guarantees for a fair trial and prompt justice, during the period covered by the report, the implementation rate of judgments issued by civil courts reached 86.4%, and the implementation rate of judgments issued by family courts reached 96%. The Ministry of Justice's Experts Authority completed 17,537 personal status cases and 22,842 labor cases. The operation of electronic criminal litigation procedures in misdemeanor courts in the governorates of the first and second phases was completed. As for criminal courts, the total operation in the courts of Ismailia, Suez and Port Said governorates was completed, while the total number of digitalized civil courts reached 310 courts.

On the other hand, national measures for the treatment of prisoners and other detainees witnessed intensive efforts during this year; as the number of beneficiaries of Presidential pardon decisions for the remainder of the sentence and conditional release, during the period from September 2023 to August 2024, reached 9,513 inmates on several national and religious occasions. The Human Rights Sector of the Ministry of Interior also undertook field visits to various police departments in the governorates' security directorates to ensure the quality of public services provided, and that detention facilities in police stations and centers meet the specifications of good ventilation, and that the capacity is appropriate

for the number of detainees. The Ministry also supplied medicines and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics of correctional and rehabilitation centers at a value of 134 million and 126 thousand and 689 pounds.

Likewise, the State sought to guarantee the right to **freedom of expression**; the presidential elections were held in 2024, in a competitive atmosphere in which President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi won, under full judicial supervision and open media coverage and with the observations of various international, regional and local organizations. Many national bodies took various measures to urge citizens to express their opinions freely in the electoral process.

An exceptional version of the national dialogue on the current economic situation was held, with the participation of 428 people, including Government officials, representatives of political parties, civil society, and economic experts. The Supreme Council for Media Regulation issued 78 new permits to a number of satellite channels, websites, newspapers, and magazines.

With regard to the right to freedom of peaceful assembly, the report period witnessed many peaceful protests and demonstrations organized by political parties, journalists, lawyers, representatives of civil society, and citizens in the main squares in various governorates to express their opinions on issues of a political, societal, or factional nature. They included large numbers, such as demonstrations in support of the Palestinian cause coinciding with the war on Gaza.

Within the context of guaranteeing **freedom of association**, in the field of **forming associations**, the number of civil society organizations whose requests to legalize their status were approved reached 34,756 organizations until July 2024, including 60 foreign non-governmental organizations, 36 specialized federations, and 27 regional federations. The amount of funding received by civil society organizations in 2023 reached about 13 billion and 305 million pounds, 66% of which was local funding, and 34% was international funding. During the period from January 2023 to July 2024, the Fund for Supporting Projects of Civil Society Associations and Institutions provided grants amounting to 655 million, 957 thousand, and 209 pounds.

At the level of **trade unions**, 16 collective labor agreements were concluded, benefiting 18,158 workers. Seminars and training courses were held, benefiting about 64,000 workers, to raise their awareness of the provisions of the Labor Law, collective bargaining, and concluding collective labor agreements. 18,000 workers received training on how to establish labor unions, and about 29 million and 400 thousand pounds were allocated to support the financial resources of labor unions.

With regard to **syndicates**, the mid-term elections for the Engineers Syndicate were held, the Lawyers Syndicate elections were held for the position of General Secretary and membership of the General Syndicate Council; in addition to holding the mid-term elections for the Dentists Syndicate, and the elections for the General Syndicate Council of Fine Artists.

With regard to efforts to enhance **freedom of religion and belief**, the number of churches and their ancillary buildings that were legalized increased from 2,973 churches and ancillary buildings during the second year of implementing the Strategy to 3,453 in October 2024, in addition to issuing decisions to allocate lands for building churches in several governorates. Coordination continued between national authorities, various religious institutions and civil society organizations in implementing plans to renew

religious discourse and spread the values of tolerance and coexistence, as many initiatives, workshops, seminars and conferences were implemented targeting various segments of society, on the topics of peace building, citizenship, dialogue and acceptance of others.

At the level of implementing **the right to privacy**, the Ministry of Interior undertook control of many cases related to combating online crimes during the period covered by the report. These included 1,319 cases of hacking and of online accounts theft, 1642 cases of defamation, 904 cases of threats and blackmailing, 936 cases of defamation threats, and 156 cases of impersonation. The Ministry organized 13 training courses for officers, individuals and civilians, from which 157 trainees benefited in areas related to combating online crimes.

In light of the implementation of **the economic, social and cultural rights focus area:** despite the challenges facing the implementation of human rights in the world during the period covered by the report - due to health and economic crises, wars and armed conflicts - the State remained committed to implementing various projects and initiatives, and adopting comprehensive protection policies aimed at improving the quality of life. The Presidential initiative for human development A New Beginning for Building the Egyptian was launched, with the aim of providing a path for the Egyptian citizen towards self-development, health, education, sports and culture. The total number of services provided by the initiative since its launch until mid-October 2024 amounted to 46 million, 646 thousand and 498 services.

In terms of **the right to health**, Egypt hosted the second edition of the Global Congress on Population, Health and Human Development (PHDC24) in October 2024, during which the State received international certification from the World Health Organization for the successful eradication of Malaria. Health allocations in the State's general budget during the fiscal year 2024/2025 also increased to EGP 495.6 billion compared to the previous fiscal year, an effort to ensure meeting the Constitutional entitlement to health. The appropriations included in the general budget for the Treatment at State Expense initiative also developed to EGP 8.516 billion, and total investments were allocated to health services of about EGP 115.7 billion within the economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

The number of insured persons in health insurance reached 53 million and 618 thousand and 455 beneficiaries in June 2024, and specialized medical councils issued 2 million and 435 thousand and 900 treatment decisions at State expense, and 383 thousand and 400 operations were performed within the initiative to end waiting lists.

In the context of promoting **the right to education**, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced that Egypt won the Confucius Prize for Literacy for the year 2024, and the illiteracy rate in Egypt decreased by 1.4% in 2023 compared to 2022, reaching 16.1%. In fulfillment of the Constitutional entitlement, the total allocations for pre-university and higher education and scientific research in the State's general budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 amounted to 998 billion and 100 million pounds, and the economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 aims to direct investments of about 111 billion and 600 million pounds in the field of education.

The number of Egyptian universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 increased compared to last year's edition, as the results recorded the inclusion of 35 Egyptian universities

compared to 28 universities in the 2024 edition, an increase of seven universities over last year's results, including six new Egyptian universities for the first time in the classification.

As for enhancing **the right to work**, the State provided 683,794 job opportunities for young people, which resulted in reducing unemployment rates during the second quarter of 2024 to reach 6.5%. The minimum wage in the public and private sectors also increased to reach 6,000, and EGP 8.5 billion was pumped into loans to finance small and micro projects, providing about 465,000 job opportunities. 53,164 establishments were inspected, employing about 2 million 258,000 workers, and 1,754 seminars were held to raise awareness of occupational safety and health.

In the field of **social protection** measures, the State continued efforts to alleviate economic hardship. In March 2024, EGP 180 billion was allocated for the largest urgent package of social protection measures, which included a 15% increase in pensions was approved, benefiting 13 million citizens at a total cost of EGP 74 billion. The tax exemption limit was raised for all State employees in the Government, as well as public and private sectors by 33%, at a total annual cost of EGP 5 billion. The allocations for Takaful and Karama program in the 2024/2025 fiscal year amounted to EGP 40 billion, providing monthly cash support to 5.2 million families from the lowest income groups, with a 15% increase in financial assistance for program recipients. This brings the total increase since April 2023 to 40%.

The State worked to enhance **the right to food**. Accordingly, the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 included financial allocations to support food commodities of about 134 billion pounds, including 91 billion pounds to subsidize bread, and 36 billion pounds to support ration cards, benefiting 62 million and 200 thousand citizens. The economic and social development plan 2024/2025 also aimed to direct investments of about 179 billion pounds to agricultural and irrigation activities, an increase of 85% over last year. The State provided 465 million and 600 thousand pounds in financing in the field of agricultural and food projects, and 5649 technical support services for projects in the field of agricultural and food production and manufacturing.

In light of efforts to improve **drinking water and sanitation** services, 18 drinking water projects were completed, with a capacity of 96,500 m3/day, in 9 governorates, and 10 sanitation projects were implemented with a capacity of 1,900,000 m3/day, in 8 governorates. Additionally, 38 rural sanitation projects were completed in 12 governorates. Investments worth 135 billion pounds were directed to improving water and sanitation services in the 2024/2025 economic and social development plan.

Concerning the right to adequate housing, Egypt won the Arab Housing and Construction Ministers Council Award for the best implemented housing project for the year 2024, for the Rawdat Al-Sayeda project (formerly Tal Al-Aqareb). Additionally, the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 included financial allocations to support the social housing program with about 11 billion and 900 million pounds, to support the social housing program.

The National Committee for the Compensation of Aggrieved Nubians also disbursed financial compensation of approximately 306 million and 195 thousand pounds to 1,550 people entitled to compensation in lieu of housing units and arable lands until July 2024. The number of people who received in-kind and cash compensation until the third phase reached 4,021 people entitled to compensation. Law No. 187 of 2023 on reconciliation in some building violations and legalizing their status was issued, and it included some facilitations and controls that would allow reconciliation on some violations that are prohibited from reconciliation.

To enhance **cultural rights**, an amount of EGP 1.63 billion was allocated from the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to expand the availability of cultural services. 863 cultural activities and events were held, benefiting 27,578 residents of safe housing areas as an alternative to slums, 855 cultural and artistic events benefiting 78,844 residents of the Decent Life initiative villages, and 35 book fairs were held during 2023/2024 in a number of governorates and universities.

Regarding the third focus area concerned with the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities, youth, and the elderly, the State continued its efforts to promote women's rights, most notably continuing media awareness-raising campaigns on women's rights and implementing Your Card, Your Rights project. The number of national ID cards issued from 2014 to June 2024 amounted to 1,326,514 cards for women, and EGP 88 billion was allocated to finance micro-projects that benefited 5 million women. The unemployment rate among women decreased in 2023 to reach 17.7% compared to 24.8% in 2014. 335,849 women were trained in the fields of financial education, entrepreneurship, and mastery of small crafts and handicrafts. The secure area designated for women victims of violence was opened in the East Alexandria Court. The National Council for Women's Complaints Office also provided legal advice and support in 4,079 lawsuits during the period covered by the report.

Regarding children's rights, the Child Helpline received 330,117 calls; legal advice was provided to 2,019 reports regarding children at risk; 9,974 facilities employing children were inspected; 136 campaigns were carried out to inspect professions in which children are prohibited from being employed; and 27 reports were issued against violating facilities. The number of early childhood nurseries reached 26,700, benefiting about one million children in all governorates, and the number of sponsored children reached 20,000 children sponsored by 19,800 families until the end of June 2024, compared to 8,750 children during 2014. The State also applied for the first time in the economic and social development plan, for the fiscal year 2024/2025, the UNICEF methodology for measuring public spending directed towards children, directing investments of about 45 billion pounds to meet the basic needs of children.

To promote the rights of persons with disabilities, the State continued its efforts to provide various services. During the third year of implementing the Strategy, the number of integrated service cards for persons with disabilities reached 1.3 million cards, compared to 1.1 million cards in the second year. 3,924 awareness-raising campaigns were implemented to raise awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities. 202,000 teachers and educational leaders were targeted to raise awareness of the inclusive education system, and to build the capacities of 2,700 supervisors, teachers, social and psychological specialists in educational inclusion and assistive technology. Additionally, the necessary means of access and facilitation were provided to enhance the participation of persons with disabilities in the presidential elections.

Regarding **youth rights**, the State allocated EGP 5.24 billion in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to expand the availability of playgrounds, youth centers, and sports clubs. In 2023, the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise Development Agency provided EGP 1.8 billion to establish 62,800 youth-run projects and implement many courses and employment forums for youth to train and qualify them for professions needed by the labor market. 13 million 952 thousand young men and women were also targeted to enhance the concept of citizenship and correct extreme ideas among youth in border and marginalized areas.

Regarding the rights of the elderly, the number of nursing homes reached 163 institutions, and the number of elderly clubs reached 179 clubs, benefiting about 41 thousand elderly people. The number of beneficiaries of the Karama program in March 2024 reached 713 thousand elderly people, and grants were disbursed to civil society organization working in the field of elderly care, amounting to about 14 million and 922 thousand pounds, and 5 billion pounds were allocated to the Family and Elderly Development Fund, and loans were provided to the elderly amounting to about 186 million pounds to finance a number of projects.

Regarding the fourth focus area, regarding human rights education and capacity building, national authorities continued to spread the culture of human rights during the period covered by the report. A number of events were organized within the framework of the protocol signed between the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Arab Organization for Human Rights to promote the culture of human rights in the context of the presidential initiative "Decent Life" and to encourage participation while rejecting illegal immigration. A cooperation protocol was also signed between the National Council for Women and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, aiming to leverage modern information technologies to serve women's issues, spread awareness of issues specific to Egyptian women, and implement seminars, storytelling circles and dialogue meetings on women's rights and legal awareness on cyber violence. As well as, promoting human rights concepts, religious freedoms, and gender issues through debates on gender issues and acceptance of others, and introducing the National Human Rights Strategy.

Regarding mainstreaming human rights component into different educational levels, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights is working on preparing a project to integrate human rights into the educational system in Egypt, as part of the cooperation between the Egyptian government and the United Nations (2023-2027), in addition to reviewing all religious curricula to promote tolerance, reject violence and extremism, and introduce topics that consolidate the values of dialogue and recognizing differences.

As for **police training**, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (OHCHR) and with the support of the European Union Mission to Egypt, implemented a training program for trainers in charge of law enforcement in the field of human rights, in which representatives from the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice and the Public Prosecution participated. The Ministry of Interior also organized lectures and meetings for its members and employees to deepen their knowledge of human rights.

To train members of judicial bodies and authorities, 22 training courses were held for 407 members of the Public Prosecution, and 7 specialized training courses in the field of human rights for new members of the Public Prosecution, from which 55 members of various appeal prosecutions benefited; in addition to 11 workshops to enhance the capacities of 214 judges and 20 members of the Administrative Prosecution Authority on combating crimes of violence against women.

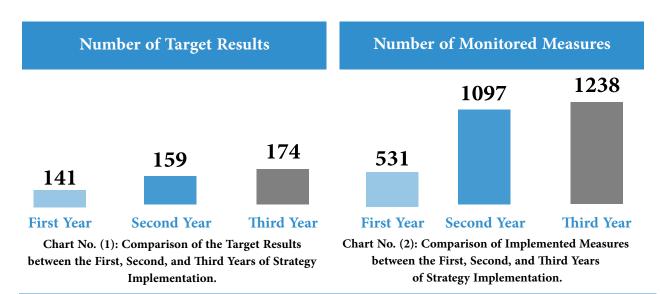
To enhance human rights training and education programs for public servants, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights implemented two training courses for cadres of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Culture

concerned with the human rights file, with the aim of introducing the National Human Rights Strategy and implementing its target results, in addition to Egypt's international obligations in the field of human rights. A number of Government agencies have implemented training courses for their employees on the topics of the International Bill of Human Rights, the integration of persons with disabilities into the work plans of the agencies, the definition of disabilities, the fight against the crime of female genital mutilation, international labor standards and the role of labor legal aid offices, and the environmental dimension and its impact on sustainable development.

# The Significant Indicators of Implementing the National Human Rights Strategy During Three Years of Implementation

## Number of Target Results and Measures Implemented during Three Years of Implementing the Strategy

The number of target results that were worked on during the third year 2023/2024 of implementing the Strategy increased to 174 target results compared to 159 during the second year of implementation, and 141 in the first year. The number of measures monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights to implement those target results also increased to 1238 measures during the third year of the Strategy, compared to 1097 measures in the second year of implementation, and 531 measures in the first year.



Measures implemented according to the Strategy's tracks during three years of implementation

The number of measures worked on in the three tracks to implement the Strategy increased during this year, reaching 878 measures in the institutional development track, compared to 874 measures in the second year of implementation, and 386 in the first year, and 339 measures in the human rights education and capacity building track, compared to 296 measures in the second year of implementation, and 126 measures in the first year, and 21 measures in the legislative development track, compared to 17 measures in the second year, and 19 measures in the first year.



Chart No. (3): Comparison of the Number of Implemented Measures Distributed over the Three Tracks in the First, Second, and Third Years of Implementation.

# Implementation Status of Target Results In the Third Year of Implementing the National Human Rights Strategy (September 2023 - August 2024)

### Target Results based on Strategy's Focus Areas

The number of target results that were worked on during this year reached 174, 25.3% of which are of the first focus area Civil and Political Rights; 35% on the second focus area Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; 30.5% on the third focus area Promoting the Human Rights of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and the Elderly; and 9.2% on the fourth focus area Human Rights Education and Capacity Building.



Chart No. (4): Target Results Distributed over the Strategy's Focus Areas During the Third Year

Number of measures based on the Strategy's focus areas during three years of implementation

The number of measures monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights increased during the third year in the first focus area reaching 216 measures, compared to 179 measures in the second year, and 104 measures in the first year; in the second focus area reaching 460 measures in the third year, compared to 367 measures in the second year, and 235 measures in the first year; and in the third focus area reaching 481 measures in the third year, compared to 452 measures in the second year, and 129 measures in the first year. While the number of measures monitored by the Secretariat to implement the fourth focus area decreased to 81 measures during the third year, compared to 99 measures in the second year, and 63 measures in the first year.

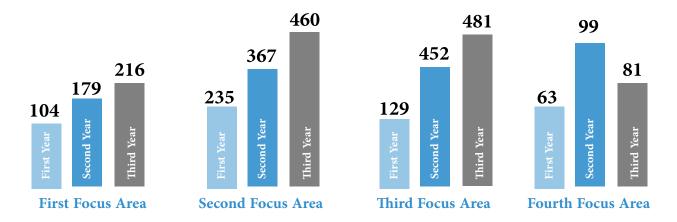


Chart No. (5): Comparison of the Number of Target Results Distributed over Strategy's Focus Areas during the First, Second, Third Years of Implementation.

For me the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree. Therefore they are equally true, though being received and interpreted through human instruments equally imperfect.

Mahatma Gandhi

(1869-1948)

lawyer, politician and the Preeminent leader of the Indian Independence Movement



First Focus Area

Civil and Political Rights



## First: The Right to Life and to Physical Integrity

In November 2023, Egypt engaged with the United Nations Committee Against Torture regarding its fifth periodic report on its efforts to implement the provisions of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. During this discussion, the State presented the measures implemented by its institutions in collaboration with civil society organizations, United Nations agencies, and international partners, as part of a continuous process supported by political will at the highest levels to achieve the desired progress in this crucial area.

In the implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Continuation of efforts to combat torture in all its forms, conduct investigations into relevant allegations, and protect victims' rights in accordance with the Constitution and Egypt's international obligations";

The Court of Cassation issued 26 final rulings in 2023 to compensate victims of torture and cruel treatment, guaranteeing their rights, in addition to other rulings from various competent courts. Numerous measures have been implemented to enforce accountability and prevent impunity, including disciplinary and criminal proceedings implemented by the Ministry of Interior against personnel involved in several incidents of ill-treatment and cruelty (1,217 incidents from November 2019 to July 2024), with a number of them convicted by the relevant investigative authorities.

Within the framework of combating torture in all its forms, the Police Academy organizes six advanced training courses annually in the field of riot control to ensure security and protect lives according to the nature of the security situation. Additionally, the Ministry conducts various training courses, workshops, and seminars for police personnel regularly, and has expanded training and awareness-raising programs, including adherence to the Nelson Mandela Rules.

In the implementation of the Strategy's target result: "The elimination of any form of individual practices which violate the sanctity of the body, whether at public or private premises or places";

The National Council for Women has continued to hold workshops aimed at integrating religious leaders from the Ministry of Awqaf and the Egyptian Church in combating violence against women and girls, as part of their efforts to minimize any form of individual practices that represent violations of physical integrity, particularly concerning female genital mutilation. 9,199 religious leaders benefited from these workshops.

The Council also organized 11 awareness-raising meetings at various universities across the governorates, titled Raising Community Awareness on Issues of Violence Against Women, in cooperation with anti-violence against women units at the universities. A total of 1,387 students benefited from these meetings. Furthermore, two training camps were conducted for 200 university students, in collaboration with the anti-violence against women units, to educate them on the efforts to combat violence against women, the legislative frameworks for these crimes, and the national referral mechanism for such crimes.

In conjunction with efforts to combat violence, under the title Protect Her from FGM, and in partnership with the Child Development Foundation, nine meetings were held on the fight against female genital mutilation in the Decent Life initiative villages across nine governorates, benefiting 442 individuals. The Council also implemented various awareness-raising activities nationwide as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, benefiting over 3 million people.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Protection is enhanced for inmates of shelter houses, orphan houses, nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals and addiction treatment sanitariums to prevent any violations to their right to safe life and inviolability and integrity of their bodies. Perpetrators shall be referred to competent investigation authorities"; The Public Prosecution conducted 290 inspection visits to various child care and rehabilitation centers across the country during the reporting period. These visits aimed to monitor all legal procedures taken concerning these individuals and to ensure the protection of their rights as guaranteed by the Constitution, laws, and relevant international treaties. Detailed reports were prepared following these visits, and the centers and care homes were instructed to update their classification criteria upon admission, while also ensuring the timely issuance of identification documents for all admitted children.

Furthermore, the judicial officers at the Ministry of Social Solidarity carried out 728 field visits to shelter houses and care institutions, orphanages, and social defense institutions throughout the country. These visits aimed to verify that no violations were occurring against residents, with necessary actions taken when any violations were discovered, including notifying the Ministry's judicial enforcement committee to file a report at the relevant police station.

Within the framework of implementing the Child Protection project, in collaboration with UNICEF, the Ministry's Child Protection Unit provided necessary interventions for children in orphanages, social defense institutions, and families benefiting from Takaful and Karama program, as well as alternative families, through case workers in 14 governorates (Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, Assiut, Sohag, Qena, Aswan, Damietta, Port Said, Sharqia, Suez, Beheira, Ismailia, and North Sinai).

The Ministry aimed to assist 4,602 children to ensure they were not subjected to any violations. It also organized several meetings to listen to their complaints and suggestions, coordinating with service providers to achieve the best interests of the children, explaining the role of case management, and developing preventive measures through early detection of children's special needs. This included providing social support and psychological services, as well as intensifying field research and family visits to facilitate the reintegration of children into their biological families.

Notably, the project addressed 285 cases of physical and sexual violence by June 2024, with legal actions taken concerning these cases. The Ministry is also preparing an operational manual for child protection policies in social care institutions in collaboration with Save the Children.

Additionally, the Child Helpline at the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood received 28 reports from residents of care houses and orphanages between September 2023 and May 2024. Necessary measures were taken to address situations of vulnerability by referring the reports to the Public Prosecution, forming fact-finding missions, and transferring children whose circumstances required relocation to other care facilities.

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Social Solidarity conducted 55 field visits to rehabilitation entities (institutions, nurseries, physical therapy centers, language training centers, and comprehensive rehabilitation across eight governorates. centers) visits led to numerous interventions aimed at protecting persons with disabilities, including the issuance of Ministerial Decision No. 497 of 2023 concerning the withdrawal of the social care project for individuals with multiple disabilities and the model center in Talbiya from a specific association, reassigning them to the National Authority for Family and Community Development due to ongoing monitoring of projects and addressing shortcomings.

Additionally, the Ministry conducted 440 field visits to elderly care homes nationwide to ensure no violations against the elderly occurred. These visits included meetings with residents to listen to their complaints, suggestions, and needs, as well as ensuring the presence of civil protection within the facilities. The Ministry also monitored the staff's interactions with the residents, providing them with information on how to address issues effectively. Furthermore, it assessed the infrastructure of the buildings to safeguard the well-being of the residents and identified training or service needs of the care homes, in addition to reviewing the licenses and regulations for each facility.

The total number of judicial reports prepared during the reporting period, in coordination with the Child, Disability, and Elderly Protection Office at the Public Prosecutor's Office, as well as the Ministry of Interior regarding the violations noted by the judicial officers from the Ministry of Social Solidarity during their field visits to institutions caring for children deprived of family care and social defense facilities, amounted to 213 judicial reports.

### In implementation of the Strategy's target result for "Increasing and developing psychological rehabilitation programs for the victims of violence":

The National Council for Women held two workshops for medical service providers at Safe Women Units based on the national guide for combating female genital mutilation. These workshops targeted 45 nursing teams at Safe Women Units in several medical faculties at university hospitals in Alexandria and Sohag, enhancing the trainees' capacities in psychological rehabilitation for victims of FGM. In collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), implemented a training program to support 897 survivors of violence, encouraging them to overcome psychological and social burdens in the governorates of Qalyubia, Alexandria, and Fayoum. This included 52 awareness-raising sessions on combating violence against women, reaching 2,621 women from the savings and loan groups of the Tahweesha digital savings and lending application.

The Council's efforts, in cooperation with mental health support service centers, provided free support to survivors of violence, including participation of 100 survivors in support group sessions and storytelling circles aimed at mitigating the negative impact of violence. They were also trained to obtain skills and scientific methods to improve their psychological wellbeing. Additionally, specialized educational and recreational programs were offered to the children of these women to support them, given their exposure to domestic violence.

During the reporting period, the Council's complaints office and its branches across all governorates received over 15,000 complaints, offering initial psychological support and consultation to all complainants. Legal assistance was provided free of charge upon request, with cases requiring further intervention being referred to psychological consultants.

The Child Helpline's psychological support and family counseling unit continued to provide support and treatment services. From September 2023 to May 2024, the unit received 559 new cases, with each case requiring between 12 to 24 sessions, and psychological reports were prepared for 207 cases for the Public Prosecutor's Office.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result that "Legal awareness is enhanced of practices, which constitute a cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment through launching campaigns that aim at combating and preventing violence, while public servants' awareness and capacities are enhanced";

The Ministry of Culture continued its efforts from October 2023 to May 2024 by organizing a series of seminars addressing citizenship, the rejection of hate culture, and the phenomenon of violence.

From September 2023 to February 2024, the National Council for Women implemented awareness-raising campaigns on violence against women, targeting over 4 Million people across all governorates. These campaigns involved various interactive activities to raise community awareness about different forms of violence, including physical abuse, female genital mutilation, and absence of education, child marriage, and human trafficking. The Council continued to train staff at the Women's Complaints Office on handling reports of violence, in addition to organizing several interactive workshops for stakeholders from judicial and executive bodies to familiarize them with the legislative frameworks involving violent crimes, benefiting approximately 2,500 individuals.

In this context, the National Council for Women also continued to implement numerous training

programs aimed at enhancing the capacities of religious leaders from Al-Azhar, the Ministry of Religious Endowments, and the three Egyptian churches. These programs sought to correct misconceptions about the use of violence against women within the family from both religious and social perspectives, benefiting 7,258 religious leaders.

Additionally, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood organized the Our Dream is Our Right celebration on Children's Day, promoting the culture of tolerance and the integration of all children into society. This initiative aimed to reduce all forms of violence and bullying those children from vulnerable groups face, involving refugee children, children with disabilities, and participants from various programs implemented by the Council.

Moreover, an awareness-raising campaign titled Our Differences Do Not Divide Us was launched in collaboration with UNICEF and in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labor Organization, and the Dutch Embassy in Cairo. The objective was to raise public awareness, support children's rights, and facilitate their integration into society, without discrimination, thereby creating a safe and inclusive environment for refugee children in host communities.

## Second: The Right to Personal Freedom

The House of Representatives is currently discussing a bill presented by the Government concerning a new criminal procedures code aimed at upholding all Constitutional rights and guarantees while aligning with Egypt's international commitments. This draft aims to ensure the highest standards in the field of criminal justice and fulfills several target results of the National Human Rights Strategy concerning personal freedom and fair trial guarantees. The bill has been reviewed by a committee comprising members from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, representatives

from various ministries, judicial bodies, the Lawyers' Syndicate, the National Council for Human Rights, and several academics. Notably, the bill particularly strengthens the right of defense at all stages of criminal proceedings, from evidence collection to case conclusion, while regulating the right to defense before the Court of Cassation from a comprehensive perspective.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of "Inclusion into the Criminal Procedures Law of technologically advanced alternatives to pretrial detention is considered together with means to activating alternatives included therein";

The National Center for Social and Criminological Research conducted an exploratory study titled The Electronic Monitoring System in Light of Modern Penal Policy Trends. This study primarily aims to explore modern mechanisms and methods for rationalizing penal policy and using it as a basis for the social reintegration of offenders, maximizing their contributions to building and developing their communities. Additionally, the study focuses on enhancing operations within penal institutions, alleviating the burden on their staff in line with the overall goal of governance in these institutions. It seeks to leverage technological advancements in penal work and the rehabilitation of offenders while reducing the economic costs associated with short-term incarceration and pre-trial detention on the State, society, and the defendant. The study aims to reinforce the effective application fundamental human rights principles for defendants at various stages of criminal proceedings.

It is worth noting that the research relied on a sample of criminal justice experts, as well as digital technology specialists consisting of 100 experts (police officers - judiciary and public prosecution officers - lawyers - university professors in the specializations of law, sociology, psychology, economics and information technology), and a similar sample of those who had previously been detained in pretrial detention and were released,

as well as those who had been sentenced to shortterm custodial sentences and were released.

The Public Prosecutor's Office, responsible for overseeing the enforcement of sentences, has placed utmost importance on requests from convicted individuals regarding their enforcement; the International Cooperation and Enforcement of Rulings Department, along with the Mental Health Care Department at the Office of the Public Prosecutor, has addressed requests submitted by defendants concerning the reduction of their pre-trial detention periods based on acquittals in other cases.

During the reporting period, the number of such requests reached 580 carried out under Articles (482) and (483) of the Criminal Procedures Code, along with 2,919 requests for penalty waiver under Article (35) of the Penal Code, 447 requests for multiple penalties under Article (36), and 80 requests for substituting simple imprisonment with community service under Article (479) of the Criminal Procedures Code. Additionally, final forensic psychological reports were issued for 740 defendants.

Furthermore, the Public Prosecutor's Office has continued to monitor and expand the use of alternatives to pre-trial detention in its decisions when appropriate, considering the circumstances of the investigation, the defendant, and the nature of the crime, while strictly adhering to the regulations of pre-trial detention when a decision for such is deemed necessary.

### Third: Right to Litigation and Strengthening Guarantees for a Fair Trial

During the reporting period, and in an effort by the Ministry of Justice to achieve prompt justice, directives were issued to expedite the work of the Ministry of Justice's expert services in finalizing personal status (family) and labor cases, regardless of the court involved. This effort resulted in the completion of 17,537 personal status cases and 22,842 labor cases, with 767 cases excluded from the backlog due to one of the parties being over 70 years old. To facilitate access to justice, the Ministry of Justice, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and the International Labor Organization, launched a judicial guide on international labor standards, in addition to establishing a project for labor legal aid offices to provide legal advice to workers.

Within the framework of enhancing fair trial guarantees and bringing the courts closer to litigants, the Ministry of Justice issued a decision to establish a model juvenile court at the North Assiut Primary Court, as well as a decision to establish an additional location at the Adwa Court Complex, affiliated with the High Appeals Office in Minya.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "A law is enacted allowing felony judgments issued by courts of all degrees to be appealed";

Enhancing procedural guarantees for defendants in criminal cases, in line with the Constitutional entitlements outlined in Articles (96) and (240), and the target results of the National Human Rights Strategy concerning the enactment of a law allowing felony judgments issued by courts of all degrees to be appealed, Law No. 1 of 2024 was enacted to amend certain provisions of the Criminal Procedures Code. This law establishes a two-tier litigation process for felony cases, where criminal cases are first heard by the Court of First Instance. The law permits both the accused and the Public Prosecution to appeal against the ruling before the Court of Appeals, in addition to the possibility of appealing to the Court of Cassation. Among the positive aspects of this amendment is the allowance for lawyers licensed to practice before the Courts of First Instance to represent clients in the Court of First Instance for felonies, whereas previously only lawyers registered at the appellate or cassation levels could represent clients in felony cases. This change opens opportunities for young lawyers to gain experience in criminal courts.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "The automated litigation system is expanded in courts and their support entities to enhance speedy justice" and "Mechanisms for electronic connection are developed between judicial authorities with common mandates within the judicial system in order to achieve speedy justice";

The Ministry of Justice continued to implement the plan to automate litigation procedures and courts. At the level of electronic criminal litigation applications in misdemeanor courts, the operation of electronic litigation procedures was completed in the governorates of the first and second stages (Cairo "New Cairo Court", Giza "North Giza Court", Alexandria, Matrouh, Ismailia, Suez, Port Said), and the number of misdemeanor cases circulated on the system reached two million and 25 thousand and 276 cases, including 563 thousand and 598 cases during the period covered by the report.

As for criminal courts, operation was completed in the courts of Ismailia, Suez and Port Said governorates in their entirety, and four circuits in the criminal courts in Cairo Governorate, and two circuits in Giza Governorate, and the number of criminal cases circulated on the system reached 32 thousand and 228 cases, including 22 thousand and 383 cases during the period covered by the report.

Regarding electronic civil litigation, the total number of automated courts until September 2024 reached 310 courts. During the period covered by the report, the electronic archive of civil cases was completed in seven primary and partial courts, so that the total number of courts whose archives have been completed is 16 primary courts, and work is underway to archive 16 other courts. The archiving of 1,319,376 cases has been completed, so that the total number of archived cases is 2,483,066 cases.

In order to achieve prompt justice, during the period covered by the report, the implementation rate of rulings issued by civil courts reached 86.4%, and the implementation rate of rulings issued by family courts reached 96%.

To enhance the efficiency of the judicial system and establish a sustainable legal environment, the economic courts have developed a strategic plan extending from 2023 to 2026, adopting a future vision to achieve social justice by consolidating human rights values, such as human dignity, integrity and transparency, ensuring equal opportunities and respecting the independence of the judiciary. The plan includes a set of executive objectives to enhance institutional efficiency and develop litigation mechanisms. The plan also adopts an approach to modernizing the digital infrastructure and supporting the judicial system with legal technology tools, enabling economic courts to handle complex cases efficiently and transparently.

The Ministry of Justice has expanded mobile notary services by establishing new mobile service centers across various governorates, increasing their number to 50. Additional centers are being prepared for launch. Moreover, notary branches operating through unified windows in post offices nationwide have been inaugurated, enabling electronic services and allowing clients to obtain official copies of registered contracts via online requests. These official copies are then delivered to clients through the Egyptian Postal Service after online payment of fees.

There has been an increase in the provision of notarization and authentication services for official documents during evening hours, as part of the New Beginning for Building the Human initiative. During this period, these services reached a total of 2,717 across various governorates.

## Fourth: Treatment of Prisoners and Other Detainees

The Public Prosecutor's Office continued to conduct regular and unannounced inspections of correctional and rehabilitation centers across the country to assess conditions and the state of inmates, including investigating any allegations received. Notably, the Public Prosecutor conducted an inspection of the Badr Complex in September 2024. Additionally, the Human Rights Department of the Public Prosecutor's Office participated in inspecting various correctional and rehabilitation centers from September 2023

to October 2024, including Wadi El-Natron, Borg El-Arab, Gamasa, Minya, Badr, 15th of May, New Valley, as well as the Women's Rehabilitation Center in the 10th of Ramadan Complex.

In enhancement of measures for conditional release and applying a modern understanding of penal policy, the number of individuals benefiting from Presidential pardons for the remainder of their sentences and conditional release (in accordance with the legal rules regulating the release) reached 9,513 inmates from September 2023 to August 2024.

The Human Rights Sector of the Ministry of Interior conducted field visits across various police departments in the governorates of Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, Qalyubia, Matrouh, Port Said, Damietta, Daqahlia, Sharqia, Gharbia, Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, Qena, Luxor, Beheira, Ismailia, Suez, Kafr El Sheikh, Aswan, Sohag, and South Sinai. These visits aimed to ensure the quality of public services provided to citizens and to verify that detention facilities in police stations met ventilation standards and

were appropriate for the number of detainees. In that context, coordination with the Medical Services Sector took place during these visits to implement precautionary measures, and medical examinations were conducted for 10,296 personnel, detainees, and citizens, providing necessary treatment free of charge.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The continuation of efforts to implement the plan and programs on the development and modernization of prisons facilities and the establishment of new ones. The ultimate goal is to reduce density in prisons as part of the continuous improvement of standards of living of prisoners and their health care";

The Ministry of Interior continued its efforts to provide medical care for inmates in rehabilitation and correctional centers. During the period covered by the report, medical examinations were conducted for newly arrived inmates at these centers, and health cards were issued to them. Medical check-ups were also carried



out for inmates suffering from any illnesses at hospitals and clinics within the rehabilitation and correctional centers, and necessary treatments were provided. Inmates were vaccinated against infectious diseases, and surgical operations were performed for inmates at hospitals within the Community Protection Sector.

Regarding the availability of necessary medications, the Ministry supplied medicines and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics at rehabilitation and correctional centers across the governorates of the country, with a total value of 134,126,689 Egyptian pounds.

Additionally, the Ministry approved the transfer of a number of inmates to correctional and rehabilitation centers closer to the locations of their families. It also allowed others to visit their relatives incarcerated in different centers. Moreover, female inmates were granted exceptional visitation rights from November 21 to December 7, 2023, as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "The continuation of visits conducted by the National Council for Human Rights and civil society organizations to prisons in accordance with relevant legal regulations"; National councils and civil society organizations, along with the National Press Authority and the National Media Authority, conducted a visit to the 10th of Ramadan Correctional and Rehabilitation Center in December 2023. This visit aimed to assess the new rehabilitation systems in accordance with international human rights standards, and inmates were granted exceptional visitation rights in celebration of International Human Rights Day.

Additionally, in March 2024, the Ministry of Interior organized a visit for a delegation from Sudan to the 10th of Ramadan Correctional and Rehabilitation Center, where they inspected the medical facility, vocational training building, and the production projects designed to rehabilitate inmates, including agricultural projects.

In April 2024, the Ministry organized a visit for members of the Arab Human Rights Committee of the Arab League to the 10th of Ramadan Correctional and Rehabilitation Center. The visit included tours of productive projects, the medical center, and places of worship, along with a performance by a talent team in the conference hall. Inmates were granted exceptional visits in celebration of Sinai Liberation Day and the Easter.

In May 2024, the Ministry's Community Protection Sector hosted a visit for 80 members of the Public Prosecution and State Council representatives to the same correctional and rehabilitation center.

Additionally, during the 22nd Arab Conference of Heads of Punitive and Correctional Institutions, a field visit was organized with representatives from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice, along with delegates from 13 Arab countries and various international bodies. The visit included inspections of the medical center and production projects.

Similarly, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood organized a visit to the 10th of Ramadan Correctional and Rehabilitation Center, to congratulate female inmates and their children on the celebration of Children's Day, and to provide support and assistance. The Council's delegation also conducted an inspection tour of a number of facilities, including the visiting areas for female inmates' families, the rehabilitation and nursery building, the handicrafts exhibition, the sewing workshop, the library, the literacy class, the painting exhibition, the living rooms for mother, the children's play area, the women's healthcare center, and the living room for female inmates at the medical center.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Further religious and cultural sessions are held for prisoners in coordination with the Ministry of Endowments and the General Authority of Cultural Palaces to develop their religious and cultural sentiment"; The Ministry of Interior provided 105,738 books and facilitated the borrowing of 138,560 books by inmates. Additionally, 856,397 copies of various newspapers and magazines were provided. Inmates also created 510 cultural wall magazines and organized 884 cultural and guidance seminars, with 17,434 inmates participating in various hobbies and 46,590 engaging in sports activities.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "More rehabilitation and production workshops are conducted in all prisons, facilitating the training and employment of the majority of inmates";

The Ministry of Interior signed a cooperation protocol with the Don Bosco Institute to conduct vocational training courses for inmates, providing them with certified completion credentials.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Initiatives are launched to highlight the role of Aftercare Police Department in caring for prisoner's families";

From September 2023 to August 2024, the Ministry of Interior continued providing social support to inmates and their families. This included conducting 27,403 social assessments for those unable to provide for their families, and 5,173 for their families; providing 26,825 assistance notice for their families and 47,121 for the released inmates; in addition to examining 39,940 social complaints. Financial and in-kind assistance was also provided to 19,820 released inmates and to 55,225 cases of inmates' families, in addition to enrolling 201 of those released in vocational training units at the Construction Training Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities. In February 2024, under the cooperation protocol between the Ministry of Interior and the Orman Charity Association, 26 wheelchairs were distributed to 26 families of inmates at the medical center of the 10th of Ramadan Correctional and Rehabilitation Complex. Additionally, medical examinations conducted for 68 family members of inmates,

providing necessary medical care and treatment for eligible cases.

### Fifth: Freedom of Expression

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The culture of pluralism and diversity of opinions and views on various public issues is enhanced";

To enhance freedom of expression and political participation, the report period included the 2024 presidential elections, which took place in a competitive environment with four candidates. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi was re-elected, with 44,777,668 voters participating, representing a turnout of 66.8% of registered voters, including 60% female participation. The elections were conducted under full judicial supervision and with open media coverage, monitored by various international and regional organizations.

National authorities implemented several measures to encourage citizens to express their opinions freely during the electoral process. This included a cooperation protocol between the Ministry of Education and Technical Education and the National Election Authority to promote electoral awareness and democratic practices among students, teachers, and parents. The Ministry of Social Solidarity also facilitated over 1.7 million home visits for electoral education through social leaders from October to December 2023.

In continuance of the President's commitment to national dialogue, an extraordinary session was called in January 2024 to discuss the current economic situation, resulting in 96 economic recommendations from 13 sessions held in February, attended by 428 speakers, including seven ministers and representatives from various governmental bodies and political parties.

In February 2024, a coordinating committee involving the Government and the National Dialogue was established to monitor the implementation of these recommendations. The work program of the new Government, announced in July 2024 and approved by the Parliament, is based on the objectives of Egypt

Vision 2030 and the recommendations from the National Dialogue sessions.

During the report period, the Supreme Council for Media Regulation issued 78 new licenses for various television channels, websites, newspapers, and magazines, in accordance with Law No. 180 of 2018.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "A comprehensive code of conduct is issued, covering all aspects of media and press, including digital media and social media, ensuring that freedom of expression is exercised without violating others' freedoms, benefiting from international experiences, in consistency with the Constitution and Egypt's international obligations";

The Supreme Council for Media Regulation issued several standards and codes that align with practices in countries with free media and adhere to relevant UN charters. These codes protect the rights of viewers, readers, and societal interests while also safeguarding the rights of journalists and creatives.



#### Sixth: Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Raising public awareness about the culture and practice of peaceful assembly in all its forms, given its role in supporting and consolidating democracy";

The reporting period witnessed the organization of many peaceful protests and gatherings. These activities included political parties, journalists, lawyers, civil society representatives, and citizens expressing their views on political and social issues, including demonstrations supporting the Palestinian cause in light of the ongoing war in Gaza.

#### **Seventh: Freedom of Association**

## Right to Form and Join Non-government Organizations and Associations:

During the second year of implementing the National Human Rights Strategy, 35,770 civil society organizations submitted requests to regularize their conditions. In the third year, approval was granted to 34,756 organizations, including 60 foreign NGOs, 36 thematic unions, and 27 regional unions, in addition to the General Union of Civil Society Organizations. The total funding directed to civil society organizations 2023 amounted in approximately 13.3 billion Egyptian pounds, with 66% coming from local funding and 34% from international sources. Between January 2023 and July 2024, the Fund to Support the Projects of Non-Governmental Organizations granted 655,957,209 Egyptian pounds to support various areas, including legal awareness, social protection, support for persons with disabilities, and elderly care.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Coordination and integration are increased between development partners (government, civil society, private sector and donors)";

In the second half of 2023, the Ministry of Social Solidarity collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Population and civil society organizations in the Kafaya 2 project, where 20 medical clinics were opened in 11 governorates at a cost of 6 million pounds, benefiting around 150,000 women.

Within the framework of the national project for a Unified System for the Production of Prosthetics and Orthotic Devices in cooperation with the Hand in Hand Foundation, six centers for assembling prosthetics are being prepared at a cost of 92 million pounds. Additionally, 35 job opportunities were provided for those in social defense institutions in several governorates, in collaboration with NGOs and private sector companies.

The Ministry also signed a cooperation protocol with the Egyptian Association for the Development of the Capacities of Children with Disabilities (ADVANCE) to raise the efficiency of the Ministry's rehabilitation bodies for a period of 3 years. Two training programs were implemented in Alexandria Governorate, and 75 specialists working in the rehabilitation bodies for mental disability and autism benefited from the training.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Communication is enhanced between the government and civil society organizations working on human rights" and "the institutional capacity of non-governmental organizations is enhanced and developed";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and civil society organizations, contributed to the release of 77,000 debtors from 2014 to 2023 by settling debts amounting to 885 million pounds.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in collaboration with CARE Egypt for Development, the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, and L'Oréal Egypt, conducted a training course for 33 members of the boards of directors of NGOs entrusted with women's hosting and guidance centers in 11 governorates. The course focused on governance and the Law regulating the practice of civil work. During the second half of 2023, the Ministry organized training courses

in cooperation with the Fund for Combating and Treating Addiction for 37 civil society organizations, aimed at enhancing and building their capacities in addiction prevention.

In this context, the Human Rights Unit at the Ministry of Social Solidarity received 184 complaints from the National Council for Human Rights and the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights regarding requests from some citizens to benefit from the services provided by the Ministry (Takaful and Karama – Integrated Services Card), and these complaints were examined and responded to.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Voluntarism culture and community participation are enhanced";

During the reporting period, the Fund for Combating and Treating Addiction trained over 33,000 volunteers nationwide to contribute to the Choose Your Life program. This initiative aims to raise awareness among youth about the dangers of addiction and the associated health, psychological, and social dangers through seminars and workshops in schools, universities, and youth centers.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports also organized 500 training courses and volunteer projects within volunteer clubs across the country, aimed at promoting a culture of volunteer work to prepare a generation capable of leadership, benefiting 50,000 individuals, both male and female.

#### Right to form and join Trade Unions In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "the capacities of trade unions and syndicate committees are enhanced in collective bargaining, settlement of individual and collective disputes, and concluding collective

labor agreements":

16 collective labor agreements were concluded during the reporting period between several employers and representatives of general labor unions and trade committees, benefiting 18,158 workers. These agreements included the protection of workers' acquired rights and the establishment of new benefits aimed at

improving work conditions, thus reinforcing the role of trade unions in this regard.

As part of the awareness-raising role of the Ministry of Labor, 1,207 awareness seminars were held, benefiting 28,576 members of the general assemblies of labor unions and members of the boards of directors of unions in labor-intensive establishments. These seminars covered the provisions of labor law and procedures for resolving individual and collective complaints and disputes, as well as collective bargaining and concluding collective labor agreements.

Furthermore, after the completion of the labor union elections for the 2022-2026 term, the ministry coordinated with general unions to begin training new union cadres, educating them, and enhancing their skills in collective bargaining and dispute resolution mechanisms. Sixteen specialized training courses were conducted, benefiting 35,500 workers in negotiation skills and collective dispute resolution mechanisms (collective bargaining, reconciliation, mediation, labor arbitration, private arbitration), targeting several union members and heads of trade committees in various production sectors.

## In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Trade unions' financial resources are enhanced";

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Labor disbursed approximately 18 million and 500 thousand Egyptian pounds to the workers of the Labor Cultural Institution from the Egyptian Labor Emergency Fund, providing financial support of about 5 million and 500 thousand pounds to the Labor Cultural Institution, and more than 3 million pounds in support to the Egyptian Trade Union Federation and local federations from the Egyptian Labor Emergency Fund. Additionally, financial support of around 2 million and 340 thousand pounds was provided to the Labor Social Institution, along with 106 thousand pounds in support for the Workers' Newspaper.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Enhancing the capacities of all concerned parties to support the implementation of

## legal frameworks related to facilitating the registration and regularizing the conditions of trade unions as per legal standards";

The Ministry of Labor coordinated with 10 general unions to train workers of its affiliated union classifications on the necessary paperwork to establish a union committee, general union, or labor federation. Approximately 18,000 workers benefited from this training.

The Ministry conducted 6 workshops for around 200 employees specializing in union work within the labor directorates, aimed at standardizing concepts and principles related to union work mechanisms, particularly concerning the establishment of various levels of union organizations, and training them on the unified procedural guide for establishing labor union organizations.

## In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Trade unions participation in formulating economic and social policies is enhanced";

In July 2024, the Cabinet approved the reformation of the Supreme Council for Social Dialogue in the field of labor, ensuring equal representation of the three parties. The level of representation for labor unions was raised to one-third of the council members, increasing the number to 11 members from the previous 6. The new formation also ensured the representation of unions not affiliated with the Egyptian Trade Union Federation, and included representatives from the National Council for Women, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, the National Council for Human Rights, and several independent experts.

Notably, labor unions were represented in the preparation of the National Employment Strategy, the National Gender Equality Strategy, the National Occupational Safety and Health Strategy, and the facilitation committees for all development projects implemented by the Ministry of Labor. Labor unions also participate in the Board of Directors of the Training and Rehabilitation Fund, the Labor Emergency Fund, the Higher Advisory Council for Occupational Safety and Health, the Supreme Committee for

Planning Employment domestically and abroad, among other committees and boards.

#### Right to Form and Join Syndicates

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "Professional syndicates participation in preparing relevant draft laws is enhanced in addition to their communication with the government regarding policies on professional affairs" and "Necessary procedures are taken to ensure that periodical elections are held in professional syndicates";

During the reporting period, representatives from the Lawyers' Syndicate participated in preparing the draft of the new Criminal Procedures Law. Additionally, semi-annual elections for the Engineers' Syndicate were held in February 2024, followed by elections for the Lawyers' Syndicate for the position of the General Secretary and membership of the General Council in March 2024, semi-annual elections for the Dentists' Syndicate in April 2024, and elections for the General Council of Visual Artists in August 2024.

#### **Right to Form Political Parties**

In support of the right to form and establish political parties, the Real Estate Registration Authority issued several circulars, the latest were circulars No. 764 and 779 for the year 2023, which affirm the right to form political parties. It designated a registration office in each governorate to facilitate the procedures for documenting the powers of attorney for the establishment of political parties.

## **Eighth: Freedom of Religion and Belief**

In implementation of the Strategy target results of: "More awareness campaigns are conducted especially among youth to foster coexistence, tolerance, acceptance of the other, rejection of violence and hatred, and spread values and principles of heavenly religions. The capacity of youth to think critically of different contents is developed", "More youths' initiatives are launched to foster and support values of citizenship and belonging. Further activities are

carried out to enhance community awareness of religious freedoms, consolidate national identity, and reject intolerance and extremist ideologies";

Al-Azhar Observatory for Combating Extremism launched the third version of the initiative Listen and Speak aimed at Egyptian university students. This initiative seeks to reinforce principles of dialogue and create effective communication mechanisms with youth, addressing their aspirations and providing comprehensive answers to their inquiries on various issues, especially new topics arising from modern technological developments like artificial intelligence.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in cooperation with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), conducted workshops to correct misconceptions, benefiting 300 young people. From September 2023 to February 2024, the Ministry, in collaboration with Al-Azhar, held several sessions of Al-Azhar Forum for Youth at youth centers across various governorates, aimed at instilling loyalty, sense of belonging, and peace among youth, while promoting the correct understanding of the tolerant teachings of Islam and distancing from misconceptions. Approximately 130,000 young men and women benefited from these sessions.

Under the framework of a cooperation protocol between the Ministry and Al-Azhar International Center for Online Fatwa, the initiative Awareness is Life was launched to develop youth awareness, promote the culture of citizenship, and support ethical values, as well as combat negative societal phenomena and foster patriotism. About 26,000 persons participated in seminars conducted in 10 governorates.

In efforts to promote the concept of citizenship, the Ministry continued to implement the project Step towards a Better Life, in collaboration with the Hayat Karima Foundation, Ahly Al-Balad for Development, the General Federation for Sports for All, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This project targets youth in marginalized and border areas to develop positive values, modify behavior, and counter extremism, aiming to reach nearly 14 million persons through in-person and virtual activities

across all governorates.

From July 2023 to April 2024, the General Authority for Cultural Palaces, in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Endowments, prepared a comprehensive cultural program that included several lectures, seminars, and meetings aimed at disseminating sound religious awareness. 1,394 activities were conducted within this program, benefiting 34,961 individuals. As part of the national initiative for religious and ethical awareness under the slogan Our Values from Our Heritage, which is implemented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Ministry of Religious Endowments, Al-Azhar, the Egyptian Church, and the Egyptian Antiquities Union, aiming to correct incorrect religious concepts and instill values of tolerance, cooperation, and the rejection of violence in society, 489 seminars were conducted, targeting approximately 88,000 persons across governorates.

From July 2023 to May 2024, the General Authority for Cultural Palaces implemented a program to instill the values and practices of citizenship in the villages of Minya Governorate. 164 events were held across 44 villages, benefiting approximately 24,000 individuals.

In implementation of the Strategy target results of: "Coordination is enhanced between religious institutions in implementing plans to renew religious discourse, to promote tolerance, respect for religions, and to refute extremist and incorrect ideas";

Al-Azhar International Center for Online Fatwa tracks extremist fatwas and misconceptions through various media platforms. In the first half of 2024, 8,813 cases of extremist fatwas and ideas, negative phenomena, or media materials were monitored and analyzed, with specialized reports prepared accordingly.

The center also corrects incorrect religious and ideological concepts and responds to raised doubts that impact society and propagate misleading images of Islam and its moderate teachings. This is achieved through the center's various departments, especially the Department of Thought and Religions, via phone or text,

through social media, or through various media outlets—printed, visual, or audio, as well as the Center's mobile application.

During the first half of 2024, the Center received over 36,000 intellectual inquiries and responded to approximately 650,000 fatwas, contributing to correcting misconceptions and countering deviant and extremist ideas, thereby preventing violent and terrorist groups from exploiting religion.

Moreover, the Center conducted over 305,000 meetings, lectures, workshops, and family consultations under the Family and Community Awareness program during the first half of 2024 to correct misconceptions and restore the foundational values of Egyptian society, protecting the youth from falling prey to extremism and violent groups. Since its launch, the total activities of the Family and Community Awareness program have reached 2,300,252, benefiting 7.5 million individuals in collaboration with State institutions and their bodies.

Within the framework of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services' implementation of the Cultural Dialogue Forum, in coordination with the Ministry of Religious Endowments, Al-Azhar, and various churches, 19 workshops were held in the first half of 2024, benefiting 375 religious leaders in several governorates on topics such as peacebuilding, citizenship, dialogue, and acceptance of others. Additionally, 11 community initiatives led by religious leaders benefited 8,300 citizens, along with three workshops for 75 officials from cultural palaces, youth centers, and scouting organizations focusing on supporting cultural diversity and coexistence.

Furthermore, 46 workshops were organized for 1,040 young people to build their capacities around acceptance of others, plurality, and cultural diversity, implementing local initiatives that serve their communities to promote values of tolerance, peace, and coexistence to strengthen social cohesion. Twenty initiatives were launched by these youth to disseminate values of social cohesion and peace among approximately 204,000 citizens, along with two workshops for 56 young individuals on cultural diversity and acceptance of others.

In implementation of the Strategy target results of: "The continuation of efforts aimed at reviewing all religious curriculums to remove topics which do not contribute to enhancing tolerance and that do not reject violence and extremism. Topics are introduced that foster values of dialogue, acknowledge differences and coexistence, and fight against all forms of hatred and intolerance", and "More national initiatives are carried out to promote human rights culture, consolidate values of citizenship, demonstrate common aspects between heavenly religions, create community awareness about respecting religious freedom, and reject intolerance and extremist idea";

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education reviewed various educational materials, focusing on concepts such as human fraternity, freedom of belief, and acceptance of differences, ensuring that they contain no phrases indicating violence or exclusion of others. The developed educational curricula (from the first to the sixth grade) reflect the Egyptian State's commitment to the upholding of the principle of citizenship and non-discrimination by teaching values and respect for others.

The Ministry also introduced a subject titled National Awareness in the middle school curriculum and implemented a series of awareness-raising activities through school broadcasts in all schools across the country. These included celebrations on March 10 and 11, 2024, coinciding with the beginning of Ramadan for Muslims and Great Lent for Christians. Additionally, the Ministry of Culture conducted several seminars to combat extremist rhetoric and terrorism, including a seminar titled Science in the Face of Extremism and Terrorism and the Role of Identity in Strengthening the Sense of Belonging among Youth, linking it to topics of digital transformation and artificial intelligence, including the ethics of their use.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results of: "Ministries and authorities continue their efforts to carryout maintenance and restoration of religious monuments(Islamic, Christian, and Jewish) to demonstrate Egypt's rich heritage that reflects its successive historical eras", and "The continuation of efforts exerted by the Committee concerned with regularizing the conditions of churches to regularize the conditions of other churches and ancillary buildings, which are not regularized yet.";

The President inaugurated the Sayyida Zainab Mosque after comprehensive renovation works, attended by Sultan Mufeed Sayed Deen, Sultan of the Bohra community in India. This inauguration is part of Egypt's plan to develop mosques associated with the family of the Prophet and the righteous, with the Sayyida Zaynab Mosque being the third of the mosques of the family of the prophet to be opened in a short time after the Imam Hussein Shrine and the Sayyida Nafisa Mosque.

The Church of the Virgin Mary in New Alamein City, the Church of the Virgin Mary and Saint Pope Cyril in Port Said, the Evangelical Church in Tahta, Sohag Governorate, and the Evangelical Church in El-Marg were also inaugurated.

In this context, a decision was made to allocate a piece of land measuring 1,911 square meters in New Cairo for the construction of a church affiliated with the Evangelical congregation. Another decision was made to allocate a piece of land measuring 1,868 square meters in New Qena for a Presbyterian church, along with another piece of land in New Fayoum.

The Evangelical congregation has received its allocated piece of land in the New Administrative Capital, measuring 4,000 square meters, and work is underway to obtain licenses to begin construction as the first Evangelical church in the New Administrative Capital.

The committee responsible for regularizing the conditions of churches continued its efforts, increasing the number of churches and ancillary buildings regularized from 2,973 during the second year of Strategy implementation to 3,453 in October 2024, out of a total of 5,415 churches and ancillary buildings that had submitted requests for regularization.

#### Ninth: Right to Privacy

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Awareness campaigns are conducted involving all authorities, most notably the Supreme Council for Media Regulation, the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority and law enforcement agencies concerned with the protection of private life. These campaigns seek to develop citizens' awareness, especially young people, of the importance of respecting the inviolability of private life and the difference between permitted and prohibited practices. Target groups are informed about rights conferred by laws to victims of violations to the right to privacy and about access to redress and fair compensation for the harm, they endured. Awareness activities shall be concentrated in youth gatherings such as youth centers and clubs";

The Ministry of Culture continued its efforts to raise citizens' awareness of the importance of respecting the privacy of others, highlighting the distinction between what is permissible and what is prohibited. The Ministry also informed citizens about the rights granted by the law to those whose privacy was violated, organizing numerous seminars on related topics.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "More attention will be paid to training police forces responsible for anti-cyber and information technologies crimes, updating their working methods and tools. Efforts shall continue to create electronic platforms allowing the injured party to file to relevant bodies complaints on violation of their private lives and follow up relevant actions";

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Interior addressed several cases related to cybercrime. This included 1,319 cases of account hacking and theft, 1,642 cases of defamation and reputation damage, 904 cases of threats and blackmail, 936 cases of threats of defamation, and 156 cases of impersonation. Additionally, the Ministry organized 13 training courses for officers, personnel, and civilians, benefiting 157 trainees in fields related to combating cybercrime.

#### Percentages of Implemented Measures Based on the First Focus Area

The number of implemented measures, monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights, to achieve the target results of the first focus area reached 216 measures, and the implementation rates of these measures reached 23.6% for the right to life and physical integrity, 1.9% for the right to personal freedom, 7.4% for the right to litigation and strengthening guarantees for a fair trial, 24.5% for the treatment of prisoners and other detainees, 2.8% for freedom of expression, 0.5% for freedom of peaceful assembly, 19.4% for freedom of association, 14.8% for freedom of religion and belief, and 5.1% for the right to privacy.



Chart No. (6): Percentages of Implemented measures to Achieve the Target Results of the first focus area During the Third year

# Prominent indicators for implementing the Target Results of the First Focus Area, Civil and Political Rights, during the period of September 2023-August 2024

### Right to Life and to Physical Integrity

#### 1217 Incidents

Complaints/allegations of torture and ill-treatment attributed to personnel of the Ministry of Interior and regarding which disciplinary/judicial measures were taken, during the period from November 2019 - July 2024

## 1168 Field Inspection Visits

For shelter and care institutions, orphanages, social defense institutions and nursing homes

#### 897 Survivors of violence

Were trained to cope with psychological and social burdens

#### 559 New cases

Were provided with support and treatment services from the Psychological Support and Family Counseling Unit of the Child Helpline

### 290 Field Inspection Visits

Were carried out by the Public Prosecution for a number of child care and rehabilitation centers across the country

## 285 cases of physical and sexual violence

The Child Protection Unit of the Ministry of Social Solidarity took legal action against them

## 26 final rulings

to compensate victims of torture and cruel treatment Issued by the Court of Cassation in 2023

### Right to Personal Freedom

The House of Representatives is discussing the bill submitted by the Government regarding a new criminal procedure law, to uphold all Constitutional rights and guarantees and keep pace with Egypt's international obligations, ensuring the adoption of the highest standards applied in criminal justice. The bill ensures the implementation of many of the objectives of the National Human Rights Strategy in the field of the right to personal freedom and guarantees of a fair trial.

## 580 Requests

The Public Prosecution received them to deduct the periods of pre-trial detention from the sentence imposed

### 80 Requests

The Public Prosecution received them to replace the simple imprisonment sentence with work outside the correctional and rehabilitation centers

#### Right to Litigation and Strengthening Guarantees for a Fair Trial

Issuance of Law No. 1 of 2024, which allows the appeal of rulings issued in felonies

22,842

labor cases were resolved by the Ministry of Justice Experts Department 17,537

Personal status cases completed by the Ministry of Justice Experts Department 310 civil courts

Their digitalization was completed

Launching the Labor Legal Assistance Offices Project, with the aim of providing legal advice to workers

96%

86.4%

Implementation rate of rulings issued by family courts

Implementation rate of rulings issued by civil courts

### Treatment of Prisoners and Other Detainees

#### 134 million 126 thousand and 689 pounds

The value of supplying medicine and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics of correctional and rehabilitation centers

## 55,225 cases of inmates' families

were provided with financial and in-kind assistance

## 19,820 released inmates

were provided with financial and in-kind assistance

#### 9513 beneficiaries

From the Presidential pardon decisions for the remainder of the sentence and conditional release

#### 26,825

Assistance notice for families of inmates

#### 47,121

for the released inmates

#### 201 released inmates

were attached to the vocational training units of the building construction trades training authority

### **Freedom of Expression**

The period covered by the report witnessed the holding of the elections for the position of President 2024, in a competitive atmosphere between four candidates for the position, which was won by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and the number of voters who cast their votes reached 44 million, 777 thousand, and 668 voters, with a participation rate of 66.8% of the total citizens registered in the electoral rolls, and the participation rate of women reached 60% of the total number of voters.

## 19 million and 864 thousand people

The National Council for Women targeted them to raise awareness of political rights and the importance of participating in elections

### 1,782,374 home visits

They were implemented by social pioneers for electoral education with the aim of raising awareness among citizens and urging them to participate positively and freely

The National Economic Dialogue witnessed 13 sessions that resulted in 96 economic recommendations, with the attendance of 428 speakers, including seven ministers. The total number of representatives of ministries and government agencies reached 179 speakers, 76 speakers with party affiliations, and economic experts

## 78 permits

Were issued by the Supreme Council for Media Regulation for a number of satellite channels, websites, newspapers and magazines.

#### Freedom of Association

#### Right to Form and Join Non-government Organizations and Associations

#### 34,756 organizations

had been approved until July 2024

#### 35,770 organizations

that submitted requests to legalize their status during the second year

#### about 13 billion and 305 million pounds

The volume of funding received by civil society organizations in 2023, 66% of which was local funding, and 34% international funding

#### 655 million, 957 thousand, and 209 pounds

The Fund to Support the Projects of Non-Governmental Organizations provided grants to civil society organizations in a number of fields

#### 77 thousand debtors

The Supreme Committee for Debtors, in cooperation with civil society organizations, paid off their debts amounting to 885 million pounds during the period from 2014 to 2023.

#### Right to Form and Join Trade Unions

## About 29 million and 400 thousand pounds

Financial support to trade unions during the reporting period

#### **About 64 thousand workers**

were made aware of the provisions of the Labor Law, procedures for settling individual and collective complaints and disputes, collective negotiations, and concluding collective labor agreements

## 18 thousand workers

Received training on how to establish trade unions

## 16 collective labor agreements

Were benefited by 18,158 workers

#### Right to Form and Join Syndicates

#### February 2024

the Engineers Syndicate's mid-term elections were held

#### March 2024

the Lawyers Syndicate's elections for the position of General Secretary and membership of the General Syndicate Council were held

#### April 2024

the Dentists Syndicate's mid-term elections were held

#### August 2024

the General Syndicate of Fine Artists council elections were held

### Freedom of Religion and Belief

#### About 14 million participants

Benefited, in person and virtually, from the Step Towards a Better Life project, with the aim of developing positive values, modifying the behavior of young people, and correcting extremist ideas

#### 7 million and 500 thousand beneficiaries

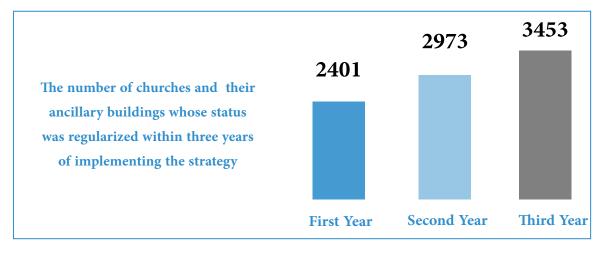
From the "Family and Community Awareness" program to protect the minds of young people from falling into the clutches of extremist ideas and violent groups

#### More than 210 thousand citizens

Their capacities were built around acceptance of others, pluralism and cultural diversity, and the values of tolerance, peace and coexistence to enhance social cohesion

#### 130 thousand young men and women

Benefited from the meetings of Al-Azhar sessions for the youth with the aim of spreading the spirit of loyalty, belonging and peace and correcting misconceptions.



## Right to Privacy

1642

Cases of defamation

1319

Cases of hacking and stealing online accounts

936

Cases of defamation threat

904

Cases of threat and blackmail

156

**Cases of impersonation** 

The true foundation of republican government is the equal right of every citizen, in his person and property, and in their management.

**Thomas Jefferson** 

(1743-1826)

one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and third President of the United States



Second Focus Area

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights



#### First: Right Health

In October 2024, Egypt hosted the second edition of the Global Congress on Population, Health and Development (PHDC'24), attended by the Egyptian President. During the conference, the World Health Organization (WHO) certified Egypt malaria-free. At the event, Egypt's National Health Strategy for 2024-2030 was also launched. In line with the Constitutional requirement for health expenditure, the allocations for the health sector in the State's general budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 rose to EGP 495.6 billion, compared to approximately EGP 397 billion in the previous fiscal year 2023/2024. Furthermore, the investment plan for 2024/2025 aims to allocate total investments (public and private) for health services amounting to EGP 115.7 billion, compared to EGP 75 billion in the previous fiscal year. The plan targets the construction of 36 hospitals with a capacity of 7,250 beds over the next two years, with investments totaling EGP 100 billion.

By June 2024, the number of insured individuals under the health insurance system reached 53,618,455 beneficiaries, including 27.65 million school students, approximately 9.5 million beneficiaries from the workforce, about 200,000 women heads of households, and about 3.7 million pensioners and widows, in addition to other groups of irregular workers and others. Law No. 5 of 2024 was issued to amend certain provisions of Law No. 139 of 2021 concerning the establishment of the Medical Emergency Fund. The law renamed the fund to the Medical Emergencies, Genetic and Rare Diseases Fund and added new responsibilities to the Fund, including contributing to the costs of treating genetic and rare diseases.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Health services coverage is enhanced nationwide particularly in rural, remote and border areas";

The number of primary healthcare units as of August 2024 reached 5,750 units. These units include health offices, clinics, maternal and

childcare centers, urban health centers, family health units, and primary healthcare units in rural areas. The Ministry of Health and Population expanded the availability of services by providing visiting doctors to units and areas lacking medical professionals, resulting in 14,000 visits. Additionally, mobile clinics increased their visits, reaching 30,000 visits to remote areas. By the end of 2023, there were 5,199 units dedicated to combating malaria and bilharzia across various governorates.

Under the Presidential initiative for the development of the Egyptian countryside Decent Life, 371 health facilities began operating, and 70 training courses were implemented for 2,050 staff members in these facilities. The Ministry of Health and Population also upgraded the infrastructure of hospitals and ambulance units in 12 governorates included in the initiative, including a total of 24 hospitals, 1,119 family health centers and units, 372 ambulance points, and 104 units and centers. The Ministry of Interior also dispatched medical convoys to several governorates within the initiative, providing medical check-ups for 12,345 residents of the villages most in need and dispensing the necessary treatments free of charge.

The Ministry of Health and Population continued its efforts to enhance health-care coverage nationwide through the Presidential Initiative A New Beginning for Human Development, providing 8,824,000 health services via 55 medical convoys. These services included medical, preventive, and family planning services, home visits, prenatal care, and child development follow-up since the initiative's launch until mid-October 2024.

In cooperation with the Medium, Small, and Micro Enterprises Development Agency, efforts to improve healthcare included 905,000 home visits and the provision of medical care to 4,461 families. In addition, 28 medical convoys were dispatched, benefiting 1,646 individuals.

The National Council for Women also organized medical convoys that benefited over 9,400 people across various medical specialties nationwide. These convoys included mammogram devices for early cancer detection.

By the end of 2023, the number of hospitals in the healthcare system reached 1,909, of which 557 were public hospitals. The number of visits to public hospitals amounted to 125,660,094. During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Health and Population provided vaccines and vaccination supplies to all healthcare offices and units across the country, vaccinating over 2 million children according to the routine vaccination schedule from birth to 18 months. The Ministry also conducted external vaccination sessions in hard-to-reach areas; ensuring children received their required doses. Vaccination services were extended to all residents in Egypt, including non-Egyptians, schoolchildren were vaccinated against meningitis at the start of each educational stage, and second and fourth graders received the diphtheria-tetanus (DT) vaccine. The Ministry also developed and built several hospitals to achieve health coverage, including New Nag Hammadi Hospital in Governorate, Baghdad and Romana Hospitals in North Sinai, Al-Farafra and Al-Dakhla General Hospitals in the New Valley Governorate, Ras Gharib and Safaga Hospitals in the Red Sea Governorate, and Al-Fayoum General Hospital and Yusuf Al-Siddiq Hospital in Al-Fayoum Governorate.

The Ministry implemented an initiative to eliminate bilharzia, with the aim of applying for Egypt's bilharzia-free certification to the WHO in 2025. The initiative included a field survey that screened approximately 14.4 million citizens, covering both Egyptian citizens and refugees. All positive cases were treated, and 12 million individuals were tested for intestinal parasites, with around 1 million positive cases treated free of charge.

The Ministry also conducted a field survey for trachoma in seven governorates, targeting all age groups, particularly children aged 1 to 9 in rural and border areas, providing treatment to those affected, and referring some for eye surgeries at ophthalmic hospitals.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "The quality of health facilities and

services is improved" and "Increasing the number of doctors and nursing staff working in the public health system";

General Authority The for Healthcare Accreditation Regulation (GAHAR) accredited 350 healthcare facilities in the first quarter of 2024. This included 84 private sector facilities and 202 primary healthcare units across 18 governorates. GAHAR conducted 135 field visits for monitoring accredited facilities and an additional 750 administrative oversight visits, along with 951 visits for measuring customer satisfaction. Furthermore, 41,455 healthcare professionals were registered in the Authority's system to ensure compliance with highquality service standards and the availability of specialized medical personnel.

The Ministry of Health and Population organized 700 diverse training courses targeting healthcare providers, including doctors, nurses, community health workers, and administrative and technical staff. These courses focused on quality service standards, with 38 specific courses designed for health and safety officers in healthcare facilities and departments, attended by 933 doctors and health inspectors across 19 governorates.

To enhance safety procedures in healthcare and industrial facilities, the Ministry implemented 20 training courses at the directorate and facility level, attended by 482 doctors and health inspectors in 10 governorates.

The Ministry continued to implement the national infection control program across all hospitals affiliated with the Ministry of Health and primary healthcare units nationwide. The national digital program for tracking healthcareacquired infections was applied in 33 hospitals, and the national plan to combat antimicrobial resistance was implemented in 45 hospitals across the country. The number of participating hospitals is expected to increase to 80 by the end of 2024 as part of the ongoing program.

The General Secretariat for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment conducted three training courses aimed at enhancing the skills of 84 staff members, with the goal of improving the quality of services in several psychiatric hospitals and addiction treatment centers. The Secretariat also began the process of applying for local accreditation from the General Authority for Accreditation and Regulation (GAHAR) for five hospitals: Misr El-Gedida Psychiatric Hospital (near the airport), Al-Maamoura Psychiatric Hospital, Al-Azzazi Psychiatric Hospital in Sharqia, Port Said Psychiatric Hospital, and Sohag Psychiatric Hospital.

By the end of 2023, the number of doctors in the public healthcare system reached 105,600, while the number of nursing staff totaled 217,949.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The universal health insurance system is applied in all governorates, as per planned six phases, and 100 percent of citizens are covered by the year 2030";

The budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year allocated EGP 2.4 billion to support the comprehensive health insurance system for the most in need, in addition to EGP 200 million to support health insurance for pensioners.

The Government continues to improve the comprehensive health insurance system, with the Prime Minister's decision No. 4586 of 2023 defining the criteria for identifying most in need and the regulations for exempting them from the system's financial burdens.

The General Authority for Healthcare continued its efforts to implement the comprehensive health insurance system according to the timeline. The statistics for healthcare coverage in the first-phase governorates (Port Said, Luxor, Ismailia, Aswan, Suez, and South Sinai) are as follows: 5,431,188 beneficiaries, 311 healthcare facilities, 280 family medicine centers and units, 31 hospitals, 1,909 inpatient beds, 811 intensive care unit beds, 804 dialysis machines, and 358 neonatal incubators. Over 15 million medical and therapeutic services were provided through 156 medical facilities affiliated with the authority, including 7.8 million family medicine services through specialized units, and 223,000 surgeries were performed in Port Said, Luxor, and Ismailia.

The Authority also launched the Reference initiative, aimed at standardizing clinical

protocols for diagnosis and treatment in authority-affiliated hospitals in governorates where the comprehensive health insurance system is applied. More than 450 clinical protocols have been prepared across 28 clinical departments for common and serious diseases, and over 94% of department heads and doctors have been trained on the standardized clinical protocols. Training rates reached 100% in ENT departments, 99% in nephrology and urology departments, and 98.5% in neurology departments. Future phases of the Reference initiative will include integrating clinical protocols with the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), with ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure high clinical standards and service quality.

As part of the Safety in Every Step initiative, 120 medical staff and 116 factory workers were trained on the burn care program in Port Said Governorate.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population and the General Authority for Healthcare, provided approximately 267,000 healthcare services to beneficiaries of the Takaful program across the first-phase governorates of the comprehensive health insurance system by the end of June 2024.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Faster medical services delivery is provided to patients who are provided with state-funded medical treatment";

The allocations in the State's general budget for the treatment at the state's expense initiative increased, amounting to EGP 6.516 billion in the fiscal year 2020/2021, and then rose to EGP 8.516 billion in the 2024/2025 budget.

Since the beginning of the 100 Days of Health campaign in July 2023 until August 2024, the specialized medical councils issued 2,435,900 decisions for treatment at the State's expense, and 383,400 operations were performed as part of the initiative to eliminate waiting lists.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The level of awareness of the importance of maintaining public health and preventing the

## spread of some practices harmful to the health is raised";

The Ministry of Health and Population launched 40 healthcare guides covering various diseases during the celebration of the launch of the Egyptian healthcare guidelines and nursing ethics, in cooperation with the Egyptian Health Council and the World Health Organization (WHO). These guidelines aim to apply human rights principles in the healthcare sector, provide comprehensive healthcare services to all citizens, and raise public awareness of their health-related rights, giving them the necessary information as healthcare recipients.

The Ministry organized 41,497 awarenessraising sessions across all governorates to educate citizens on the dangers of smoking and the benefits of quitting. These sessions took place in various healthcare facilities, universities, clubs, and youth centers, and addressed the risks of modern smoking methods (heated tobacco and e-cigarettes). The Ministry's hotline received 10,674 calls from smokers seeking help to quit. The Fund for Combating and Treating Addiction launched the Our Children, Our Heroes - You Are the Hero program, which raises awareness among children in early childhood about the dangers of addiction and its physical, psychological, and social impacts. The program includes activities across Egyptian governorates, schools, youth centers, and clubs.

The Fund also expanded its treatment centers for voluntary addiction-related hospitalization, with 63,572 beneficiaries across 19 governorates in the first half of 2024.

Additionally, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in collaboration with the General Secretariat for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment, launched the initiative You Can Quit aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of smoking and drugs. This initiative benefited 10,000 individuals across the country. The Ministry also implemented the My Fitness, My Skill program in cooperation with UNICEF, aimed at promoting public health and raising awareness about the importance of sports and physical activity. Approximately 500 people across the country

participated in this program. Furthermore, the Ministry continued to organize the weekly I Choose My Health sports camp, benefiting 500 individuals from all governorates.

The National Council for Women dispatched several medical convoys, providing specialized services in different medical fields to more than 9,600 beneficiaries nationwide. These convoys also included mammogram devices for early cancer detection, safeguarding citizens' health. The Council carried out activities to raise awareness about reproductive health, benefiting around 16,000 women nationwide, and Its efforts continued through the implementation of family counseling and balanced upbringing awareness program, covering topics such as proper nutrition for women and children and its importance in disease prevention. Approximately 57,000 participants across Egypt benefited from this program.

As part of A New Beginning for Human Development initiative, door-to-door campaigns were conducted to raise awareness of addiction and substance abuse risks, targeting 20,504 young men and women since the initiative's launch until mid-October 2024.

## In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The 100 Million Healthy Lives Initiative is completed";

The 100 Days of Health campaign, a comprehensive national initiative, was launched to expand public health services intensively. It involved 500 medical convoys, 5,000 primary care units, and 700 hospitals. The first phase of the campaign began on June 25, 2023, and lasted 200 days, ending on January 11, 2024. The second phase began on July 31, 2024, and is set to continue for 100 days. The campaign successfully provided more than 60 million healthcare services over 200 days.

New services were added in the second phase to enhance citizens' equitable access to healthcare services and improve the quality of services. The campaign also provided services from the Presidential health initiatives for both Egyptians and non-Egyptians through healthcare units, hospitals, mobile medical convoys, and teams in key locations and gathering areas, with home visits available for elderly patients and those unable to move.

In the first phase, 1.6 million services were provided under the Presidential initiative for women's health First Visit, alongside 4.8 million services provided under the initiative Regular Visits, and 5.2 million services under the Presidential Initiative for Screening and Treating Chronic Diseases and Early Detection of Kidney Disease.

Moreover, 2.8 million questionnaires were completed as part of the Presidential Initiative for Early Detection and Treatment of Cancer (Prostate - Colon - Lung - Cervical). The medical convoys received 1.7 million citizens, and 12.7 million children were vaccinated with routine vaccinations. Furthermore, 951,700 services were delivered under the Presidential Initiative for Early Detection and Treatment of Hearing Impairment in Newborns.

Additionally, 843,800 services were provided under the Presidential Initiative for Pre-Marital Medical Tests, 483,100 services in the field of mental health, and 437,200 services under the

Presidential Initiative for Maternal and Child Health. Family planning clinics provided 13.1 million services to women, and rural healthcare workers made 13.2 million home visits.

Since the launch of the second phase of the campaign until August 31, 2024, more than 49 million healthcare services were delivered, including 19.2 million services through the primary care and family planning sector, 10.9 million services through the therapeutic care sector, and 3.2 million services under the Presidential health initiatives.

The preventive medicine sector delivered 1.9 million services, while the specialized medical centers secretariat provided 2.5 million services. The General Organization for Teaching Hospitals and Institutes delivered 1.2 million services, and the Mental Health Initiative reached 1.7 million citizens. Egypt Healthcare Authority provided 5.6 million services through its hospitals and clinics.

The Egyptian Ambulance Organization delivered 149,600 services, and the Health Foundation Hospitals provided 321,200 services. Public health awareness-raising and education services reached around 2.1 million citizens.









## In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Mental illness awareness campaigns are carried out":

In October 2023, the Ministry of Health and Population inaugurated mental health counseling offices in all primary healthcare centers and units nationwide. This was done in cooperation with the General Secretariat for Mental Health and the sectors to which these centers and units are affiliated (General Healthcare Authority and primary healthcare sector).

Additionally, 155 medical staff members (doctors) working in the comprehensive health insurance system in the first-phase governorates were trained on the Bridging the Gap of Mental Healthcare program at primary healthcare units. Furthermore, 498 nursing staff members were trained on mental healthcare services guidelines for different age groups, and around 50 medical teams from eight hospitals affiliated with the General Secretariat for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment were trained on the program to supervise the work of mental health counseling offices.

In cooperation with the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, the Ministry was successful in capacity building of 85 doctors, nurses, social workers, and psychologists working in social care homes to better address children's social, psychological, and legal needs.

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in collaboration with the National Council for Human Rights, organized two roundtable discussions to propose a national program supporting the mental health of children and adolescents, involving 79 participants from government entities, international organizations, and local civil society institutions.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result: "A mental illness electronic platform is developed";

Since its launch in March 2022, Egypt's National Online Platform for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment has provided free public mental healthcare services and addiction treatment for all residents of Egypt, without discrimination and across all age groups. The platform is the

first of its kind in the Eastern Mediterranean region and is managed by a team of experts from the Ministry of Health and Population, along with psychological therapists and international experts in the field of psychiatry and addiction treatment.

Since the platform's launch, the number of users has reached 93,223, and 8,659 virtual therapy sessions have been conducted. 21,754 psychological evaluations were completed through the platform. User statistics reveal that 31% of the users were women, compared to 69% men, while 18% of users were married and 82% were unmarried. The platform also showed that 63% of the users were unemployed, compared to 37% who were employed. Most users of the platform were aged between 15 and 20 years, distributed across Egypt.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "The sustainable management of natural resources and assets is enhanced", "More environment preservation awareness campaigns are conducted" and "Proper waste management system is developed; including safe disposal of hazardous waste; and the private sector is more engaged into solid waste collection and recycling";

The Ministry of Environment continued its efforts to monitor environmental noise levels. Forty monitoring stations were installed across the country to evaluate noise levels and prepare the necessary environmental indicators. A database was created to assess noise levels in residential and tourist areas, and these measurements will contribute to the national noise reduction plan. By the end of 2023, the Ministry of Environment announced that 95 industrial facilities were connected to the National Network for Monitoring Industrial Emissions, with 477 monitoring points. These facilities include key sectors such as cement production, fertilizer manufacturing, power generation, and iron and steel production.

To reduce air pollution, the number of stations in the National Network for Monitoring Ambient Air Quality reached 121 stations nationwide. These stations aim to improve air quality, public health, and the environment by providing accurate data for decision-makers to implement necessary measures, which will enhance economic conditions.

In line with the Ministry's focus on capacity building, several training sessions were conducted for staff at the Ministry and the Environmental **Affairs** Agency. These sessions covered sustainable production and consumption, the integration of economic and social dimensions in environmental work, and public awareness. The Ministry also signed a cooperation protocol with the Egyptian Journalists' Syndicate to promote environmental awareness through newspapers and websites. The protocol aims to enhance the skills of young journalists in covering environmental issues.

The Supreme Council of Culture organized a series of seminars from February to June 2024 on climate change, environmental management, and environmental education in school curricula. The Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises Development Agency also implemented 44,400 household visits through environmental educators and held 26 environmental awareness-raising seminars with the participation of 1,505 people.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports launched the Tahia Misr (long live Egypt) Pioneers initiative in cooperation with civil society organizations to raise youth awareness about the dangers of electronic waste and the safe handling of such waste. The initiative conducted 105 seminars, benefiting 5,100 people across various governorates.

As part of the Youth Saving Earth initiative, launched in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, 57 seminars were held, benefiting 2,850 youth across Egypt. The initiative aimed to raise environmental awareness and educate citizens, particularly the youth, in youth centers across the country to achieve development and stability and promote the importance of preserving the environment and the climate. Additionally, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water

Resources and Irrigation, launched the Save Water initiative. This initiative focused on raising awareness about water conservation and educating citizens, especially the youth, on the importance of preserving the Nile River and reducing water consumption. 66 seminars were held across Egypt, benefiting 3,300 male and female participants.

The Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises Development Agency removed 1,696 tons of waste from streets and supported 1,070 households in waste collection efforts.

#### **Second: Right to Education**

The total allocations for pre-university and higher education, as well as scientific research in the 2024/2025 State budget, amounted to EGP 998.1 billion. This sum was divided into EGP 565.2 billion for pre-university education, EGP 293.1 billion for higher education, and EGP 140.1 billion for scientific research. The economic and social development plan for 2024/2025 targets investments of around EGP 111.6 billion in the field of education, compared to approximately EGP 94.2 billion for 2023/2024.

## In implementation of the Strategy target result "Reducing the illiteracy rate";

In 2024, Egypt won the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, awarded to Mansoura University in partnership with the Egyptian Adult Education Authority. The Authority collaborated with UNESCO's Cairo Office to train some of its personnel on the global curriculum for adult education as a foundation for training trainers and educators on modern teaching methods. Additionally, the Authority worked with Save the Children to open literacy classes for citizens and develop a specialized intergenerational learning curriculum, which was implemented in several governorates.

During the fiscal year 2023/2024, the efforts of the Egyptian Adult Education Authority and various governmental and non-governmental bodies led to the literacy of 770,118 citizens, 41.5% of whom were men and 58.5% were women. The illiteracy rate in Egypt decreased by 1.4% compared to 2022, reaching 16.1% in 2023. The Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises Development Agency trained 23 teachers and supervisors and opened 280 literacy classes, which enrolled 2,765 individuals. The National Population Council also opened 1,155 literacy classes at women's clubs across the governorates. As part of A New Beginning for Human Development initiative, which aims to support literacy efforts, 750 cultural events, including seminars, lectures, workshops, and theatrical performances, were held, benefiting around 75,000 citizens. Additionally, 53 literacy classes were opened, benefiting 1,590 citizens by mid-October 2024.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Higher enrollment rates and lower dropout rates are achieved, and the educational gap is narrowed between children in urban and rural areas";

In the 2023/2024 academic year, the total number of students enrolled in public and private schools reached 25,494,232. The number of foreign students, including refugees, receiving free educational services in Egypt's public schools reached 42,490, with 25 of them receiving Ministry of Education scholarships for the same year. The dropout rate from primary education was 3.4% for boys and 2.3% for girls.

To combat illiteracy and reduce school dropouts, the Ministry of Education and Technical Education continued establishing community schools in the disadvantaged areas. In collaboration with Misr El Kheir, 200 community schools were established under the Decent Life initiative, bringing the total number of community schools to 4,881, with an enrollment of 139,771 students, supported by 10,000 facilitators across the country.

In April 2024, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood signed a cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education to rehabilitate, upgrade, and equip community schools in North Sinai, South Sinai, and Ismailia to reduce school dropouts.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity implemented the Equal Educational Opportunities program to protect children from dropping out of school. This program aims to provide financial and moral support to the most vulnerable families and to ensure that their children continue their education. The Ministry's key efforts in this area include providing financial assistance to students benefiting from the program to cover their school expenses, including school fees, textbooks, and supplies. The Ministry supports approximately 480,000 students across various educational levels by offering social assistance their families, preventing them from pushing their children into the labor market. Additionally, it supports families in creating a suitable educational environment for their children by improving school infrastructure and providing social and psychological services for the children.

The Ministry also encourages families to enroll their children in schools through awareness campaigns, which led to an increase in enrollment rates in basic education among children benefiting from the program, from 83% in 2015 to 94% in 2023. The dropout rate among children in the program dropped from 12% in 2015 to 3% in 2023.

The total cost of the Equal Health and Educational Opportunities Program from the fiscal year 2020/2021 until 2023/2024 was approximately 853 million and 765 thousand Egyptian pounds nationwide. The Ministry exempted five million students who were unable to pay school fees, whether through the Takaful program or the Equal Educational Opportunities program, at a total cost of 882 million Egyptian pounds.

Through the "Takaful and Karama" program, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education and the World Bank, the Ministry provided support to program beneficiaries on the condition that their children remain in school and do not drop out. Cash assistance is suspended for families with schoolage children who are not enrolled in school or

who drop out without a valid excuse, with a required attendance rate of no less than 80%. The Ministry also provides financial and moral support to families benefiting from the Takaful and Karama program to ensure that their children continue their education. As a result, the enrollment rate in basic education among children benefiting from the program increased from 76% in 2015 to 92% in 2023, while the dropout rate fell from 10% in 2015 to 2% in 2023. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, the Ministry conducted a survey of children in various social care institutions across the country who had dropped out of school, and took measures to re-enroll them in the appropriate educational levels.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "More schools are established for all levels throughout Egypt and the technological infrastructure is improved";

35.5 billion EGP was allocated from the 2024/2025 budget to expand classroom and religious institute construction in pre-university education.

By the 2023/2024 academic year, there were 550,000 classrooms across 29,698 school buildings. Between 2014 and 2024, the State built 129,155 new classrooms, of which 38,836 were in the underprivileged villages and the villages included in the presidential initiative Decent Life.

In the fiscal year 2023/2024, the number of classrooms constructed and delivered reached 7,475, and 462 school building projects were completed. Additionally, 1,355 school renovation and infrastructure upgrade projects were implemented.

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education expanded the establishment and development of Egyptian-Japanese schools, bringing the total number to 55 schools in 26 governorates, with four new schools opening for the 2024/2025 academic year, enrolling about 16,000 students.

The Ministry equipped 27,439 developed

classrooms in 3,260 schools and upgraded the technological infrastructure in 2,474 newly established secondary schools. Moreover, the Ministry electronically equipped 2,530 schools, provided educational channels and platforms, teacher training platforms, and digital content on the Ministry's platform. Through Decent Life initiative, 1,131 projects were completed, providing 15,334 classrooms, including 1,301 schools that underwent development and infrastructure upgrades.

The economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 allocated EGP 35.5 billion for expanding classrooms and religious institutes in pre-university education.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "The need to enhance efforts towards teachers' training and to address the low teacher-to-student rate" and "The need to improve the higher education quality in line with global standards":

The number of teachers in the 2023/2024 academic year reached 834,490. The Government continued its efforts to address the shortage of teachers by implementing the Presidential initiative to appoint 30,000 teachers annually. The process of formalizing the status of education specialists (teaching specialists) holding higher qualifications continued, educational funding provided for hiring 50,000 teachers to teach core subjects on a part-time basis, with the payment per teaching session increased to EGP 50. In addition, the government recruited graduates doing national service to work in schools, and reappointed education workers who obtained higher educational qualifications during their service. In the 2023/2024 fiscal year, 16,045 new assistant teachers began their roles. Law No. 15 of 2024 was issued to regulate extending the service of Ministry of Education employees and Al-Azhar teachers beyond retirement age. The law also increased teachers' allowances and granted monthly performance bonuses and additional compensation for exam supervision for all Ministry of Education and Al-Azhar employees.

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education signed a cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to offer a professional diploma in educational leadership and national security for selected cadres in the Presidential initiative (1,000 school principals from young teachers). This initiative emphasizes the importance of developing human resources, especially young leaders, and providing them with various training programs and courses.

The Ministry also launched a public dialogue to update its strategic plan for 2024-2029, aiming to provide equitable education for all, improve the quality of education, and establish an efficient, fair, and sustainable institutional system.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The technical education and vocational training system is improved and education is linked to the labor market requirements";

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education opened admissions for 11 new applied technology schools with various specializations for the 2024/2025 academic year. The Ministry approved 100 frameworks for these school programs, and work is underway on developing 20 more frameworks for new specializations. In vocational schools (industrial, commercial, and hospitality), the competency-based education methodology was applied in 20 industrial schools and 18 agricultural schools, with reformed curricula implemented in 581 schools. The Ministry also signed a cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Labor to establish technical schools in 37 vocational training centers across 24 governorates.

Furthermore, the Ministry signed five cooperation protocols with the Federation of Egyptian Industries to establish five applied technology schools: the National Bank of Egypt School of Food Industries Technology, Bank Misr School for Pharmaceutical Technology, Bank Misr School for Woodworking and Furniture Industry Technology, Bank Misr School for Building Materials Technology, and the National Bank of Egypt School for Technology of

Industries.

The Ministry, in coordination with the Ministry Education and **Technical** Education, implemented a financing plan for the development of industrial and vocational schools to support entrepreneurship culture. Over 9,448 young men and women were trained in 49 professions through 479 training courses. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology continued implement the Digital Egypt Builders initiative, a free scholarship program aimed at enhancing the skills of talented students in IT from the first year of middle school to the second year of secondary school. The initiative is offered across all schools in Egypt to prepare an outstanding generation capable of meeting the future labor market's needs in communications and IT. 18.825 students were enrolled in the second batch of the initiative for the 2023/2024 academic year.

## In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Higher education is improved in line with international standards";

Egyptian universities' presence in the 2025 Times Higher Education World University Rankings increased compared to the previous year, with 35 Egyptian universities listed, up from 28 universities in the 2024 edition. Six Egyptian universities were listed for the first time in 2025. As part of the Government's focus on higher education, the number of Egyptian universities rose to 108, compared to 49 in 2014. These include 27 public universities (up from 23), 32 private universities (up from 23), 20 national universities, 10 technological universities, 9 foreign university branches, 6 universities with international agreements, 2 universities with special laws, and one academy supervised by the Ministry, in addition to institutes. These universities are distributed across Egypt's seven geographic regions, along with 11 research centers under the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

During the fiscal year 2023/2024, nine new technological universities, nine artificial intelligence colleges, eight postgraduate colleges and institutes affiliated with U.S. universities, and two research institutes were completed.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Creative thinking is encouraged, and the innovation culture is developed among youth and society";

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in collaboration with the Supreme Council for Media Regulation and UNICEF, organized an artistic and dramatic creativity camp for 24 children from Cairo, Beheira, Qena, and Aswan governorates.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in cooperation with the National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences and Helwan University, organized a series of scientific and technological meetings to promote innovation among youth and solve scientific and technological problems through their creative work. This initiative benefited 10,000 male and female participants. The Ministry, in collaboration with UNICEF, also launched Meshwary (my journey) program to invest in young people and enhance their life skills, encouraging their active contribution to community development, innovation, and knowledge culture, while reducing social and gender gaps. The program benefited around 600,000 participants across the governorates.

#### Third: Right to Work

The Ministry of Labor led a social dialogue to discuss the new labor law draft, attended by Government representatives, employers, workers, and a delegation from the International Labor Organization (ILO). The new draft law ensures a balance in labor relations, attracts investments, addresses the shortcomings of the current labor law, and accommodates the challenges and changes in the labor market. The draft law covers training, employment, wages, individual and collective labor relations, occupational health and safety, irregular employment, labor inspection, penalties, strikes, women's rights, the regulation of foreign work permits, and labor relations aimed at promoting job security and

investment while adhering to international labor standards.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Increasing new job opportunities by strengthening employment policies in different sectors";

The unemployment rate dropped from 13% in 2014 to 6.9% in 2023. During the second quarter of 2024, the unemployment rate fell further to 6.5%, with the Ministry of Labor contributing to this reduction by securing approximately 683,794 job opportunities through employment offices and private recruitment agencies, including 8,303 jobs for individuals with disabilities in private sector establishments. Additionally, about 769,628 job opportunities were provided abroad. The Ministry of Labor implemented 500 training courses for three professions in mobile training units, benefiting 5,000 young people in 80-targeted villages under the Decent Life initiative. The Ministry also developed 11 new mobile training units to be launched in the villages of Egypt as part of Your Profession is Your Future initiative, with the goal of preparing young people for professions needed by the labor market.

The Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises Development Agency injected EGP 5.5 billion in total financing, of which EGP 5.34 billion were loans to finance small and micro projects, supporting around 154,000 projects and creating approximately 272,000 job opportunities. As part of the Decent Life initiative, the Agency provided around EGP 3 billion in funding for 112,300 small and micro projects in targeted villages, creating about 193,000 job opportunities.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity continued to implement its micro-enterprise support program under the National **Family** Development Foundation. The program focuses on economically empowering marginalized individuals and families living in rural and remote areas affected by unemployment and low incomes. In the fiscal year 2023/2024, the program funded 7,676 projects, amounting to **EGP** 126,164,000.

The Ministry also empowered young people through affordable loans under the Forsa (opportunity) program, with over one million beneficiaries by the end of March 2024. The program's revolving fund had reached EGP 4.6 billion by that time.

In addition, the Ministry provided vocational training for individuals recovering from addiction, offering skills needed in the labor market. Through the addiction treatment fund, 4,800 individuals were trained during the second half of 2023 under the Therapy by Work program at addiction recovery centers across Egypt.

As part of A New Beginning for Human Development initiative, 20,752 medium, small, and micro projects were funded for young people and low-income families. The initiative also organized financial inclusion seminars, benefiting 4,422 participants since its launch in mid-October 2024.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "tangible progress is made to integrate the informal economy in the formal one and to develop an accurate database on irregular employment";

The Ministry of Labor has been assessing the needs of the Egyptian labor market, both domestically and internationally, identifying emerging professions, and working toward establishing 27 labor observatories, covering all labor directorates across the country. The Ministry is conducting labor market studies and producing reports aimed at integrating the informal sector into the formal economy, analyzing wages and working hours, and classifying sectors according to labor intensity to support decision-making processes.

The Ministry established a database of informal workers through surveys conducted in various locations, particularly national projects, and through labor and occupational health and safety inspections. Workers are registered and categorized based on their work type and location, allowing them to access the services provided by the Ministry, such as healthcare and social services. The database is continually

updated to ensure the inclusion of these workers. The Ministry also launched an electronic system for managing services for informal workers across the governorates, enabling companies to register their workforce electronically.

As of the period covered by the report, the total number of informal workers registered with the Ministry of Labor stood at 1,156,562, including 440,000 workers actively employed and eligible for various benefits. Regardless of registration status, informal workers are entitled to compensation of EGP 200,000 for their families in case of death. The total expenditure on social services for informal workers during the report period was approximately EGP 4 million.

In the first half of 2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in collaboration with civil society organizations, supported informal workers by providing fishing gear to 42,000 small fishermen, costing EGP 110 million. Additionally, compensation worth EGP 50 million was provided to 4,000 fishermen during fishing ban periods.

#### In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Enhancing the role of the private sector in realizing the right to work";

The Ministry of Labor continued to implement vocational training programs through its fixed and mobile training centers in labor directorates and through partnerships with major international companies to transfer global expertise to young people. The Ministry also supervised training programs run by licensed private sector companies.

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry held five employment forums in partnership with private sector companies, benefiting 4,500 young men and women. Additionally, a standardized human resources guide was distributed to private sector companies, outlining the rights and benefits that should be included in workplace regulations. The Ministry also granted licenses to new private sector companies to operate recruitment services both domestically and internationally.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "More efforts are exerted in vocational training for staff and employees and raising their awareness of their rights and duties";

In January 2024, the Ministry of Labor launched the Mehany (vocational) 2030 project in collaboration with private sector training centers. The project aims to develop the vocational training and qualification system, aligning it with global quality standards and market demands, both domestically and internationally. The project focuses on modernizing training methods, assessment tools, and job placement processes.

The Ministry conducted several career guidance programs through labor offices, helping young people identify available job opportunities that match their skills and qualifications, or directing them toward entrepreneurship and guiding them on obtaining appropriate funding from granting institutions.

The Ministry strengthened international and local partnerships with stakeholders interested in raising public awareness about occupational health and safety and creating safe working environments. These partnerships included awareness seminars conducted in hospitals, schools, universities, and other sectors. The Ministry also worked with the International Labor Organization (ILO) to organize workshops on decent work and labor standards, as well as workshops on violence and harassment in the workplace.

The Ministry regularly issued awareness bulletins on occupational health and safety in a simplified format to reach workers across different sectors. The Ministry also continued to raise awareness about occupational health and safety and securing the work environment.

Six training sessions were conducted for around 150 human resource managers in various companies to promote equal opportunities and gender equality in the workplace. These sessions emphasized fair hiring practices, ensuring a safe and inclusive work environment, and upholding workers' rights and duties.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Consolidating decent work standards, particularly in terms of safe and healthy working conditions, fair wages, mediation and arbitration mechanisms, and the resolution of collective work disputes in a manner that enhances workers' rights";

In implementation of the Presidential directives to provide a large, urgent package for social protection, the Cabinet issued Resolution No. 631 of 2024, amending the minimum wage for employees and workers at Government and public economic authorities. The minimum wage for employees in the first grade has been set at EGP 7,500 and at EGP 12,000 for the highest grade.

Furthermore, the National Wages Council issued Resolution No. 27 of 2024, raising the minimum wage in the private sector to EGP 6,000. Consequently, the Ministry of Labor issued Circular No. 10 of 2024, directing executive bodies in governorates to monitor compliance with the minimum wage.

The Ministry of Labor inspected establishments to ensure the implementation of the Labor Law and related decisions, as well as to verify the application of the concept of decent work across all sectors and for all workers. This aims to reduce workplace hazards and achieve sustainable development goals. During the period covered by the report, the Ministry inspected 53,164 establishments employing approximately 2.25 million workers. Additionally, the Ministry expanded the use of digitalized systems across all labor directorates for inspections and, is finalizing the computerization of all occupational safety and health offices.

Labor directorates carried out 19,157 measurements to monitor pollutants and emissions in workplaces, covering 13,873 establishments employing around 1.21 million workers. These efforts aim to mitigate and reduce workplace hazards and ensure a safe external environment free of pollutants or emissions from industrial waste, in cooperation with the Environmental Monitoring Center of the Ministry of Health and Population.

The Ministry held 1,754 seminars across various governorates to raise awareness of occupational safety and health, in collaboration with private and public companies. These seminars focused on the safety concept and decent work, ensuring workers' safety and health, and preventing accidents or injuries. A total of 25,823 participants attended these seminars.

Under Your Safety Matters initiative, the Ministry also held safety and health events with companies from different fields, implementing 43 activities that benefited 2,561 participants across the country. Additionally, 17 meetings were held with occupational health officials at health directorates to promote safety and health awareness in 14 governorates.

The Ministry also investigated complaints related to decent work standards in all sectors, addressing 13,455 complaints related to occupational safety, health violations, and workplace security.

A New Beginning for Human Development initiative contributed to establishing a culture of occupational safety and health for workers, by organizing 13 events to spread the culture of occupational safety and health, with the participation of 401 workers in various establishments in the public sector, from the beginning of the initiative until mid-October 2024.

## In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Legalizing domestic workers' status is considered";

The Legislative Committee of the Ministry of Labor has completed preparing a draft law on the rights of domestic workers and those in similar positions. This draft law aims to regulate their work and rights with respect to families and private employment offices, including training, employment, and providing them with free licenses to practice their profession. Constitutional and legal procedures are now being taken regarding the draft law.

#### Fourth: Right to Social Security

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "Gaps related to the coverage of target groups by social protection programs are identified and bridged" and "Takaful and Karama program is expanded to include families suffering from multidimensional poverty, while economically empowering families who are able to work to escape poverty";

The State continues its efforts to alleviate economic hardships arising from global tensions in various conflict zones, resulting in worsening food and energy crises and increasing debt burdens on low- and middle-income developing countries. To maintain a decent standard of living, the state allocated EGP 180 billion in March 2024 for urgent social protection measures, including a 15% pension increase benefiting 13 million citizens, at a total cost of EGP 74 billion. The tax exemption threshold for all employees in government and the private sector was also raised by 33%, from EGP 45,000 to EGP 60,000, with an annual total cost of EGP 5 billion.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity has expanded economic empowerment programs for poor families, benefiting 1.3 million families with economic empowerment projects funded by revolving capital of about EGP 5 billion from 2014 to 2024.

In the second half of 2023, Nasser Social Bank provided Begins with an Idea funding to support small and micro projects, helping entrepreneurs turn ideas into successful ventures, creating jobs for youth, supporting financial inclusion, and growing the national economy. These funds supported 185 projects nationwide at a total cost of about EGP 128.3 million.

In the second half of 2023, the Ministry of Social Solidarity delivered 21,099 projects to families in need, their capable children, and people with disabilities holding Takaful and Karama cards, at a total cost of EGP 449 million.

The Takaful and Karama program allocation for the fiscal year 2024/2025 is approximately EGP 40 billion, allowing monthly cash support for around 5.2 million low-income families, with a 15% increase in the financial categories granted to program beneficiaries. Since April 2023, this has resulted in a cumulative increase of nearly 40%.

Under A New Beginning for Building Humanity initiative, the Ministry distributed Takaful and Karama cash assistance cards to 67,733 beneficiaries from the start of the initiative until mid-October 2024.

#### In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Raising the awareness of beneficiaries of social protection programs of the benefits of family planning";

As part of the Reducing Population Growth project, executed in coordination with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Health and Population, the goal is to provide family planning and reproductive health services through door-to-door campaigns, mass media campaigns, infrastructure development, and staffing for family planning clinics in NGOs, especially in underserved areas. By June 2024, the project achieved over 9.3 million home visits, reaching 1.138 million families in 2,257 villages. Additionally, it held 4,500 seminars in partnership with 108 NGOs and set up 65 family planning clinics through community institutions, benefiting over 520,000 women. Recently, the project equipped additional 37 clinics, which are currently undergoing licensing to begin operating.

During the reporting period, the National Council for Women developed an intervention plan to raise awareness and educate the public about the population issue in Decent Life villages. In partnership with trained religious leaders, the council raised awareness among over 150,000 citizens through community gatherings, cultural evenings, and health awareness caravans.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "The social solidarity system and insurance and pension systems are developed to include all target groups";

The State aims to gradually eliminate low pension values, especially in light of rising

inflation, by annually increasing the minimum and maximum insurance contribution wages in line with inflation. Additionally, an annual pension increase is set, not to exceed 15% nor be lower than the inflation rate. Pension values were raised by 10% in 2014, totaling EGP 86.5 billion for 8.7 million beneficiaries. In 2024, pension values rose by 15%, reaching nearly EGP 430 billion for 11.2 million beneficiaries.

In the second half of 2023, the National Social Insurance Authority extended insurance coverage to certain targeted groups, including 2,307 irregular workers, 271 Egyptian workers abroad, 25,151 self-employed individuals, 785,404 public and private sector employees, and 2,500 community leaders, with plans to include tuk-tuk drivers.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Effective social protection policies are developed to provide urgent aid and assistance in cases of crises and emergencies";

In the first half of 2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Egyptian Red Crescent provided approximately EGP 450 million in humanitarian aid to Arab and African countries affected by crises and disasters. Additionally, the Ministry, alongside international organizations and partner NGOs, allocated EGP 1.651 billion in aid to support the people of Gaza.

The Ministry, in partnership with the Martyrs' Families and Victims Fund, provided financial compensation to the families of civilian victims of terrorist incidents, with a total of 1,374 martyrs and 2,509 injured individuals receiving EGP 370 million from 2018 to 2024. The Ministry is also working on improving support services for the families of January 25th Revolution martyrs and the injured by regularly updating and refining beneficiary databases.

Up to June 2024, the Ministry offered assistance to 240,000 families affected by individual and general crises, totaling approximately EGP 1 billion. Compensation amounts for victims of public disasters and terrorist attacks were increased from EGP 10,000 to EGP 200,000.

#### Fifth: Right to Food

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Strategic commodity reserve is increased" and "The bread system is developed in all governorates by improving the information infrastructure. To this end, accurate databases with audited data shall be created. Moreover, citizens' trust in the automated services shall be built, together with the improvement of the electronic bread system, and raising citizens' information awareness", and "strengthening the food subsidy card system and ensuring the sustainability of the flow of subsidized goods through expanding the organized distribution network for these goods";

The budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 allocated financial resources to support food commodities amounting to about 134 billion Egyptian pounds, of which 91 billion pounds are for bread subsidy and 36 billion pounds for food subsidy cards, benefiting 62 million and 200 thousand citizens. The Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade, in collaboration with the Ministries of Finance, Communications and Information Technology, and the Central Bank of Egypt, continued its efforts to harness information technology to refine the food and bread subsidy system through full automation of the system. This aims to achieve the greatest benefit for citizens and ensure that the subsidies reach those who truly need them.

The Ministry has been keen to maintain a safe strategic reserve of basic commodities, with an average supply period exceeding six months for the basket of essential strategic goods, primarily including wheat, sugar, oils, meat, and poultry. The Ministry has continued its plan to achieve food security and increase the strategic stock, particularly wheat, by diversifying the sources of wheat procurement. The General Authority for Supply Commodities now lists 22 approved Agricultural the Egyptian sources with Quarantine. Additionally, storage capacity for silos has increased from 3.4 million tons to 6 million tons, and there has been an expansion in the infrastructure for receiving and distributing grains via river transport and railway lines across 23 sites.

The Ministry also coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture to set pricing mechanisms for sugarcane and beet for sugar factories for the 2025 season, raising prices by 25% over last year's rates in support of Egyptian farmers and to encourage local production, thus achieving self-sufficiency in sugar.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Appropriate plans are adopted to increase local agricultural production, provide water to expand the agricultural land, develop innovations, scientific research and modern technology in agriculture, expand agroindustrial projects and raise farmers' awareness of the best agricultural practices";

The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (MSMEDA) provided a variety of services for the development and support of agricultural projects. These included 5,649 diverse technical support services for small agricultural projects in the areas of production, agricultural manufacturing, and food processing. The Authority also prepared and updated 36 advisory feasibility studies for small projects in agricultural production and manufacturing, and developed and implemented a training program with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) aimed at 25 trainees to promote and develop agricultural entrepreneurship ideas and innovations for small, feasible projects that address issues in Egypt's agricultural value chains and local community problems. Additionally, the Authority provided funding for agricultural and food projects totaling 465.6 million Egyptian pounds.

As part of achieving growth objectives for the agricultural sector, 350 new varieties and hybrids of strategic crops were developed, which are resistant to climatic conditions and have high productivity. Their cultivation led to significant increases in both productivity and total production. The initiative also raised farmers' awareness of the importance of modern varieties and hybrids and implemented new technical

recommendations to optimize productivity per unit of land.

Moreover, the first phase of the presidential initiative to plant 100 million trees was completed, and the agricultural area was expanded by more than four million acres. Notable projects included the Toshka El-Kheir project covering 1.1 million acres, the New Delta megaproject with 2.2 million acres, and the North and Central Sinai Development Project spanning 456,000 acres. Under the umbrella of the National Water Resources Plan (2017-2037), the New Delta Project, one of the major agricultural initiatives, was implemented. This project includes an agricultural wastewater treatment plant in the Hammam area on the North Coast, with a capacity of 7.5 million cubic meters of water per day. The goal of the project is to achieve food security in Egypt by reclaiming and cultivating 500,000 acres in the West Delta as part of the state's strategy to expand agricultural land nationwide, develop the Western Desert area, and create new agricultural and residential communities based on agricultural production and manufacturing.

The 2024/2025 Economic and Social Development Plan targets investments of around 179 billion Egyptian pounds for agriculture and irrigation activities, compared to approximately 97 billion pounds in investments for the 2023/2024 period, marking an increase of about 85%.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Stricter control is imposed on markets and more efforts are exerted to combat monopoly practices";

In December 2023, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 4585, forming a permanent technical secretariat for the committee responsible for studying mechanisms to regulate markets and commodity prices. This committee is tasked with regularly monitoring the availability of products, production, consumption, and imports, as well as developing a comprehensive system for monitoring pricing procedures and regulations. It also aims to establish indicators to ensure the stability of fair consumer prices and to digitize

all processes related to the trading and sale of goods through an updated system.

The Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade tasked the Holding Company for Food Industries with preparing a comprehensive study for the development of retail outlets, to improve the efficiency of services provided, enhance their competitive capacity, consolidate all outlets under a single brand, and offer partnerships with the private sector in management and operation. This is while maintaining the strategic role of these outlets in providing high-quality essential goods at competitive prices.

As part of the coordination between the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade, the Directorates of Supply and Internal Trade in the governorates, and the regulatory bodies, strict market oversight and price control measures were implemented. This resulted in the issuance of 406,394 violation reports from January to October 2024, as well as the seizure of 19,000 tons of various foodstuffs, most of which were of unknown origin or were products resulting from recycling.

The Ministry also issued Decision No. 171 of 2024, which set regulations and rules for the trading of certain strategic goods (such as oil, beans, rice, milk, sugar, pasta, and white cheese). The decision prohibited hoarding these goods, hiding them, not offering them for sale, or refusing to sell them in any form.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Legislation regulating local and imported food safety and quality is updated; quality standards and specifications for many of agricultural commodities are developed; and the National Food Safety Authority's role and capacities are enhanced";

The Egyptian Parliament is currently discussing a proposal put forward by the government to amend the law governing the National Food Safety Authority in order to enhance its powers. Additionally, efforts continue to renew the international accreditation of the Central Laboratory for Pesticide Residue Analysis in line with international standards for food safety laboratories. The Ministry is also updating the

database of food contaminants in agricultural products and processed foods.

## Sixth: Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "More drinking water is made available in terms of better safety and quality, and more water desalination plants are established" and "More underground water is produced, without prejudice to the aquifer's sustainability, being a nonrenewable resource";

As part of the implementation of the Economic and Social Development Plan for the fiscal year 2023/2024, 18 drinking water projects were completed with a capacity of 96,500 cubic meters per day in nine governorates. Additionally, ten wastewater projects in urban areas were completed with a capacity of 1.9 million cubic meters per day in eight governorates. Furthermore, 38 wastewater projects in rural areas were finalized across 12 governorates. The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (MSMEDA) extended drinking water lines to underserved areas, with a total length of approximately 780 km.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation has continued to expand projects for the reuse of treated agricultural wastewater to address the water deficit between available resources and needs in the freshwater sector. This includes the use of water across various sectors, with agriculture being the largest consumer, accounting for 27%. Among these projects is the improvement of the quality of water in the Kitchener Drain to reduce pollution in the surrounding areas and the Mediterranean Sea, as well as to improve the environmental and health conditions for the 2.4 million residents living in the vicinity of the drain.

The coverage of clean drinking water services reached 98% across the country, and expansion projects are underway, including the expansion of seawater desalination. It is expected that by 2050, desalinated water production will reach 10.5 million cubic meters per day. Groundwater

consumption currently stands at 2.7 million cubic meters per day, and it is expected to rise to 3.5 million cubic meters per day by 2037 with the completion of ongoing and proposed projects within the Decent Life initiative.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Reducing water waste and more awareness is achieved about the importance of rationalizing water consumption";

Within the framework of the National Water Resources Plan to help reduce water loss and increase citizens' awareness of the importance of rationalizing water consumption, the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation supported modern water-saving technologies, whether from the public or private sector, by presenting their experiences at the Sixth Cairo Water Week in November 2023, and spreading awareness of the importance of rationalizing water through awareness seminars in schools, places of worship, and others. The Ministry also increased farmers' awareness through the activities of the Central Administration for Water Guidance, in addition to the permanent campaigns by the financial media for farmers on the best agricultural practices, and organizing a national competition among farmers for the best pioneering and distinctive experiences to rationalize water consumption used in agriculture.

The Holding Company for Drinking Water and Wastewater launched a week-long campaign to rationalize water consumption with the participation of ministries, authorities and influential leaders, to raise public awareness among citizens and urge them to the importance of conserving and rationalizing water, produce media materials to raise awareness of rationalizing water consumption, and publish awareness materials via social media for a period of one hundred days, in addition to media coverage through websites.

The company has taken a set of measures to reduce losses in drinking water distribution networks, as loss reduction departments were established and activated in all 23 companies affiliated with them, and financial and technical support was provided through several intensive training courses for work teams, as well as leak detection devices that are being used through a survey plan for home connections and branch and main lines of water networks.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Infrastructure sanitation projects are developed and extended nationwide";

The coverage rate of sanitation services reached 65% of the total population, and several projects are being implemented to increase the service rate to reach 100% by 2030. Among these projects is the presidential initiative Decent Life, which aims to expand sanitation services in the countryside.

The State's investment plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 aims to direct public investments to develop safe drinking water and sanitation services at an amount of EGP 135 billion, and increase sanitation coverage in the countryside from 43% to 60% within the projects of the first phase of the Decent Life initiative, in addition to establishing and developing 471 drinking water stations, 1417 km of drinking water network, establishing and developing 248 sewage treatment plants, 101 pumping stations, and 3027 km of sanitation network.

#### Seventh: Right to Adequate Housing

National Committee for Disbursing Compensation the Nubian Victims to continued its work, headed by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Legal Affairs and Political Communication. The committee disbursed financial compensation to those entitled until July 2024, amounting to about 306 million and 195 thousand pounds, for 1,550 people entitled to compensation instead of housing units and arable lands, and reserved 1,200 housing units in the new cities in the governorates for those who did not receive housing compensation from those who had not previously been compensated from those affected by the construction and raising of the Aswan Dam and the construction of the High Dam from the people of Nubia.

The number of those who received in-kind and cash compensation until the third phase reached 4,021 people entitled to compensation, and there remain 546 people who have not received compensation from those entitled to compensation, 2,451 people are suspended due to failure to complete the documents, and 4,088 people have not submitted compensation applications.

Law No. 187 of 2023 on reconciliation in some building violations and legalizing their status was issued, and it included some facilitations and controls that would allow reconciliation on some violations that are prohibited from reconciliation, which led to nearly three million citizens submitting reconciliation requests at the level of all governorates of the Republic.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "More housing units are provided for all social categories", "Basic services and facilities are provided in housing communities and new cities, including educational and health services, roads and transport networks" and "Areas, which have never been covered by urban planning, are developed, including renewal of basic facilities networks";

The budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 included financial allocations to support the social housing program with about 11 billion and 900 million pounds, which represents what the state bears in support of low-income beneficiaries of this program, and this program aims to support 330 thousand housing units.

Over the past ten years, the state has been able to implement many projects to enhance the right to adequate housing, including the Housing for All Egyptians project, which aims to provide an apartment for every citizen, the Beit El Watan project, the Sakan Misr project, Dar Misr, the Fourth Generation Cities project, and other major projects. By June 2024, 661,000 housing units out of a total of one million units for low-income people had been completed within the presidential initiative Housing for All Egyptians. Through the Social Housing Program to support middle and above-average housing, about 684,000 social housing units had been completed, 602,000 of which had been allocated, and 316,000

units were being implemented, 186,000 of which will be delivered to citizens in 2025, in addition to 130,000 housing units in 2026.

In light of the state's efforts to improve the quality of life for about two million citizens living in 357 unsafe areas across the country, Egypt won the Arab Housing and Construction Ministers Council Award for the best implemented housing project for the year 2024, for the Rawdat Al-Sayeda project (formerly Tel Al-Aqareb), and the implementation of 260,000 housing units has been completed in the axis of alternative housing units for residents of the developed slums, and about 5,400 other units are being implemented, and until June 2024, at a financial cost of 810 million pounds, the Ministry of Social Solidarity has furnished and equipped 22,704 housing units in some developed areas.

During the fiscal year 2023/2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity contracted to purchase and furnish 1,673 housing units for children of care homes, and they were delivered to graduates of care institutions in a number of governorates, and the delivery of equipped housing units will continue to all children of care homes who meet the conditions.

Regarding utilities, services and road projects in new cities, 226 drinking water and sanitation projects have been implemented, some of which have been completed and work is underway on the rest, at a cost of more than 94 billion pounds, and 1516 service projects, covering all the services needed by residents of new cities, at a total cost of more than 17 billion and 200 million pounds, and 18,216 km of roads, 136 bridges, 20 car tunnels, and 42 pedestrian tunnels and bridges have been completed.

The New Urban Communities Authority has implemented 3689 buildings and service projects between health units, commercial markets, schools, and nurseries, and 389 service projects are being implemented in new cities and others. The economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 aims to allocate about 375 billion and 400 million pounds to the transportation sector, and direct investments worth 318 billion pounds to implement the strategy to deal with the factors causing the phenomenon of unplanned areas.









#### **Eighth: Cultural Rights**

The Ministry of Culture launched I am Digital project to adopt innovators and emerging talents in programming and artificial intelligence. The project aims to build the Egyptian child digitally, discover, study, support and nurture digitally creative children, and market their products. During the period covered by the report, the Ministry translated 1,366 books from and into Arabic and into other languages, in addition to publications and periodicals.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Cultural services are equally distributed nationwide, especially in remote, border and neediest areas", "More support is provided to cultural centers to enable them to perform their roles" and "More support is provided to non-governmental cultural activities, in a manner that enhances the preservation of cultural identity";

An amount of 1 billion and 630 million pounds was allocated from the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 to expand the availability of cultural service centers.

During the period covered by the report, the Academy of Arts at the Ministry of Culture implemented 428 activities and events for all age groups, including local and international festivals and forums, plays, film production, and awareness campaigns, in addition to heritage preservation activities, benefiting 18,836 people in various governorates.

The Egyptian General Book Authority implemented 671 events distributed between 116 electronic initiatives, 14 in the governorates, and 541 cultural events for women, children, and people with disabilities, benefiting about 23,200 people. The Authority also held 35 book fairs in a number of governorates and universities during 2023/2024.

In pursuit of cultural justice, the General Authority for Cultural Palaces organized 863 activities and events for residents of safe housing areas as an alternative to slums, benefiting 27,578 people in five governorates. Within You

Are Life initiative, the Authority, in cooperation with the Decent Life Foundation, implemented 619 cultural and artistic events in various governorates of the Republic, and the number of beneficiaries of these events reached 52,644 people. Within the Decent Life initiative, the Authority implemented 236 cultural and artistic events in four governorates, and the total number of beneficiaries of these events reached 26,200 people.

In order to increase support for civil cultural activity, the number of books donated by the Egyptian General Book Authority to support public and civil libraries, from 2023 to 2024, amounted to about 12,300 books, and the Supreme Council of Culture organized a roundtable entitled the role of civil organizations in achieving cultural justice.

The economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 aimed to allocate 1.63 billion pounds to expand the availability of cultural service centers.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Raising awareness about the importance of protecting intellectual property":

The Supreme Council of Culture held a series of seminars with the aim of enhancing awareness of the importance of intellectual property, including the role of intellectual property in achieving sustainable development goals, Egypt's rights to protect its civilization according to the Intellectual Property Law, as well as its relationship to protecting competition and preventing monopolistic practices.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Heritage crafts are protected, developed and further supported" and "Cultural industries are improved, and their funding mechanisms are enhanced";

To revive handicrafts and heritage in Egypt with the aim of opening new markets for these products, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency held the Our Heritage exhibition for the year 2023, which benefited 1,071 exhibitors from craftsmen,

women, civil society organizations and people with disabilities, in addition to the participation of the Our Heritage exhibition on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the African Development Bank Group, and the Handicrafts Exhibition at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates. Within the framework of the Ahl Misr (people of Egypt) project, the total number of cultural and artistic activities reached 437 activities, and the forums include artistic, plastic arts, crafts and cultural workshops, as well as a number of field visits and tours in addition to a number of meetings, educational lectures and theatrical artistic performances. 15 forums and cultural weeks were held for children, youth and girls in the border governorates with a total of 2356 beneficiaries.

The Supreme Council of Culture also held a number of events to enhance awareness of Egyptian heritage, including roundtables on youth and heritage in the era of globalization, discussion sessions on reproducing folklore, and training workshops on preparing heritage inventory lists and nomination files on the heritage lists in the Islamic world and world heritage.

#### Percentages of Implemented Measures Distributed Based on Rights

The number of measures monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights to achieve the target results of the second focus area amounted to 460 measures. The percentages of these measures were distributed as follows: 28.5% for the right to health, 16.5% for the right to education, 10% for the right to work, 13% for the right to social security, 12.8% for the right to food, 6.7% for the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, 8.3% for the right to adequate housing, and 4.2% for cultural rights.



Chart No. (7): Percentages of Implemented measures to Achieve the Target Results of the second focus area During the Third year

Prominent indicators for implementing the Target Results of the Second Focus Area, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, during the period of September 2023-August 2024

#### Right to Health

# 495 billion and 600 million pounds

Allocations for the Healthcare Sector in the fiscal year's budget of 2024/2025

# About 115 billion and 700 million pounds

Targeted by the investment plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025, for total investments in health services

#### 53 million 618 thousand 455 beneficiaries

Insured within health insurance

#### 905 thousand home visits

Carried out by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency to promote the right to health

#### 1909

Number of hospitals in the healthcare system

# 14 million and 400 thousand citizens, expatriates and refugees

Were tested for schistosomiasis

#### 12 million citizens

Were tested for intestinal parasites

#### 350 facilities

Were accredited by the General Authority for Healthcare Accreditation and Regulation during the first quarter of 2024

## 738 training courses

For doctors, nurses, female pioneers, technical and administrative cadres on the standard criteria for providing quality healthcare services

#### 105 thousand and 600

Doctors in the Government system until the end of 2023

#### 217 thousand and 949

Nursing staff in the Government system until the end of 2023

# 2 billion and 400 million pounds

Allocations for comprehensive healthcare insurance support for the most in need in the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025

## 5 million, 431 thousand, and 188 beneficiaries

From the comprehensive healthcare insurance system in the governorates of (Port Said, Luxor, Ismailia, Aswan, Suez, and South Sinai)

In October 2024, Egypt hosted the second edition of the Global Congress on Population, Health and Development (PHDC24), During the conference, the World Health Organization (WHO) certified Egypt malaria-free.

15 million medical and treatment services, 7 million and 800 thousand family medical services, and 223 thousand surgeries were carried out through the comprehensive healthcare insurance system in the governorates of Port Said, Luxor, and Ismailia

## 267 thousand healthcare services

For families benefiting from the Takaful program and to whom health conditions apply in the governorates of the comprehensive healthcare insurance system

# 8 billion and 516 million pounds

Appropriations included in the State's general budget for the Treatment at State

Expense initiative

In the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025

## 2 million 435 thousand 900

Treatment decisions at the State's expense

## 383 thousand and 400

Surgeries performed under the initiative to end waiting lists

#### 40 Guides

On various diseases to apply human rights principles in the field of healthcare

## About 41,500 seminars

To raise citizens' health awareness of the dangers of smoking and the benefits of quitting

# 63,572 beneficiaries

Voluntary admission services for addiction patients in 19 governorates

# 100 Days of Healthy Life campaign from June 2023 to October 2024

#### 6 million and 400 thousand medical services

Within the Presidential initiative to support women's health (initial and periodic visits)

#### 5 million and 200 thousand medical services

Within the Presidential initiative to examine and treat chronic diseases and early detection of kidney disease

#### 1.7 million citizens

Visitors to medical convoys

#### 12 million and 700 thousand children

Were screened for routine vaccinations

#### 951,700 medical services

Within the Presidential initiative early detection and treatment of hearing impairment and loss in newborns

#### 437,200 medical services

Within the Presidential initiative to care for maternal and fetal health

#### 13 million and 100 thousand women

Beneficiary of family planning clinics services

#### About 2 million and 183 thousand medical services

Presented by the Mental Health Support Initiative

#### 5 million and 600 thousand medical services

Provided by the hospitals and clinics of the General Authority for Health Insurance

### **Right to Education**

Financial allocations for education in the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025

#### 565 billion and 200 million pounds

For pre-university education, compared to 392 billion and 400 million pounds in the previous year

#### 293 billion and 100 million pounds

For higher and undergraduate education compared to 199 billion and 500 million pounds in the previous year

#### 140 billion and 100 million pounds

For scientific research, compared to 99 billion and 600 million pounds in the previous year

## About 111 billion and 600 million pounds

Education investments in the economic and social development plan for the year 2024/2025

### 770 thousand and 118 citizens

Whose illiteracy was eradicated during the fiscal year 2023/2024

#### 16.1% illiteracy rate in 2023

Down 1.4% year-on-year

1488

Literacy classes opened

# Pre-university education statistics during the academic year 2023/2024

## About 25 million and 494 thousand students

In public and private schools in Egypt

#### **42,490 students**

Foreigners - including refugees - benefit from free educational services in public schools

#### 7475 classes

Were created to bring the total number of classes to 550,000

# 462 school buildings

Were built to bring the total number of school buildings to 29,698

#### 1355 schools

Were maintained, developed and upgraded

#### 834 thousand 490

Number of teachers

Primary school dropout rates

2.3% Females 3.4% Males

## 4881 community schools

Accommodate 139,771 students

#### 5 million students

Were exempted from tuition fees from June 2020 until June 2024

# 35 Egyptian universities

Included in the Times
Higher Education World
University Rankings 2025
compared to 28 universities
in the 2024 edition

108 universities in 2024

Compared to 49 universities in 2014

## Right to Work

## 6.5% unemployment rate in 2024

Compared to 13% in 2014

# 683,794 young men and women

Were employed by the Ministry of Labor

## 8 billion and 500 million pounds

The financing value of 266,300 small and micro projects contributed to providing 465,000 job opportunities

## 4 billion and 600 million pounds

The value of loans provided by Forsa program to economically empower youth

#### 1,156,562 workers

Irregular workers registered in the Ministry of Labor database

## 4000 fishermen

Were compensated for the periods of fishing suspension

The minimum wage for employees in the State administrative apparatus and economic bodies increased from 4,000 pounds to 6,000 pounds. The minimum wage in the private sector increased from 3,000 pounds to 6,000 pounds

#### 53,164 establishments

Were inspected, and had about 2 million and 258 thousand workers

## 1754 seminars

To raise awareness of occupational safety and health in various governorates, and 25,823 participants participated in these seminars.

## Right to Social Security

# 180 billion pounds

Were directed to implement the largest urgent package of social protection measures

# 74 billion pounds

Increase in pensions to benefit 13 million citizens

# 5 billion pounds

For economic empowerment programs for poor families, 1.3 million families benefited from them during the period from 2014 to 2024

# 21,099 projects

Were delivered to the first families in need of care at a cost of 449 million pounds

# 40 billion pounds

Allocations in the fiscal year 2024/2025 for Takaful and Karama program pension, to benefit about 5 million and 200 thousand families

#### The value of pensions disbursed

in 2024
430 billion pounds
11 million and
200 thousand beneficiaries

in 2014
86 billion and
500 million pounds
700 thousand beneficiaries

# 9 million and 300 thousand home visits

For a total of 1,138,000 families in the context of implementing the Reducing Population Growth project

# 1 billion pounds

Compensation and assistance provided to 240,000 families affected by individual and general crises and disasters during the first half of 2024

# 1 billion and 651 million pounds

Aid from the Ministry of Social Solidarity, international organizations and partner civil society organizations was directed to the inhabitants of Gaza during the first half of 2024

### Right to Food

# 91 billion pounds

Financial allocations in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to support bread

# 36 billion pounds

Financial allocations in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to support ration cards, benefiting 62 million and 200 thousand citizens

About 179 billion pounds

5649 services

465 million and 600 thousand pounds

406,394 reports

Investments directed in the Economic and Social Development Plan for 2024/2025 to agriculture and irrigation activities

Various forms of technical support for small agricultural projects in the field of agricultural and food production and processing

Financing in the field of agricultural and food projects

The efforts of the concerned authorities in monitoring markets and controlling prices resulted in them

# Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation

18 drinking water projects were completed, with a capacity of 96,500 m3 per day.

ten urban sanitation projects were completed, with a capacity of 1,900,000 m3 per day

38 sanitation projects were completed, in rural areas

98%

Coverage rate of clean drinking water services at the country level

65%

Percentage of coverage with sanitation services to the total population

# 135 billion pounds

Investments directed in the Economic and Social Development Plan for the year 2024/2025 to develop safe drinking water and sanitation services

## Right to Adequate Housing

Efforts of the National Committee to Disburse Compensation to the Nubian Victims until July 2024

306 million and 195 thousand pounds

The value of financial compensation for 1550 beneficiaries

4021 eligible persons

who received in-kind and cash compensation

1200 housing units

Were reserved in the new cities for those who did not receive housing compensation from those who had not been previously compensated

Egypt won the Arab Housing and Construction Ministers Council Award for the best implemented housing project for the year 2024, for the Rawdat Al-Sayyida project (formerly Tel Al-Aqareb)

# 318 billion pounds

Directed investments in the economic and social development plan for the year 2024/2025 to implement the strategy to deal with the factors causing the phenomenon of unplanned areas

11 billion and 900 million pounds	Financial allocations in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to support the social housing program
661 thousand housing units	A total of one million units were implemented for low-income people within the Presidential initiative Housing for All Egyptians
684 thousand social housing units	Were implemented to support medium and above-average housing through the Social Housing Program
260 thousand housing units	Were implemented in the focus area of alternative housing units for residents of slums
810 million pounds	The cost of furnishing and equipping 22,704 housing units in some developed areas

## **Cultural Rights**

# 1366 books

Have been translated from and into Arabic and other languages

# 1 billion and 630 million pounds

Were allocated in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to expand the availability of cultural service centers

# 863 cultural activities and events

27,578 residents of safe housing areas as an alternative to slums in five governorates benefited from them

# 855 cultural and artistic events

78,844 residents of the villages of the Decent Life initiative benefited from it

# 35 book fairs

Were held during the years 2023/2024 in a number of governorates and universities

# 2356 beneficiaries

From 15 cultural forums and weeks for children, youth and girls in the border governorates

I wish in this third millennium, which has only just begun, no child on our shared planet, regardless of gender or language or religion, shall be abandoned to hunger or ignorance, or turned away from the feast. This child carries within him the future of our human race.

#### Jean-Marie Le Clézio

a French novelist who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2008



Third Focus Area
Human Rights of Women, Children, Persons
with Disabilities, Youth and the Elderly



#### First: Women's Rights

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Policies are developed to combat all negative cultural legacies which consolidate discrimination against women" and "Genderbased planning is enhanced in order to facilitate women's empowerment";

The National Council for Women launched several media awareness campaigns on women's rights using audio and visual media and publishing on social media sites, where the number of views of these campaigns reached 103 million during 2023.

The Council continued to work on implementing the National Action Plan to Eliminate Genital Mutilation (2022-2026), including specific priorities that enable actors to achieve the desired progress to address negative cultural legacies in line with global frameworks by continuing door-to-door campaigns. Workshops were also held targeting 1,941 religious leaders from imams affiliated with the Ministry of Endowments and priests from the Egyptian Orthodox Church, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The Ministry of Finance launched the procedural guide for program budgets that respond to equal opportunities and gender equality, which was prepared in cooperation with the National Council for Women and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality (UNWOMEN). The Council implemented a Training of Trainers (TOT) on the guide to supporting the gender equality perspective, women's empowerment, and equal opportunities in programs and the strategic planning process, targeting 37 male and female employees of the National Planning Institute of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, with the aim of providing them with practical knowledge and tools to mainstream and apply the gender equality and women's empowerment perspective in the Institute's strategic planning.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "Collection of data related to women

is expanded nationally and locally to identify gaps impeding women's empowerment";

The National Council for Women, in coordination with the Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research (Baseera), held 6 training courses that benefited 33 people from the Council's General Secretariat employees and representatives of ministries, to enhance capacities in the field of providing data classified according to the roles of women and men, analyzing it and preparing policy papers, and how to use computer programs and applications.

#### **Women Political Empowerment:**

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Women's political participation is enhanced" and "Efforts to issue IDs for women across Egypt are continued";

As part of the Council's efforts to enhance women's participation in leadership and political positions, the activities of the National Program for Women in Leadership concluded to enhance women's performance and their assumption of leadership positions, and support the concept of leadership that takes into account gender equality and women's empowerment, which targeted 300 trainees.

The Council also continued to implement the Your Card, Your Rights project in partnership with the Ministry of Endowments, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN) and the European Union (EU). The number of national ID cards issued from 2014 to June 2024 reached 1,326,514 cards for women across the country.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "More women are appointed in the State's administrative body and in decisionmaking positions, both in leading positions and within boards of public and private entities. Women's participation in planning and policy development is enhanced at all levels";

The number of women appointed to the diplomatic corps at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reached 293 women at various ranks, and in light of the state's policy of gender equality,

the number of new women holding the position of diplomatic attaché is equal to the number of males, with a total of 134 attachés. The number of leaders in the General Office of the Ministry of Social Solidarity also reached 51 leaders, 30 of whom are females and 21 are males. The Ministry of Justice also seconded and renewed the secondment of 7 women to the position of Chief Bailiff and Inspector in the Primary Courts across the country, in addition to appointing 18 women to the position of Sharia Notary.

The National Council for Women continued to implement the various stages of the Women Lead program, with the aim of enhancing women's capabilities to assume leadership positions and decision-making positions, for women working in the state's administrative apparatus and the judiciary, where a number of training programs and interactive workshops were implemented, targeting 405 women.

The Council launched the Guiding Women Leaders in the State Administrative Apparatus program, a training guide for career guidance was prepared to raise the skills of women at executive levels to assume senior positions, and two workshops were held on the training guide targeting 27 women.

The Council implemented a training course to qualify the second batch of women leaders in partnership with the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development within the National Program for Qualifying Women for Leadership, targeting 150 women who hold senior and middle management positions in 34 governmental, judicial and academic bodies in the country. The Council also qualified 50 distinguished

The Council also qualified 50 distinguished trainees from graduates of the National Program for Qualifying Women for Leadership to obtain the annual fellowship program of the Academy for Women's Empowerment, Inclusion and the Future of Work, which was implemented at the headquarters of the International Training Center in Turin, Italy.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Equal opportunity is achieved pertaining to the appointment of men and women in judicial positions";

The number of female judges in October 2024 reached 147 women in the regular judiciary, 17 women in the Public Prosecution, the number of female judges in the State Council reached 137 women, the number of female members in the Administrative Prosecution Authority reached 2365 women, and the number of female advisors in the State Lawsuits Authority reached 1289 women.

#### **Women Economic Empowerment:**

unemployment rate among women decreased in 2023, reaching 17.7% compared to 24.8% in 2014, and in 2023, 88 billion pounds were allocated to finance micro-projects for women, from which five million women benefited, and the cost of women's economic empowerment projects provided by the Ministry of Social Solidarity amounted to four billion and 100 million pounds, with a total of one million and 300 thousand beneficiaries. The state also allocated about three billion and 200 million pounds annually to support women with disabilities, with 435 thousand women.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Plans are developed to increase women's participation in the workforce, particularly in Upper Egypt" and "Encouraging transition from the informal economy to the formal economy, as well as encouraging work in non-traditional sectors and supporting women in medium, small and micro enterprises";

The Ministry of Labor, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population, the Ministry of Endowments, and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency, continued to implement the Support for Gender Integration project in order to empower women economically and enhance their participation in the labor market. During the reporting period, the project targeted 650 female breadwinners in all governorates of Egypt, especially in the countryside and Upper Egypt, to train them in the professions of semi-automatic carpet making, upholstery sewing, and hand embroidery. They were also educated and medically examined.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity expanded the establishment of working women service centers, which are service production centers that were established to reduce the burdens on women and help them provide practical solutions to reconcile their responsibilities as working women towards their work and family. By June 2024, 46 working women service centers were established in 25 governorates. The ministry will work until 2030 to expand the establishment of service centers and provide innovative services to support women in the field of work. The ministry launched a number of initiatives in Qena Governorate to help rural women combat high prices and contribute to their economic empowerment, benefiting 6,468 women.

The ministry, in coordination with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the International Pathfinder Foundation, trained 200 social pioneers on financial inclusion and gender-based violence within the Women's Economic and Social Empowerment Program.

The Ministry worked to expand economic empowerment programs for poor families, especially those supported by women. During the period from 2014 to 2024, 1.3 million (70% of whom were females) benefited from economic empowerment projects provided by (Nasser Bank - the General Organization for Solidarity and the National Foundation for Family Development) with a revolving capital of about five billion pounds.

The National Council for Women, in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Holding Company for Drinking Water and Sanitation, launched the second phase of the Women's Economic Empowerment Project in Fayoum Governorate, with the aim of building women's capacities and providing them with equal job opportunities, through specialized training courses and educational field visits, to enhance the commercial capacity of 200 women.

During the period from September 2023 to February 2024, the Council trained 532 women in the field of financial education on how to manage personal budgets; to achieve their goals and enable them to establish small and micro projects.

The Council also trained 3,625 women on programs to introduce the field of entrepreneurship within the national project for the development of the Egyptian family in various governorates of the Republic.

The Council continued its efforts to enhance women's economic empowerment and support the idea of savings and lending groups, digitization, and the use of modern technology through the Savings and Lending program, where 85 digital savings sessions were implemented on the Tahweesha application, and the number of beneficiaries of the application reached 160,532, and 60 financial facilitators were trained on the banking cycle, and 1,239 male and female trainers were trained on managing savings groups through training-of-trainers courses, bringing the total number of those trained to 5,782 male and female trainees since the launch of the program in 2021.

The Council trained 97,530 women in the field of entrepreneurship and how to start small projects, and the Council, in cooperation with Huawei, held a workshop to train 200 financial facilitators for the digital savings and lending project within the Women in Technology Initiative. The Council also held a workshop targeting 144 financial facilitators in the governorates of Beheira, Qalyubia, Luxor and Aswan, to introduce them to the Green Smart Projects Initiative.

Through the productive training units at the headquarters of the council's branches and local units in twenty governorates - including eight units in Upper Egypt governorates - 286 training workshops were held in the field of handicrafts within the Mashghal initiative, benefiting 6,039 women in the villages of the governorates covered by the National Project for the Development of the Egyptian Family and Cairo Governorate. The council also trained 123 women in the art of mastering handicrafts, within the Addha Wi Odood initiative to develop handicrafts.

In addition, Luxor University held Developing

Women's Capacities training, which it organized in cooperation with the In root for Development Foundation. The training aims to develop the skills of women in Luxor Governorate to enable them to develop their skills, and encourage them to exploit their skills and capabilities and engage in the labor markets, so that they become leaders in their communities and role models for Upper Egypt women.

During 2023, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency provided loans totaling 67,700 small and micro projects. Women benefited from the services provided by the agency at 29% for one-stop shop services, 30% for marketing services, 90% for industrial project development services, 73.5% for entrepreneurship program services, 54% for participation in internal exhibitions, 41% for external exhibitions, and 71% for training services for employment. In addition to providing more than 240,600 daily job opportunities for women in community and human development projects, infrastructure and training.

In light of the financing program Mastoura Loan, launched by Nasser Social Bank in 2019, with the aim of enabling Egyptian women to establish micro-projects to improve their income and raise their standard of living; interest-free loans amounting to about 604 million pounds have been provided since the launch of the program until June 2024.

In the context of the National Population Council's efforts to support women's economic empowerment, 2,659 exhibitions of women's club products were held during the convoys and campaigns implemented by the Council to open new markets for economic marketing of beneficiaries' products. The Council conducted training for about 228,000 women on some small crafts and handicrafts to empower them economically. The Council also held 22 workshops in ten governorates to teach women productive crafts suitable for the labor market. During the period covered by the report, women accounted for a balanced percentage with men in various projects implemented by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology;

As well as in institutional development projects and digital capacity development to support the transition to the new administrative capital, the number of beneficiaries reached 1,857 employees, representing 43.94%, and digital capacity development for 4,004 employees who did not move to the capital, representing 41.02%, and in digital institutional development projects to prepare Egypt's governorates to transform them into digital governorates, the number of beneficiaries reached about 1,595 employees, representing 56.12%, and within the framework of digital institutional development projects to support digital and financial inclusion for citizens, the number of beneficiaries reached 17,725 citizens, representing 43.61%.

Women had a share and an influential role in the ministry's digital institutional development projects by implementing the objectives of the national project to develop Egyptian rural villages Decent Life; The number of beneficiaries of digital education and digital skills development programs reached about 17,932 women in 20 governorates, representing 67.7%. Women in some influential social groups, especially digital knowledge cadres (55 facilitators from the National Council for Women), also contributed to implementing the Digital Decent Life initiative in the targeted villages after building their capacities and qualifying them digitally. The Ministry launched the Digital Decent Life -Our Story platform and application in May 2024 for residents of the targeted villages within Decent Life to reach a safe, productive and sustainable interactive digital community. The platform aims to enhance digital participation of citizens, especially women, and maximize economic empowerment opportunities for women and the most needy families. The Ministry seeks during the fiscal year 2024/2025 to complete the pilot model of the platform and application in some villages in Fayoum and Menoufia governorates, while evaluating the experience and studying the possibility of generalization in all Decent Life villages across the country.

In implementation of the Strategy target

result: "Laws protecting working women and ensuring their rights are enforced. Additional legislative reforms are introduced to enhance women's right to work, including unification of the maternity leaves in both public and private sectors, proposition of paid paternal leaves, and explicitly stipulating the prohibition of discrimination based on sex with regard to access to loans and funding, as well as facilitating procedures to take into account the special circumstances of the most needy and breadwinner women, and stipulating the principle of equal pay for work of equal value"; Law No. 186 of 2023 was issued, amending some provisions of Child Law No. 12 of 1996, which includes granting a foster mother a four-month paid childcare leave, if she sponsors a child under six months of age.

Work is underway between the Legislative Committee of the National Council for Women and the Human Rights, Women and Children Sector of the Ministry of Justice, to prepare an encyclopedia of the principles established by the Supreme Courts in Egypt regarding women's rights and freedoms and their judicial protection in light of the 2014 Constitution.

The Ministry of Labor issued the Gender-Responsive Inspection guide to guide labor

inspectors during the inspection process of establishments, in addition to holding a number of training workshops to train labor, safety and employment inspectors on the guide, concepts of gender equality and relevant international agreements.

The Ministry also held awareness seminars to spread awareness of the provisions of employing women in establishments in order to protect working women and raise awareness of their rights and duties and to introduce the provisions of Article (35) of the Labor Law regarding equal wages and awareness of Decisions No. (43, 44) regarding night work hours and the professions in which the ban on women working has been lifted. The total number of seminars reached 234, benefiting 3,172 women across the country.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "develop policies and procedures against harassment in workplace, and to integrate them into the Labor Law";

The Ministry of Labor issued a code of conduct for workers and establishments, and guidance instructions to reduce acts of violence and harassment in the world of work, and to educate male and female workers on how to obtain their rights and how to file a complaint in the event of









exposure to any acts of violence or harassment in all forms while they are at work in a way that guarantees them a safe and healthy work environment. The National Council for Women also implemented a seminar on ILO Convention No. 190 on Violence and Harassment in the World of Work.

#### **Social Empowerment of Women:**

In the context of the Ministry of Interior's celebration of International Women's Day, the ministry designated every Friday throughout March 2024 for medical check-ups for women at all police hospitals, providing free treatment. Additionally, a delegation from the Health Committee of the National Council for Women was received at the police hospital in Agouza to view the clinics and healthcare services offered to women. A celebration was also organized at the 10th of Ramadan Correction and Rehabilitation Center, with participation from delegations of the National Councils for Human Rights, Childhood and Motherhood, and Women. During the event, symbolic gifts were distributed to a number of female inmates with their children.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Efforts to expand women's alphabetical, digital and technological literacy are enhanced";

The National Council for Women held 38 awareness seminars in some governorates on the importance of girls' education, benefiting 2191 women.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "More reproductive health and family planning services are provided" and "Health workers' capacities are developed to provide high quality maternal and childhood care services";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, through the 2 are Enough project, implemented nine million and 300 thousand family awareness visits to limit population growth among families benefiting from the Takaful program.

The Ministry of Health and Population continued

to raise public awareness of the impact of family planning by promoting reproductive health convoys and Your Right to Plan family planning campaigns, where many convoys and campaigns were implemented in various governorates. During the period covered by the report, the Ministry implemented seminars and public meetings to raise awareness of reproductive health issues and family planning methods, benefiting approximately 2,499,000 women and men. The Ministry also expanded the scope of providing family planning services in mobile clinics, focusing on the poorest areas and villages, and decent life villages, by implementing daily visits to mobile clinics with a total of 33,696 daily visits, 3,239 reproductive health convoys, and 87 service and awareness convoys to areas deprived of the service, with a total number of beneficiaries reaching approximately 705,000. The Ministry of Health and Population continued to train workers in primary care facilities on maternal and child care services, in order to develop and raise the efficiency of the services provided, as doctors are trained on maternal care services during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum, and the skills of 200 nurses are developed for postpartum visits, and 425 service providers are trained on physical measurements and monitoring development stages, and on how to provide correct advice to mothers regarding breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding for the child until the age of two, then correct feeding for the child until the age of five, as well as building the capacity of 75 service providers on how to detect early signs of danger in pregnant women.

In light of the National Population Council's support for the partnership with the Ready-Made Garments and Furniture Chamber of the Federation of Industries and the coordination of efforts, 36 awareness meetings were held for ready-made garments and furniture factories to raise awareness of reproductive health issues in a number of governorates, and 42 awareness and service convoys were implemented targeting workers in ready-made garments and furniture

factories in the investment zone in Alexandria Governorate and the industrial zone in 10th of Ramadan in Sharqia Governorate to raise awareness of reproductive health issues. The Council also organized 269 population convoys with the participation of civil society organizations and partner factories in which the percentage of working women in the governorates increases through mobile clinics. In light of the partnership between the Council and the Ministry of Endowments, a number of training courses were implemented for Islamic clerics on the impact of family planning on maternal and child health, as 1,700 imams and 17 media officials were trained in Giza Governorate.

# Protecting Women from All Forms of Violence and Harmful Practices:

Within the framework of the ongoing cooperation between the Ministry of Justice and the United Nations Regional Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the secured area designated for women victims of violence was opened in the East Alexandria Court, after it was technically equipped and provided with the necessary technical communication devices in accordance with the best international standards and requirements established to protect women's rights and combat violence against them. It is worth noting that the secured area designated for women victims of violence provides a safe space where the victim remains throughout the court hearing away from any negative influence resulting from her direct contact with the trial procedures or pressure from the opponents, in order to prevent any causes of secondary harm or shock. The secured area also works to provide the necessary safe space for prosecution witnesses to ensure that they are not exposed to any threat.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Effective implementation of policies to combat violence against women through raising awareness in order to benefit from programs targeting the elimination of all forms of violence against women. In this regard, policies will be developed to create an enabling environment for women who are victims of violence to report on perpetrators and benefit from protection services. More complaint offices will be set up in the National Council for Women and women's support offices to provide legal advice and services to support women particularly the neediest. The role of the Collective Unit to Protect Women from violence is activated";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity expanded the establishment of centers to host and guide women, with the aim of protecting women exposed to any form of violence, rehabilitating survivors of violence, and providing them with legal, health, and psychological support. The number of these centers has reached 11, and work is underway to open two centers in Damietta and Port Said governorates. The ministry, in coordination with the United Nations Women's Organization, has held two training workshops for providers of psychological and social support services at women's hosting and guidance centers on case management with the aim of providing better services to abused women, enhancing their ability to recover from violence, and improving their quality of life.

During the period covered by the report and withinthe Ministry's implementation of the Awareness for Community Development program and on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the International Human Rights Day, the Violence Begins with an Idea... With Awareness We Can Overcome It campaign was launched. The campaign achieved 37 million views on various social media sites, and three million families were reached through field awareness campaigns. The Ministry also launched the Female Genital Mutilation is a Crime campaign to raise awareness of the harms of female circumcision. In the context of the campaign, 33,000 awareness seminars were held, attended by 88,000 beneficiaries, in addition to 15 million beneficiaries of the campaign on social media platforms.

During the first half of 2024, the Ministry strengthened its efforts to raise awareness of Combating All Forms of Violence against Women

programs, as social pioneers implemented about three million and 382 visits, and 7070 seminars, benefiting about one million and 674 thousand beneficiaries, and the Ministry, in coordination with the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, trained a group of pioneers on domestic violence from a legal perspective.

The Complaints Office of the National Council for Women and its branches in the governorates continued to provide legal advice to those who complained about attacks on personal freedoms, and to refer these complaints to the office's volunteer lawyers to file lawsuits, which numbered 4,079 lawsuits during the period covered by the report.

The National Council for Women implemented a door-to-door campaign Protect Her from FGM to raise awareness of its dangers and the importance of eliminating this phenomenon. Two million and 600 thousand citizens from all governorates benefited from this campaign. The Council, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population, also held a virtual session on the legislative framework for crimes of violence against women and the law criminalizing female circumcision for 135 doctors and nurses from university hospitals and primary care units affiliated with the Ministry of Health and those in charge of managing safe women's units.

In light of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood and the National Council for Women's implementation of the campaigns and activities of the National Committee for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation, twenty awareness meetings were held for more than a thousand girls, boys, parents, religious men, and natural leaders in the governorates of Sharkia, Assiut, and Luxor, and four camps were implemented for children and four for adolescents, each camp lasting two days and including 35 children or adolescents according to their classification, in the governorates of Assiut and Luxor.

#### Second: Child's Rights

Law No. 182 of 2023 was issued regarding the reorganization of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, where its legal role was maximized and its mandate was expanded as an independent constitutional institution, and the council became the national mechanism concerned with children and mothers and the highest authority that proposes general policy in this regard.

In May 2024, Egypt discussed with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child its combined fifth and sixth periodic report on its efforts to implement the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. During the discussion, the state presented the most important national efforts made to implement the provisions of the Convention in the Egyptian reality, and the measures taken to update and develop legislation, institutions, policies and practices that enhance children's rights.

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood launched the National Strategy for Early Childhood Development and its implementation plan 2024-2029, which was prepared with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and in cooperation and coordination between all relevant parties from ministries, government institutions, civil society organizations and experts in this field. In the context of implementing the National Early Childhood Program, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in coordination with civil society organizations and some international partners, continued to work on establishing and developing the infrastructure of nurseries (maintenance - furnishing) and equipping them with furniture and toys, taking into account the security and safety specifications for children up to four years old. 2,279 early childhood nurseries and 86 family and child centers were built and developed, with 4,280 nursery classes, bringing the total number of nurseries to 26,700 in all governorates, benefiting about one million children, at a financial cost of 526 million and 699 thousand pounds.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result: "The level of awareness of child rights is raised, and rights-related initiatives and activities are encouraged";

In the context of implementing the National Early Childhood Program, the Ministry of Social Solidarity produced supporting guides for childhood activities, which are a document for the standards for ensuring the quality of nurseries in Egypt, the educational bag for building the capacities of nursery facilitators, the executive bag for those in charge of managing nurseries, the self-evaluation guide for nurseries, the internal review guide for nurseries, the basic training guide for facilitators, the advanced training guide for facilitators, the training guide for nursery managers, the training guide for nursery teachers, and the training guide for early detection and intervention. Ten thousand service providers in the field of early childhood, managers and facilitators, executive management, care and cleaning workers, were trained on the ability to apply professional practices, knowledge, capabilities, skills and learning outcomes, and to impart them to children, in addition to training and accrediting 348 trainers working in early childhood to support the qualification of service providers in nurseries, and training 85,757 parents in various governorates of the Republic on positive parenting.

The Ministry also prepared the STEM curriculum for early childhood, which focuses on the three aspects of learning (cognitive, emotional and skill-based) in children's activities in an integrated manner, and on employing different activities to achieve goals, and relying on employing integrated expertise in a manner that suits children's needs and nature.

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, and the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF, implemented the Safe Child in a Digital World campaign, to raise awareness of the safe use of the Internet and how to provide a safe digital environment, and the concept of digital citizenship, and about

365 children and teachers benefited from it in a number of governorates. The Ministry also worked with the National Foundation for Family and Community Development to hold workshops for mothers on children's rights, which targeted 309 children, children of beneficiaries of the services of hosting and guidance centers in the governorates of Giza and Qalyubia.

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood participated in the activities of the 55th edition of the book fair, where it organized five workshops titled Safe Child in a Digital World with the aim of raising awareness of the dangers of the Internet, and organizing one hundred activities on protecting children, raising their awareness, and introducing them to the Child Helpline. More than sixty thousand child visitors benefited from these activities.

The Council also provided 1001 telephone consultations, 549 family counseling sessions for parents of new and ongoing cases from 2023, and 26 sessions of group family counseling sessions for parents on positive parenting and dealing with adolescence.

The Council signed a cooperation protocol with the Fahem Foundation for Psychological Support to protect and promote children's rights in the field of mental health with the aim of providing psychological support to children and family counseling to mothers and exchanging experiences between trained cadres from both sides.

Within the framework of implementing the national initiative to empower girls Dawi, the Council signed a memorandum of understanding with the European Union EU to finance the implementation of the third phase of the national initiative to empower children in the governorates of Ismailia, North Sinai, Marsa Matrouh, and Aswan. Three training courses for trainers (TOT) were implemented to build the capacities of 75 social workers and activity teachers, and to apply empowerment mechanisms by implementing a camp for children in Aswan Governorate with the participation of one hundred children in addition to the teachers previously trained in the program, and implementing two workshops for

positive parenting for parents on the dangers of the Internet attended by fifty participants in the governorates of Ismailia and Aswan.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "The child's best interest principle is mainstreamed within all child-related entities";

During the second half of 2023, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), implemented a media campaign to raise awareness of children's rights, including combating harmful traditional practices including female genital mutilation, child marriage, and depriving girls of education, benefiting 1.5 million families from the Takaful program.

Until December 2023, the Ministry of Solidarity, in coordination with the Public Prosecution and the Ministry of Justice, expanded the application of reform measures other than detention measures for children convicted under the law. The Ministry recommended the application of these other measures to 7,470 children, and they were implemented nationwide.

Within the framework of the cooperation protocol concluded between the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood and the National Council for Human Rights to support the juvenile justice file with support from the European Union (EU), the two councils held a consultative session on the application of legal justice for children to discuss ways to activate a child-friendly justice system, how to protect children in conflict with the law, and protect their rights when they are brought before the judicial authorities within the framework of ensuring the best interests of the child.

The Economic and Social Development Plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 applied, for the first time, the UNICEF methodology to measure public spending directed at children, with the aim of monitoring the impact of public investment on children's rights, as the state directed investments of about 45 billion pounds to meet the necessary needs of children. In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Children are protected from abuse, exploitation, negligence and all forms of violence, and providing support to child protection committees";

Law No. 186 of 2023 was issued amending the Child Law and increasing the penalty for not registering births and reporting incorrect data about births, and increasing the penalty for neglecting children and exposing them to danger. The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood signed a cooperation protocol with the General Secretariat for Mental Health to exchange expertise in the field of mental health for children and adolescents, and hold workshops and training for psychologists, specialists from childhood committees in the governorates and civil society organizations partnering with the Child Helpline.

The Council implemented a series of awareness seminars for 320 parents and families of children to raise their awareness of the dangers of child labor and its physical, psychological and social impact on children, in cooperation with Sohag Governorate, within the framework of implementing the Anti-Child Labor program. In light of the Council's efforts to develop the effectiveness of the Child Helpline and Child Protection Units, the Child Helpline was electronically linked to the protection units in various governorates, the capacity of the administrative structure of the helpline and the technical efficiency of its employees were increased, awareness-raising efforts were intensified and the protection system was advertised through all media and social media. The Council received support from the European Union (EU) to prepare a unified training guide in the field of protection for child protection service providers to improve and maximize the quality of services.

During the period from September 2023 to May 2024, the Child Helpline received 330,117 calls, at a daily rate of approximately 1,218 calls, with an average of approximately 14 minutes per call. 15,143 reports were recorded, including 12,790 reports related to one child, and 2,353 reports

related to more than one child. The Council succeeded in saving 28 girls from circumcision, and legal measures were taken in cases that had already undergone circumcision. 155 children were dealt with in human trafficking cases. The line also received 146 reports of child marriage (6 cases of deals, and 140 early marriages), and the Council succeeded in stopping 78% of those cases.

During the same period, the Legal Support Unit of the Council received 1,256 telephone consultations from the General Administration of the Child Helpline regarding the problems of alimony, the inclusion of minors, identification documents, educational guardianship, and proof of lineage, visitation and empowerment. 604 reports were issued to the Public Prosecution and the judicial courts. 645 birth certificates were issued for children who were found or whose registration was lost. The fact-finding team participated in 307 reports, and 214 letters were issued to the Human Rights Sector of the Ministry of Interior regarding the implementation of the inclusion of minors. The Council provided legal consultations for 2,019 reports regarding children at risk.

The Ministry of Labor is following up on the inspection of establishments that employ children, in cooperation with the labor directorates in the governorates through a pre-established monthly plan. The number of establishments that were inspected reached 9974, and the total number of campaigns that were carried out to inspect labor-intensive establishments that employ children reached 1284 inspection campaigns.

During the first half of 2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF, through the implementation of the Child Protection project, provided the necessary support to 3836 children from the families of the Takaful and Karama program, and 915 children from children of social care institutions who are in need of care, protection, and psychological, social and health support.

The Ministry of Interior also dispatched officers working in the departments for combating violence

against women, children, and individuals with disabilities across various security directorates to visit 117 children, women, and individuals with disabilities at their residences. The aim was to provide psychological and social support to them and their families and to help mitigate the psychological effects they experienced because of exposure to incidents of (physical or sexual assault – sexual or verbal harassment). This was done after taking the necessary legal actions in this regard.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "The homeless children phenomenon is reduced":

During the second half of 2023, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, civil society organizations, and civil society organizations, examined complaints received by the Rapid Intervention Team from various sources regarding cases of homeless children. Action was taken to ensure the best interests of the child by placing 205 children in social care homes, handing over 71 children to their families after ensuring that the family was taking good care of the child, and providing cash and in-kind assistance to 195 families with children at risk of street situations.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Mechanisms for child's access to full health care are enhanced through improving the quality of health care services provided to them, increasing regular pregnancy care services and reducing child mortality";

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Social Solidarity continued to implement the Healthy Children initiative, an initiative in cooperation with the Credit Agricole Bank Foundation. The initiative aims to provide medical and psychological care to those deprived of family care in care homes by organizing medical convoys and referring children to psychiatric centers to receive treatment sessions. The number of children who underwent medical examinations reached 783 children.

In light of the Ministry's cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population to operate health conditionality (for children of families benefiting from the Takaful and Karama program) in health centers and units throughout the Republic. The health of mothers and children under the age of six is monitored, and preventive services are provided to children, including vaccinations and growth monitoring to monitor the most prevalent malnutrition problems among the poorest groups. 266,974 health services have been provided to program beneficiaries until mid-2024. A training workshop was also held on the health conditionality of the Takaful and Karama cash support program regarding health care for women benefiting from the Takaful program, in addition to health care for their children, and verifying the implementation of education conditionality.

Within the framework of the two ministries' keenness to pay attention to the mental health file, the Autism Spectrum Treatment Center was opened at Abbassia Hospital for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment, as part of the development of the Egyptian program for early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder, which can receive fifty children per day, and provides sensory integration treatment services and the latest methods of early detection and intervention to rehabilitate children with autism spectrum disorder. During the first half of 2024, medical support was provided to eighty children from social care homes, in cooperation with the UNICEF.

In the context of implementing the presidential initiative Screening School Students for Hepatitis C, more than 15 million students have been screened and 28,517 positive cases of Hepatitis C have been detected since the beginning of the initiative, and during the period covered by the report, 1,636,898 students have been screened and 718 positive cases have been detected.

In light of the presidential initiative To detect malnutrition, obesity, anemia and dwarfism in school students, about 49 million and 870 thousand students have been screened since the beginning of the initiative, and during the fiscal year 2023/2024, more than five million and 30 thousand students have been screened.

The Ministry of Health and Population created an automated system for the subsidized formula milk distribution system at the level of the primary care units that distribute it. The automation of 1,272 developed units across the country has been completed, and work is being followed up and initial operational problems are being solved. Work is underway to automate the remaining units.

In light of the Ministry's efforts to provide services to youth and adolescents up to 18 years old, 6,372 people were examined, 2,043 were referred to medical units and centers to receive health services, in addition to 160 being referred to hospitals to receive treatment services. The Ministry has also extended the umbrella of health care services to orphanage residents of children under five years old, where 600 children are examined - on average - on a quarterly basis. The Ministry provides and supports care services for children of noble descent for an average of 1,000 children annually, in 29 orphanages in 22 governorates across the country.

In the context of celebrating International Children's Day in November 2023, the Ministry of Interior conducted medical check-ups for children at all police hospitals and provided free medication for three days. Additionally, a delegation from the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, along with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, was hosted at the Police Hospital in Agouza, accompanied by officers from the Ministry's Human Rights Sector. This was part of highlighting the ministry's efforts in providing healthcare services to children.

Furthermore, in light of the celebration of Orphan's Day in April 2024, the Ministry organized visits to orphanages across all governorates of the country, accompanied by medical convoys from the Ministry's Medical Services Sector to conduct check-ups on the children residing there and provide necessary treatment free of charge. The ministry also organized celebrations at police club locations,

with the participation of orphaned children from each governorate.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Practices under the worst forms of child labor are reduced, enforcement of laws regulating child labor is enhanced, and more child help hotlines are created";

The Ministry of Labor is following up on the inspection of establishments that employ children through a pre-established monthly plan. During the period covered by the report, the number of establishments that were inspected reached nine thousand and 974 establishments, and the total number of campaigns that were carried out to inspect labor-intensive establishments that employ children reached 1284 inspection campaigns.

The Ministry has developed a field plan to combat child labor in prohibited professions, the number of inspection campaigns on professions in which children are prohibited from being employed reached 136 campaigns, and 27 reports were issued for violating establishments.

In the context of implementing the Calculate It Right campaign, implemented by the Ministry of Social Solidarity in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the European Union (EU) and the British Embassy in Cairo, social pioneers implemented 8,000 awareness seminars that benefited 251 beneficiaries, and 500,000 home visits to raise awareness of the dangers of child labor in all governorates of the Republic.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Further controls are imposed on social care facilities for children deprived of family care";

Decision No. 6263 of 2023 by the Minister of Justice was issued, granting 135 employees of the Ministry of Social Solidarity the status of judicial police for crimes that occur in violation of the Child Law and the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In coordination with the Public Prosecution, they were trained on the legal aspects of judicial police work, how to ensure the implementation of the child protection policy,

and the application of laws and regulations as proactive steps to protect children and persons with disabilities and reduce any violations or dangers that may threaten them.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Considering the expansion of the alternative family system for orphan children";

In light of the efforts of the Ministry of Social Solidarity to shift from institutional care to alternative care, with the aim of achieving the best interests of the child by providing a supportive family environment, improving the child's psychological health, and integrating the child into society; the number of sponsored children, by the end of June 2024, reached twenty thousand children sponsored by 19,800 foster families, compared to 8,750 children during 2014/2015. The number of children in social care institutions for children deprived of family care also reached 8,700 children in 442 institutions, compared to 13,800 children in 540 institutions during 2014/2015.

The Ministry, in coordination with some civil society institutions working in the field of alternative fostering families, trained 420 families wishing to sponsor children under the alternative family system on positive parenting and qualifying them to deal with children problems if occur.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Yalla Kafala Foundation and Save the Children, trained 308 social workers responsible for alternative families in eight governorates on the guidelines of the alternative family system and methods of evaluating families. The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and a number of civil society institutions and the private sector, implemented initiatives aimed at providing a suitable environment for 320 children deprived of family care in social care homes.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Studying the amendment of certain articles of part two of chapter three on Social Care of the

#### Child law. This would ensure that foundlings and found children have access to their rights, especially to health and education";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, through the Central Administration for Social Care, in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, amended the electronic system for schools across the country, which facilitates the enrollment of children of noble lineage in schools to achieve the best interests of the child, as the national number of the parents was cancelled among the documents required for applying to schools, which hindered the enrollment of many children of noble lineage in education.

#### In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Children's rights to express their views are ensured":

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood continued to implement the national program of the Egyptian Child Forum to support children's participation and expression of their opinions. The relevant authorities in each governorate nominate children from different gender and geographical categories, a number of them are elected by their peers to participate in popular and official events, meetings of officials, discussion groups, and seminars related to developing national policies and plans for children. 12 sub-forums and local forums were formed with the participation of 415 children in each governorate, with a total number of about 5,000 children from different governorates. During the period covered by the report, children from the forums participated in 220 activities to spread the culture of children's rights, including initiatives, campaigns, competitions, magazine production, and direct or online meetings, from which about 15,000 children benefited, including the Green Forum, the Naturally Gifted Forum, the Public Speaking and Communication Forum, and following up on the implementation of the National Strategy for Childhood. Egyptian children also participated in the sessions of the Arab Parliament for Children, and the children of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood who were enrolled in the Professional Diploma for Parliamentary Work from the University of Sharjah graduated with honors.

A simulation model for children was implemented for the House of Representatives during the Children's Day events, and the Council organized a workshop with the participation of forty children from forums of some governorates, to discuss the national response to the list of issues and matters related to discussing Egypt's report before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The Council signed a cooperation protocol with the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians, with the aim of activating programs for developing and improving the skills of young people, and addressing the problems that children face in society.

The Children's Parliament was also launched, through which the various mechanisms for children's participation were integrated, such as: the Egyptian Child Forum, the Vanguard Parliament, and the School Parliament, into one unified structure to achieve broader representation and greater influence for children's voices on issues that concern them, and in a way that contributes to shaping their future in a more effective and comprehensive manner.

# Third: Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Public Prosecutor's Decision No. 517 of 2024 was issued to establish an office for the protection of persons with disabilities in the Judicial Inspection Department of the Public Prosecutor's Office. It is responsible for receiving complaints and reports related to their exposure to imminent danger, exploitation in all its forms, abuse or harm, examining them and taking the necessary measures regarding them, as well as taking measures to protect them and coordinating and following up with the competent prosecution offices to issue the necessary decisions to provide a safe environment for them, and following up on this until the state of exposure to danger,

exploitation, abuse or harm ends. The Head of the State Lawsuits Authority also issued Decision No. 124 of 2024 to establish a unit for the affairs of persons with disabilities, which is responsible for following up on the implementation of the branches, departments and administrations of the Authority of the obligations contained in the laws and regulations related to persons with disabilities.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity expanded the establishment and support of rehabilitation institutions for persons with disabilities, including rehabilitation centers, physical therapy, speech therapy, sensory and motor therapy. The number of institutions under the supervision of the Ministry reached 640 rehabilitation bodies in June 2024, including 72 residential institutions, 58 external care and rehabilitation institutions, 220 rehabilitation offices, 76 physical therapy centers, 26 integrated rehabilitation centers, 173 rehabilitation nurseries, and 8 speech therapy units. During the first half of 2024, various rehabilitation services were provided to 5,417 persons with disabilities in these institutions. Nasser Social Bank, in cooperation with the Egyptian Association for the Advancement of Persons with Disabilities and Autism, built the capacities of 23 associations that provide support to children with intellectual disabilities, developmental disorders and autism spectrum, by training and certifying 166 specialists affiliated with the associations. Four approved guides were also issued, namely: (Training Guide for Early Intervention Specialists, Training Guide for School and Community Integration Support Specialists, Training Guide for Supporting Technical Officials in Associations, and Technical Standards Guide for Associations for the Care and Rehabilitation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Developmental Disorders Autism Spectrum).

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Societal awareness of rights of persons with disabilities is raised";

During the period covered by the report, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, in coordination and cooperation with governmental and judicial bodies and agencies and non-governmental organizations, organized 85 activities including workshops, seminars, and discussion groups, with the aim of raising community awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities, especially children, and issues of their empowerment, how to deal with and communicate effectively with them, and educating persons with disabilities and their families, and providing information on how to access available services. About 3,400 people benefited from these activities. The Ministry of Labor also organized 3,924 awareness-raising campaigns to raise awareness of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity continued the activities of the Best Friend initiative in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Life Makers Egypt Foundation, to spread awareness messages to eliminate social isolation of people with disabilities by integrating them into society through implementing many different activities such as sports, artistic, creative activities, and others, as 1,500 volunteers participated in the artistic integration activities for people with different disabilities in 24 governorates within the initiative's activities. The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in cooperation with the National Council for People with Disabilities, launched the Discover Me initiative, which aims to build the capacities of human cadres in youth centers to raise awareness of how to deal with different disabilities, implement inclusive activities for children with disabilities, and change the culture of society towards people with disabilities by spreading the culture of accepting others and integrating them into society, as a group of workshops were implemented at the Gezira Youth Center.

The General Authority for Cultural Palaces also held the Fifth Cultural Empowerment Conference for People with Disabilities under the title of Modern Trends in Caring for People with Special Needs in Egypt's Vision 2030. The conference sessions included discussing 18 research papers, the most important of which

were family stability and developing life skills for children with autism, methods of identifying and caring for gifted students with learning difficulties, and the role of electronic guidance in providing psychological support for people with disabilities.

#### In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Political participation of persons with disabilities is enhanced";

In September 2023, the National Council for People with Disabilities signed a cooperation protocol with the National Elections Authority and the Ministry of Social Solidarity, with the aim of facilitating and enhancing the positive participation of people with disabilities in electoral processes, and exchanging their data. The Council launched an awareness campaign under the slogan Your Voice is Your Right to enable people with disabilities to participate in the 2024 presidential elections, by holding several awareness and educational workshops and seminars, and introducing facilitative procedures and means and tools of technological, informational and environmental access that would facilitate their effective and positive participation in the presidential elections.

The means of accessibility and facilitation included preparing and equipping the headquarters of the polling stations to make them accessible to people with disabilities, providing a voting model in Braille to facilitate the visually impaired, issuing an awareness film explaining the most important means of environmental accessibility for the headquarters of the polling stations, providing wheelchairs, and signboards in sign language.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in cooperation with the Council, launched the National Campaign to Enhance Political Participation in the 2024 Presidential Elections for People with Disabilities and Their Families, to raise awareness of the importance of participating in their electoral entitlement and to introduce them to the means of accessibility in the polling stations, as well as to introduce them to the rights of women, children, people with disabilities,

youth and the elderly. The campaign included 27 meetings at the governorate level.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Equal access of persons with disabilities to education is enhanced and accessibility requirements to support their integration into education are provided";

National authorities continued to implement the second phase of the project Improving the integration of persons with disabilities through improving access to information, implemented with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which aims to empower them through the use of the digital information system technology available DAISY Multimedia Publications, to improve their access to information, especially those who have difficulty reading printed text such as persons with visual, physical or mental disabilities, and it also supports people who have difficulty reading Arabic texts for the first time.

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education opened and equipped a number of new special education schools in a number of governorates, and also equipped four resource rooms to serve students integrated into four inclusive public education schools, and prepared exampaper specifications for integration students. The Ministry also implemented an awareness campaign on the inclusive education system targeting teachers, social and psychological specialists, school principals and vice principals, general supervisors, and first supervisors in all governorates of the Republic, benefiting about 202,000 teachers and educational leaders.

The Ministry trained 2,500 supervisors and educational leaders on educational integration and assistive technology, 181 directors of special education departments, 16 integration officials on inclusive education skills, 80 teachers and educational leaders to train trainers (TOT) from three governorates to support the inclusive education system in the kindergarten stage, and 50 teachers on dealing with visual impairment and motor guidance.

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research cooperated with AMIDEAST to establish sustainable centers for services and support for people with disabilities in some public universities, and to ensure their participation in order to achieve equality with others in higher education opportunities. Braille signs were also provided for all rooms of the centers, and the availability of infrastructure for twenty buildings at Cairo, Ain Shams, Alexandria, Mansoura, and Al-Azhar Universities was evaluated. The organization provided scholarships to students, 7% of whom were students with disabilities. The ministry also provided accommodation for students with disabilities in university cities without being bound by general conditions, and opened the door to postgraduate studies for students with disabilities with reduced tuition fees and their nomination for missions abroad. The ministry provided sign language interpreters in the faculties of special education in public universities.

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood trained more than two hundred teachers, social and psychological specialists in schools who deal with children with disabilities in seven governorates, with the aim of developing their skills in dealing with people with disabilities in classrooms, and introducing them to methods of prevention and early detection of disability. During 2023 and 2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Wayana International Foundation for awareness and integration of special needs individuals in society, promoted inclusive education for students with disabilities and gave them equal opportunities for education with their abilities, and provided them with effective educational support in six primary schools in Giza Governorate to serve approximately 232 male and female students with mental disabilities, and implemented training for 18 specialists (psychological - social - resource room teacher) with the aim of developing their skills in dealing with children with disabilities and how to use and benefit from resource rooms. In cooperation with the Educational Foundation for Early Intervention and Capacity Building,

good and appropriate inclusive education was made available for children with mental and visual disabilities in nine schools in Cairo Governorate to serve approximately 163 male and female students.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Integration for People with Disabilities for Community Development in Assiut Association, supported educational integration in 38 schools in Cairo and Assiut governorates for people with mental and visual disabilities, to serve approximately 292 male and female students with mental and visual disabilities. 35 schools were equipped and prepared with a comprehensive educational resource room, and 33 support teachers and integration officials were trained in the two governorates.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Life Makers Foundation, provided scholarships disbursed in two stages to 1,114 male and female students with visual disabilities in a number of government universities across 19 governorates. Nasser Social Bank, in cooperation with the Kayan for People with Disabilities Association, provided advanced educational and technological tools of high quality during the years 2023 and 2024, worth approximately five million and 880 thousand pounds for blind students in Al-Nour Schools in Assiut Governorate, to keep pace with the current development, and build the capacity of teachers and students to use them.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "The right of persons with disabilities to decent work is enhanced by taking more appropriate measures to reduce their unemployment. Several financial and procedural facilitations for their integration into the labor market are provided. Increasing the implementation of the 5 percent of appointments in government positions to persons with disabilities, reducing working hours by one paid hour per day for persons with disabilities and increasing their paid leaves. More training and vocational qualification opportunities are provided in cooperation with associations and institutions to qualify them for the labor market";

During the period covered by the report, the

Ministry of Labor employed eight thousand and 303 persons with disabilities, and trained 210 of them in professions appropriate to their disability after conducting vocational guidance tests for them. It also organized training activities within the framework of the Egypt is More Beautiful with You initiative to train and employ persons with disabilities, in two phases in six governorates, from which approximately one thousand trainees benefited, and 622 people obtained a job opportunity.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology cooperated in developing rehabilitation institutions for people with disabilities, as the second phase of the protocol signed between the two ministries was launched in January 2024, which aims to establish computer labs in 150 institutions. During the first phase, 22 labs were implemented, and it was agreed to implement 22 labs during the second phase. The ministry also provided 150 projects for 150 people with motor disabilities to achieve their financial independence, in addition to delivering individual projects to 117 people with motor disabilities in cooperation with the Al-Hassan Foundation for the Integration of the Differently Able.

Nasser Social Bank, in cooperation with the ElKarama Foundation, provided suitable job opportunities in Minya Governorate for 105 people with physical, hearing, visual, and simple mental disabilities and learning difficulties, who are able to work to empower them economically and enhance their independence, which supports their integration and participation in society. The Ministry of Justice provided flexible systems for employing employees with disabilities in primary courts across the country, such as reducing working hours by one hour per day, obtaining the maximum number of regular vacations (45 days), and reducing taxes by 50%. Within the framework of the Capable of the Challenge project, implemented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, to train people with disabilities on applied and technical skills in ways that suit their abilities, readiness, and qualification for the labor market, and to educate and raise awareness among parents on how to deal with their children; eight training workshops were held for four hundred school students with disabilities in Qalyubia Governorate.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results of: "Social care is enhanced for persons with disabilities" and "Health care is enhanced for persons with disabilities";

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Social Solidarity coordinated with a number of civil society organizations and institutions to provide 2,480 prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities. In cooperation and coordination between Nasser Social Bank and the Our Hands Together for Rehabilitation Foundation, 364 prosthetic limbs were provided to students in different educational stages and to people of working age who have lost limbs, by using 3D printing technology in the manufacture of prosthetic limbs.

The Ministry, in coordination with the Early Childhood Program and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), implemented a program to train trainers. Thirty workers in nurseries for children with disabilities in Damietta Governorate were trained on the positive parenting approach for people with disabilities and prepared to be trainers for families of people with disabilities.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Caritas Egypt Association, provided language rehabilitation services and various skills development to 2,102 children with disabilities, in addition to 2,182 guardians receiving information and guidance on how to deal with their children, and improving the living conditions of three thousand children with disabilities in areas deprived of services, by establishing and increasing the activities of thirty rehabilitation units in the most needy villages in seven governorates to provide the necessary support.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Kayan Association for People with Disabilities, aimed

to integrate and rehabilitate 4,850 children with disabilities in 30 villages in the governorates of Assiut, Beni Suef, and Sohag, by equipping thirty rehabilitation units with furniture and educational tools, training ninety rehabilitation officers, implementing 33,638 rehabilitation sessions, implementing 32,796 home visits, and holding 147 awareness seminars on early detection and intervention for children with disabilities, etiquette for dealing with them, and their rights.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Asdaa Association for the Advancement of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, restored the sense of hearing to 746 cases by providing external parts for spare parts for electronic cochlear implants, in addition to a complete update of the external part for 21 cases of electronic cochlear implants. The Social Housing and Real Estate Finance Fund, through the Housing for All Egyptians program, provided them with 5% of the total housing units for each project, as the number of beneficiaries from the beginning of the program until the end of June 2024 reached about 8,000 beneficiaries. Care was also taken to take into account the needs of people with disabilities by allocating the first floor to people with motor disabilities in addition to providing dedicated paths for them.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Blind, the Ministry of Interior sent a number of male and female officers to visit 25 schools for the visually impaired. The Ministry also organized twenty celebrations for them at the headquarters of police clubs and presented the administrations of those schools with copies of the Police Services Guide for People with Disabilities in Braille. In addition, the Ministry hosted a delegation from the National Council for People with Disabilities, the Egyptian Blind Association, and the Model Center for the Blind. Coordination was also made with the Civil Status and Documentation sectors to extract the required papers for people with visual disabilities free of charge.

A New Beginning for Human Development initiative, since its inception until mid-October

2024, has provided rehabilitation, treatment and prosthetic devices to 7,959 citizens with disabilities. The Ministry of Social Solidarity signed a cooperation protocol with the Fahim Foundation for Psychological Support, with the aim of providing mental health services to people with disabilities in various governorates. During 2023, the Fund for Combating and Treating Addiction and Drug Abuse, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and civil society organizations, organized the Prevention of Drug Abuse for the Blind in Braille program, which is a training program within government schools and civil society organizations. A sign language interpreter is also provided for hearing-impaired addiction patients.

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Interior continued to provide numerous services and facilities for individuals with disabilities. Among the most notable initiatives were the distribution of white canes to 60 blind individuals and the printing of an updated 2024 version of the police services guide in Braille for visually impaired people to facilitate their access to police services.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Integrated services are developed for persons with disabilities, including facilitating their access to comprehensive services cards as per the law, expanding the application of the Egyptian code for the design of spaces and buildings equipped for the use of persons with disabilities, whether service or educational buildings. This would help apply the principles of integration and availability and increase the number of transportation means equipped to accommodate persons with disabilities";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity launched the Hanewsallak (we will reach you) campaign to facilitate the process of obtaining integrated service cards for persons with disabilities through mobile rehabilitation offices in various governorates, with the help of approximately 1,500 volunteers. The number of integrated service cards issued until June 2024 reached

1.3 million cards, and 200,000 cards are under review and printing.

Within the framework of the With Awareness, Egypt Changes for the Better initiative, the Ministry provided services that contribute to achieving economic and social empowerment for 1,534 persons with disabilities in the governorates of Beheira, Sharkia and Fayoum.

The Ministry also implemented mobility accessibility works for persons with disabilities in the buildings and facilities of four faculties at Ain Shams University, in addition to preparing the university campus. The Ministry, in cooperation with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, prepared and made available ten faculties at Zagazig University and four faculties

at Menoufia University.

The Ministry of Justice held a training course for the Ministry's employees entitled Teaching the Basics of Sign Language and How to Deal with and Receive Persons with Disabilities in All Primary Courts across the Republic.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "The participation of persons with disabilities in cultural, media and sports activities is facilitated";

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood implemented a recreational camp for children with disabilities in the Manshiyat Nasser neighborhood, within the framework of the Egyptian Child Forum within



comprehensive development program implemented by the council. The camp targeted sixty children with disabilities and those who deal with them. The camp's segments varied between recreational segments, games, competitions, various theatrical performances, and a puppet theater, in addition to implementing awareness seminars for parents and those who deal with children about the services provided by the state and the council to children with disabilities and identifying their needs. The Supreme Council for Culture also organized a number of events for persons with disabilities, which were presented in sign language, on the topics of artificial intelligence, information security, and digital arts.

#### Fourth: Rights of Youth

In implementation of the Strategy's target results of: "Youth are further empowered to participate in public life", "Youth are empowered to assume leadership positions" and "More services are provided to youth in border and remote areas";

The Ministry of Youth and Sports signed a cooperation protocol with the National Elections Authority regarding awareness and education on the importance of participating in elections. The protocol aims to educate and raise awareness among young people about the role of the National Elections Authority, exchange experiences, and increase and intensify the initiatives undertaken by the Ministry to raise awareness among young people about the importance of participating in political life and elections.

The Ministry, in cooperation with civil society organizations, held thirty lectures within the framework of the national project, the Youth Leadership Club, to invest the energies and ideas of young cadres and leaders, activate their societal role and positive influence, unleash their creative potential, and encourage them to lead and innovate at the level of 15 governorates, where 600 people from youth centers and sports clubs benefited.

In July 2024, the Ministry concluded the activities of the presidential program for the sons of the border governorates, Ahl Misr, which aims to introduce young people to their country, preserve the Egyptian identity, enrich young people's information, and instill a sense of belonging in them, while working to develop and improve their skills, and encourage them to participate effectively in society and achieve sustainable development, as the number of beneficiaries of the program reached 95,566 beneficiaries, and comes within a group of intensive cultural and recreational programs, camps, and forums for the sons of the border governorates, as well as implementing a group of political education courses, in cooperation with Nasser Military Academy, amounting to 65 cultural courses with a total of 3,600 participants, and 138 central forums were implemented with a total of 64,640 participants, and 65 complex camps were implemented with a total of 2,700 participants, and 224 internal camps were also implemented with a total of 24,626 participants. The Ministry continued to implement the Step Towards a Better Life project in cooperation with a number of civil society organizations and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project targets about 13 million and 952 thousand young men and women in all governorates of the Republic, by organizing three in-person and virtual workshops in each governorate, to develop values and positives among young people in border and marginalized areas, as well as enhancing the concept of citizenship, modifying the behavior of young people, and correcting extremist ideas.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Youth unemployment is reduced, and their capacity is developed in line with the labor market requirements", "Small, medium and micro enterprises are supported and developed", and "Youth's vocational training is improved";

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Labor trained ten thousand and 338 young trainees in professions needed by the labor market. The Ministry also signed a cooperation protocol with the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise Development Agency; To facilitate the youth to start their own projects, train them on them and finance them with incentives, the ministry has created new professions in its training centers, such as training in artificial intelligence, solar energy, and training in tourism and hotels, in addition to completing the equipment of 25 computer and language labs in fixed training centers.

The Ministry, through 75 fixed and mobile vocational training centers across all governorates, implemented 492 training courses in these centers, benefiting 6,396 young men and women. The ministry also signed a cooperation protocol with the Salesian Don Bosco Institute with the aim of providing free grants to train young people in 23 professions to develop their skills and link their training and technical education to the needs of the labor market. 600 trainees are being trained.

The Ministry continued to implement cooperation protocols with major companies in the field of information technology, such as Huawei, Cisco and CAD Master; to qualify and provide free training opportunities for more than 5,000 young people to enter the labor market in the field of information technology.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Tafrah Foundation for Development, trained 625 young men and women, residents of alternative slums, to participate in the Tafrah Vocational Training Program. The Ministry continued to develop the skills of Egyptian youth in the field of information and communications technology to meet the needs of the labor market in all governorates, through the Tech Job initiative. By the end of 2023, 405 young workers aged 21 years have benefited from the initiative, with funding amounting to approximately 13 million and 963 thousand pounds.

During the period from January to June 2024, the Ministry provided funding worth 44 million and 300 thousand pounds to 15 projects through the Bidayatha Fekra (it starts with an idea) program, which is a financing program to support small

and micro-enterprises. The program aims to enable entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into successful projects and provide new job opportunities for young people.

Under the slogan Teach Me a Craft, the Ministry of Youth and Sports continued to hold vocational training courses across the country, with the aim of encouraging young people to undertake vocational and craft training and preparing them to face the labor market, and to spread the culture of work and eliminate unemployment, from which 14,580 young people benefited.

The Mministry, in cooperation with the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency, held seminars and training courses in all governorates in the field of entrepreneurship, generating ideas and starting projects for young people, and how to formulate feasibility studies and marketing aspects, from which 6,075 young men and women benefited.

The Mministry, in cooperation with the International Labor Organization, also implemented job search clubs in various youth centers and clubs, targeting young Egyptians and expatriates and working to qualify them for the labor market and learn about job search mechanisms and how to write a CV, and pass personal and job interviews. During the period from March 2024 to August 2024, 17 clubs were implemented and about 290 young men and women benefited from them.

The Ministry continued its work on the Employ Egypt initiative in cooperation with Microsoft and Care Egypt, to provide job opportunities for young people in all governorates of the Republic through employment forums and open days for employment in private sector companies, from which 21,540 young men and women benefited. During the period covered by the report and within the Develop and Change initiative, the Ministry continued, in cooperation with Microsoft and Care Egypt, to hold training courses and workshops for young people in person and virtually at youth centers and universities to train and qualify them for the labor market, from which about 600,000 people benefited in all governorates of the Republic.

In 2023, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency improved employment opportunities by training 3,027 young men and women to acquire life and behavioral skills, training 2,732 young men and women with technical training, and training 858 young men and women with guidance and counseling. This is in addition to training 1,918 young men and women in entrepreneurship, providing 2,228 job opportunities for young men and women, in addition to loans amounting to 1 billion and 800 thousand pounds to establish 62,800 small and micro projects.

Ministry The of Communications and Information **Technology** continued to implement the Digital Egypt Builders initiative, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the National Telecommunications Institute, a number of private sector companies and foreign universities, which aims to build cadres, raise the efficiency of top graduates, and empower young graduates to become high-level leaders capable of implementing Egypt's digital vision. During 2023 and 2024, the number of those joining the initiative reached 468 young men and women.

The Ministry also continued to implement the Digital Egypt Pioneers initiative, which aims to build capacities and qualify students and graduates to compete in the labor market in the field of information and communications technology. The number of participants in the first phase of the initiative reached 15,029 young men and women.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Efforts to improve youth's health and physical fitness are enhanced. The expansion of the construction and development of youth centers, sports facilities, youth hostels, and youth cities";

The state allocated five billion and 240 million pounds in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to expand the availability of stadiums, youth centers, and sports clubs.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Technical

Education and the Egyptian Federation for School Sports, organized the second sports forum Sports Student Personality to raise an integrated sports generation, and teach students a set of sports skills through the assistance of students from the Faculties of Physical Education, which benefited 500 male and female students, and implemented the Recreational Sports Day for School Students to spread sports awareness, gain physical fitness and correct the body, in addition to holding seminars to raise their awareness of the dangers of smoking and drugs, which benefited 900 young men and women in three governorates, in addition to holding the Sports Games Tournament for Sports School Students for 593 school students. The Ministry continues to implement the programs of the National Physical Fitness Project with the aim of spreading the culture of physical fitness among university students, through the Be Fit physical fitness festival for university students, which benefited 800 young men and women in Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate at a cost of 115 thousand Egyptian pounds.

1485 young men and women were trained through fitness training centers in the governorates, which aim to enhance physical fitness and invest the energies of young men and women, and provide a safe and encouraging environment to develop their sports and social skills.

The Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the World Food Program (WFP), trained 65 doctors and nurses on the school health program and the basics of healthy nutrition, and trained 60 doctors and nurses on the youth and adolescents program. The efficiency and skills of 273 doctors and 137 nurses were raised, and awareness and health education sessions were implemented for girls in adolescence on healthy nutrition at this age, as well as awareness sessions and dialogue sessions with parents and teachers about adolescence and the changes that occur during adolescence. Participants are given a school bag containing brochures on healthy nutrition and a healthy lifestyle.

The economic and social development plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 aimed to direct public investments to enhance sports and youth services, to establish and develop 300 youth centers, 300 youth facilities, nine sports medicine units, eight youth camps, seven youth cities, three civic education centers, and two youth development centers.

#### Fifth: Rights of the Elderly

The Cabinet approved the draft presidential decree on Egypt's accession to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa. This approval comes in light of the efforts of the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights in implementing the axes of the National Human Rights Strategy, in addition to seeking to enhance Egypt's position on the African scene and increase its interaction with African mechanisms concerned with the human rights file.

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry of Interior continued its efforts to provide various services to facilitate access for the elderly to different services. A total of 5,505 requests were processed for passport issuance and renewal, movement certificates, residence renewals for foreigners, and work permits for the elderly, patients, and people with disabilities in designated locations. Additionally, 877 field missions were sent from the Civil Status Sector to assist the elderly, patients, and individuals in hospitals or their places of residence to renew their national ID cards. There were also 29 visits to nursing homes, where material and symbolic assistance was provided to the residents.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "An integrated legislation is issued to enhance the rights of the elderly";

Law No. 19 of 2024 was issued regarding the care of the rights of the elderly. The law guarantees the protection and care of the rights of the elderly and ensures that they enjoy all social, political, health, economic, cultural, recreational and other rights included in international agreements and

conventions regulating the rights of the elderly, raising community awareness of the rights of the elderly and providing them with means to enable them to participate in public affairs and formulate policies and programs related to their affairs, and facilitating their dealings with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "More social protection programs are provided to the elderly";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity cooperated with the Faculty of Physical Education at Helwan University to benefit from 150 students during the academic year to provide sports services to the elderly in 60 homes in Cairo, Giza and Qalyubia. Coordination was also made with the Faculty of Social Service and the Higher Institute of Social Service to benefit from the expertise of professors and the capabilities of students in dealing with the elderly. In coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Communications, transportation prices were reduced for the elderly over 65 years of age by 50% and a final exemption for those over 70 years of age.

During the first half of 2023, the Ministry's rapid intervention teams across the country carried out multiple and varied interventions in the homeless elderly file, as 23 elderly cases were transferred whose families did not care for them to a social care home, and nine elderly cases were transferred from their homes to some hospitals because they needed medical interventions in coordination with the unified government complaints system.

Through the Karama program, in cooperation with E-Finance, the Ministry of Health and Population, and the General Authority for Health Care, the Ministry increased the number of beneficiaries of the program, to reach 713,000 elderly people in March 2024, and five billion pounds were allocated to the Family and Elderly Development Fund.

During 2023, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency provided many services to the elderly to help them find opportunities for self-employment and training in managing small projects. The agency provided loans to the elderly worth about 186 million pounds, financing about 4,966 small and micro projects.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "More financial allocations are made to government social care facilities and inspection thereof is enhanced";

During the fiscal year 2023/2024, the Ministry of Social Solidarity disbursed grants to associations working in the field of elderly care, amounting to about 14 million and 922 thousand pounds.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Accessibility of the elderly to health care is enhanced";

In the context of implementing the presidential initiative Care for the Elderly, which aims to detect a range of diseases affecting the elderly early, as well as periodic follow-up to ensure reducing the complications of these diseases, during the period covered by the report, services were provided to approximately 127,500 elderly people through the initiative.

The Ministry also implements the Continuous Health Care Program for the Elderly through 905 facilities. This program targets citizens over the age of 65, where comprehensive examination services are provided. During the period covered by the report, 2,560 service providers were trained on the initiative's work in 21 governorates to expand the services provided.

#### In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Civil society organizations are encouraged to participate in the elderly care activities";

The Ministry of Social Solidarity signed a cooperation protocol with the Elderly Companion Foundation, to provide individuals from nurses or those with experience in dealing with the elderly in their homes (Elderly Companion) and in nursing homes.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the Qabas Min Noor Association, implemented medical convoys for the elderly with the aim of conducting medical examinations in nursing homes, identifying diseases that require treatment on a

monthly basis and dispensing it, and providing the medical devices that the elderly need.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Elderly persons are enabled to participate in public life by enhancing their involvement in drafting their own policies, organizing an annual societal dialogue to: identify gaps, areas of interest, and means of appropriate interaction with the elderly issues, and enhancing their access to education and participation in the cultural life";

During the period covered by this report, the Ministry of Social Solidarity implemented the second and third phases of the Golden Age initiative, which aims to achieve the principles of community integration for the elderly, and implement the vision and policy of the Ministry to provide all types of care and services by providing cultural, religious and recreational activities and highlighting the talents and capabilities of the elderly, in addition to correcting the societal view of elderly homes and clubs, and spreading community awareness of the issues of the elderly, from which 350 elderly people benefited.

The Ministry continued to involve the elderly in the work and meetings of the Supreme Committee for the Elderly with the aim of increasing coordination between the various entities working in the field of the elderly, developing an integrated plan for the care of the elderly in Egypt, working to develop legislation and laws regulating the status and services of the elderly, organizing and coordinating the programs of ministries and bodies concerned with the care of the elderly, and proposing programs and activities that ensure that the elderly feel their importance, and the continuation of their role, giving, and active participation in society and investing their energies.

The Ministry carried out a visit to the residents of nursing homes at the Cairo International Book Fair, and organized an inspection tour for them inside the exhibition in addition to attending a number of cultural events.

# In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "More elderly care houses are established";

The number of nursing homes reached 163 institutions, and the number of elderly clubs reached 179 clubs, and about 41 thousand elderly people benefit from these institutions and clubs. The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with the Al Nour and Al Amal Association for the Care of the Blind, operated the first residential home for the care of blind women in Cairo Governorate to receive women at the level of the Republic and provide health, social, psychological and recreational care, with a capacity of 36 blind elderly women. Training courses were implemented for the work team at the home to provide the necessary care for the residents.

#### Percentages of Implemented Measures Based on the Third Focus Area

The number of measures monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights to achieve the target results of the third focus area amounted to 481 measures, and the percentages of these measures amounted to 33.6% for women's rights, 27.7% for children's rights, 18.1% for the rights of persons with disabilities, 15.2% for youth rights, and 5.4% for the rights of the elderly.



Chart No. (8): Percentages of Implemented measures to Achieve the Target Results of the third focus area During the Third year

Prominent indicators for implementing the Target Results of the Third Focus Area, Human Rights of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and the Elderly, during the period of September 2023-August 2024

#### Women's rights

# 103 million views

For media awareness-raising campaigns on women's rights during the year 2023

# Women's Political Empowerment

#### 1,326,514

Number of national ID cards issued for women from 2014 to June 2024 within Your Card, Your Rights project

#### 293 women

Number of women appointed to the diplomatic corps at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs at various levels

#### 150 women

Those who hold senior and middle management positions in the State's administrative apparatus were trained within the national program to prepare women for leadership

#### About 60%

Represent the percentage of female leaders in the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Social Solidarity

#### Number of Women in Judicial Positions in August 2024

2365 women

**1289** women

147 women

Administrative Prosecution Authority State Lawsuits Authority Regular Judiciary

137 women

17 women

State Council

**Public Prosecution** 

# Women's Economic Empowerment

# Female unemployment rate

17.7% in 2023

24.8% in 2014

88 billion pounds

To finance small and micro enterprises for women, as 5 million women were beneficiaries during 2023

4 billion and 100 million pounds

The cost of women's economic empowerment projects for 1.3 million women in 2023

3 billion and 200 million pounds

Were allocated by the State to support 435 thousand women with disabilities in 2024

46 centers

For working women services in June 2024

101,687 women

Were trained in the areas of financial education, entrepreneurship and how to start small businesses

234,162 women	Received training in the art of mastering small crafts and handicrafts		
604 million pounds	Value of loans provided under the Mastoura program until June 2024		
2659 galleries	For women's club products		
17,725 women	Benefited from digital institutional development projects to support digital and financial inclusion		
17,932 women	Benefited from digital education and digital skills development programmes in the Decent Life villages		
3172 women	Benefited from awareness-raising seminars to spread awareness of the provisions of women's employment		

# Women's Social Empowerment

#### **2191** women

Benefited from awareness-raising seminars on the importance of girls' education

# 9 million and 300 thousand family awareness-raising visits

To reduce population growth among beneficiary families through the 2 is Enough project

# 2 million 499 thousand people

Benefited from seminars and public meetings to raise awareness of reproductive health issues and family planning methods

Family planning services through mobile clinics in the poorest areas and villages and Decent Life villages

33,696 daily visits

For mobile clinics

3239 caravan

Reproductive health

705 thousand

Total number of beneficiaries

# Protecting Women from All Forms of Violence and Harmful Practices

The secure area designated for women victims of violence was opened in the East Alexandria Court, after it was technically equipped and provided with the necessary technical communication devices in accordance with the best international standards and requirements set to protect women's rights and combat violence against them

#### 37 million views

On social media for awareness-raising materials within the campaign "Violence begins with an idea.. with awareness we can overcome it"

#### 15 million views

On social media platforms for awareness-raising materials within the campaign Female Circumcision is a Crime

## 2 million and 600 thousand people

Benefit from the Protect Her from Circumcision door-to-door campaign

#### 3 million 382 visits

Implemented by social pioneers to raise awareness of the Combating All Forms of Violence Against Women programs

### 4079 lawsuits

The National Council for Women's Complaints Office provided legal advice and support during the reporting period

# Child's Rights

#### 2279 early childhood nurseries

Established or developed to reach a total of 26,700 nurseries

#### 348 trainers

Early childhood workers trained and certified to support the qualification of nursery service providers

# 85,757 parents of nursery children

were trained on positive parentingo

#### 1,500,000 families from Takaful program

Benefited from awareness-raising campaigns on children's rights

#### 7470 children

Implemented reform measures as an alternative to custodial sentences

### 45 billion pounds

Investments in the Economic and Social Development Plan for the fiscal year 2024/2025 to meet the essential needs of children

# Child Helpline During the period from September 2023 to May 2024

330,117

Received calls

15,143

Recorded reports

28 Girls

Were saved from female genital mutilation

155 boys

Were dealt with in human trafficking cases

146 Reports

of child marriage

1,256 telephone consultations

of alimony problems

2,019 Reports

of children at risk

With the dangers of child labor within the Calculate it Right campaign until March 2024

500,000 home visits for awareness

251,000 people were educated

#### 9974 facilities

Were inspected by the Ministry of Labor and found to employ children

#### 136 campaigns

To inspect professions in which children are prohibited from working, and 27 reports were issued to violating establishments

#### 4751 children

From the families of the Takaful and Karama program and social care institutions, psychological, social and healthcare support services were provided to them within the Child Protection project

1,636,898 students

Were tested as part of the Presidential initiative to screen school students for Hepatitis C, bringing the total number of beneficiaries of the initiative to more than 15 million students since its inception

5,030,000 students

Were examined as part of the Presidential initiative to detect malnutrition, obesity, anemia and dwarfism among school students, bringing the total number of beneficiaries of the initiative to about 49 million and 870 thousand students since its inception

20,000 children

19,800 families sponsored them until the end of June 2024, compared to 8,750 children in 2014

Rights	of Pe	rsons	with	Disab	oilities
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640 bodies	For rehabilitation, physiotherapy, speech therapy, sensory and motor therapy in June 2024	
3924 campaigns	Implemented by the Ministry of Labor to raise awareness of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	
202 thousand teachers and educational leaders	Were targeted by a campaign to raise awareness of the inclusive education system	
2500 supervisors and educational leaders	Were trained in educational integration and assistive technology	
200 teachers and social and psychological specialists	Whose capacity to deal with people with disabilities within the classroom have been built	
8 thousand and 303 people with disabilities	Employed by the Ministry of Labor	
2844	Prosthetic device, artificial limb and assistive devices provided by the Ministry of Social Solidarity	
8000 people with disabilities	Benefited from the Housing for All Egyptians program until June 2024	
7959 people with disabilities	Were provided with rehabilitation, therapeutic services and prosthetic devices as part of A New Beginning for Human Development initiative	
	1 million and 300 thousand Integrated services card issued	

# Rights of Youth

# 95,566 young men and women

Benefited from political education courses, forums and camps

#### 13,952,000 young men and women

Were targeted as part of the Step Towards a Better Life project to promote the concept of citizenship and correct extremist ideas among the youth in border and marginalized areas

### 21,734 young men and women

The Ministry of Labor, in cooperation with civil society and the private sector, trained them in professions needed by the labor market

# 14,580 young men and women

Benefited from vocational and craft training courses within the Teach Me a Craft initiative

#### 6,075 young men and women

Received training courses in entrepreneurship, generating ideas and starting projects for young people

#### 21,540 young men and women

Benefited from the forums implemented within Employ Egypt initiative

# 600,000 young men and women

Benefited from in-person and virtual training courses and workshops to train and qualify them for the labor market within the Develop and Change initiative

# 2,228 job opportunities for young people

Provided by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency in 2023

## 1 billion and 800 thousand pounds

Provided by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency in 2023 to establish 62,800 youth-led projects

#### 15,029 young men and women

Participated in the first phase of Egypt Digital Pioneers initiative to qualify them to compete in the labor market in the field of information and communications technology

#### 5.240 billion pounds

Allocations in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to expand the availability of playgrounds, youth centers, and sports clubs

# Rights of the Elderly

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### 5 billion pounds

Allocations for the Family and Elderly Development Fund

#### 186 million pounds

To finance 4966 small and micro projects for the elderly

#### 14 million and 922 thousand pounds

Grants for non-governmental organizations working in the field of elderly care during the fiscal year 2023/2024

#### 713 thousand elderly

Beneficiaries of Karama program until March 2024

#### 905 health facilities

Implements the Continuing Health Care Program for the Elderly

# 127 thousand and 500 elderly

Benefited from the Presidential initiative Care for the Elderly

163 nursing homes

179 elderly clubs

With about 41 thousand beneficiaries of the elderly people

A genuine, profound, and lasting change for the better will have to derive from human existence.

Vaclav Havel

(1936-2011)

a Czech writer who became president of his country after the fall of the Soviet Union



Fourth Focus Area
Human Rights Education
and Capacity Building



# First: Dissemination of Human Rights Culture

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "A common understanding and culture of human rights values and principles is elaborated according to the Constitution, laws and relevant international instruments ratified by Egypt", "Education programs are expanded, and different activities to disseminate human rights culture are widely conducted", "Drama materials to simplify human rights values and principles to the public are produced" and "More efforts are exerted by religious and government institutions to support human rights values, emphasize values of citizenship, tolerance, dialogue, and combat incitement to violence and discrimination";

During the period covered by the report, the National Council for Women's Complaints Office implemented 345 seminars to raise women's legal and rights awareness, benefiting 60,585 women, on the topics of electronic blackmail and cyber violence, the importance of reporting and related penalties, and raising awareness among female university students about the role of the Council and the Complaints Office and the services provided to protect women from all forms of violence. The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in coordination with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), trained a number of social pioneers on using the I.O.G.T platform to use social media platforms to communicate with the public and spread awareness about women's issues.

The Supreme Council for Culture launched a group of cultural and legal initiatives and forums on the topics of citizenship, legal awareness and human rights culture.

The Ministry of Labor held 105 awareness and educational seminars targeting 20,443 people to raise awareness about the system of employing and training children, the circumstances and conditions in which they are employed, and the jobs, professions and industries in which they are prohibited from being employed.

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education implemented awareness campaigns among school students across the country to promote the values of coexistence, tolerance, acceptance of others, and the principles called for by heavenly religions, reject violence and hatred, and develop the youth's ability to deal critically with different contents, in addition to 300 seminars across the country to promote human rights concepts, from which about 8,000 male and female students benefited.

The Ministry also implemented a number of activities targeting 220 heads of equal opportunities units and employees in directorates and educational administrations across the country to raise awareness of population growth and its impact on human rights.

The Ministry implemented about 15,000 storytelling circles on human rights and religious freedoms issues, and 4,000 debates on gender issues through debate clubs on gender issues, acceptance of others, and tolerance. 100,000 male and female students across the country participated in these activities, in addition to school coordinators at different levels.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the National Council for Human Rights, also implemented training courses to enhance religious freedoms, spread the culture of religious tolerance, and reject fanaticism in society. 120 unit heads, teachers, social and psychological specialists, and 500 female and male students in the governorates targeted by the presidential initiative Decent Life benefited from them.

In the context of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood's implementation of the "Our Environment... Our Responsibility" campaign, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, the Ministry of Environment, and UNICEF in a number of governorates, with the aim of raising awareness among children and listening to them, and activating their role in participating and proposing solutions and initiatives on issues that affect their future, especially the issue of climate change, and how to confront its future effects to ensure that children enjoy their rights;

the Council organized several workshops for children in the targeted governorates, and a visit was organized for a group of children from the campaign to the House of Representatives, and the children presented their recommendations to the members of the Council regarding the issue of climate change.

The Ministry of Environment implemented a program to prepare environmental youth leaders in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, through which fifty young men and women from all governorates were trained, where they were introduced to all modern concepts, opportunities and challenges facing environmental work in Egypt, areas of environmental investment, models for youth, and green and sustainable projects. The Ministry also implemented many workshops for media professionals on various fields related to achieving environmental sustainability and sustainable development, and the role of society in its various segments in confronting negative behaviors towards the environment.

With the aim of enhancing the capabilities of the state's administrative apparatus in combating corruption and establishing the values of integrity and transparency in government units, during the period covered by the report, the Administrative Control Authority implemented 379 training programs on the national strategy to combat corruption, for about 15,550 employees from ministries, governorates, law enforcement agencies and universities, in addition to local units and citizens.

In the context of educating and raising awareness of the principles of combating corruption and consolidating them, the Authority aimed to raise awareness and empower youth and the sports community in the areas of combating corruption, along with enhancing the role of educational and research institutions in spreading the culture of rejecting corruption among youth. The Authority implemented a training of trainers in which 28 university professors participated to qualify them to teach the curricula of Corruption and its Effects, Corruption and Good Governance, and Corruption in the Private Sector. It is planned

that each professor will train one hundred students at his university. A training program was also implemented to introduce the same topics, in which 250 male and female students and 50 assistant teachers from ten public and private universities participated. The Authority also held 14 training courses during 2023 to raise awareness among athletes, including players, coaches, referees and administrators, in the field of combating corruption and mechanisms for holding sports institutions accountable. More than a thousand trainees benefited from these courses

In the context of qualifying Egyptian women to play a distinguished role in implementing the national strategy to combat corruption, the National Academy for Combating Corruption organized more than 80 training courses for women in the branches of the National Council for Women at the level of the governorates of the Republic regarding governance and the role of women in combating corruption and related fields, and more than 11,000 women benefited from these programs.

The Administrative Control Authority launched an initiative titled Governance Ambassadors, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, in which 115 undergraduate students and 128 postgraduate students were trained to become ambassadors for spreading the principles of governance and combating corruption. In cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, a competition was launched for the best policy papers in the field of combating corruption in ten public and private universities, in which 128 teams participated, with a total of 640 undergraduate and postgraduate students, who submitted 128 research papers.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Expanding the use of new technology to educate citizens about human rights principles and methods to protect them, and the role of law enforcement agencies and protection

#### mechanisms they provide";

The National Council for Women signed a cooperation protocol with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, with the aim of benefiting from modern information technologies to serve women's issues, in addition to cooperation in spreading awareness of issues related to Egyptian women through organizing seminars and conferences. The Supreme Council of Culture organized a series of initiatives and seminars on the topics of digitization, its developments and future, the impact of technology on crisis management, artificial intelligence technologies, and the protection of personal data.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Partnerships with the private sector and civil society are created to enhance societal awareness of human rights principles and values";

The activities of the second Citizenship Week were launched in Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate within the framework of the protocol signed between the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Arab Organization for Human Rights, with the aim of promoting the culture of human rights in the context of the presidential initiative Decent Life to develop the Egyptian countryside, encourage participation, and reject illegal immigration. The week's activities included the axes of building public knowledge and building youth capacities, reviewing Egypt's 2030 development vision, national strategies for human rights and women's empowerment, and combating human trafficking and illegal immigration.

In light of the implementation of the cooperation protocol signed between the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the National Council for Human Rights regarding training and educating employees of the Ministry's General Office and its affiliated directorates in the field of human rights, training courses were implemented for 68 employees of the Ministry's affiliated directorates in the governorates of Alexandria and Beheira, to introduce the National Council and its competencies, the mechanism of the

Council's handling of complaints, in addition to introducing the International Bill of Human Rights.

With regard to enhancing the role of the private sector and civil society in combating corruption, the Administrative Control Authority cooperated with the United Nations Regional Office on Drugs and Crime and the country office of the Global Compact Network UNGC, and workshops were held during September 2023 to train private sector companies on compliance and anti-corruption standards, in addition to introducing the competencies of the Administrative Control Authority and its activities in the field of combating corruption in the private sector and the role of the private sector in implementing the national strategy to combat corruption. A consultative dialogue was held in February 2024 with representatives of large, medium and small companies with the aim of involving the private sector in implementing the new phase of the strategy.

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Awareness of human rights principles and values is disseminated among youth and relevant training programs are supported";

Within the framework of cooperation between the National Council for Women and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFA), in implementing the Noura program, which aims to build girls' social, health and economic skills and knowledge, 485 facilitators were trained in Assiut and Sohag governorates to spread awareness of human rights values and principles among 7,800 girls.

During the period covered by the report, 500,000 girls in various governorates benefited from the leadership program to empower and support girls Rayhana, which was launched by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in cooperation with the Misr El Kheir Foundation, the Generations of Egypt Foundation, Save the Children Foundation, the Baheya Foundation, and the Injaz Egypt Foundation, which aims to raise girls' awareness and activate their role in society.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports held 146

seminars, dialogue and awareness meetings on the National Human Rights Strategy and its four axes in 19 governorates, with the participation of 14,600 young men and women. The Ministry, in cooperation with the National Council for Human Rights, also held six workshops in which 480 young men and women from six governorates participated, on the National Human Rights Strategy and international human rights agreements.

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry launched the Population Clubs program activities in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to educate young people on population issues, including adolescence, reproductive health, population growth issues and other issues, by holding 3,773 seminars, with the participation of 56,359 people in all governorates of the Republic.

#### Second: Mainstreaming Human Rights Component into Different Education Levels

In light of the implementation of the United Nations Framework for Cooperation for Sustainable Development between the Egyptian government and the United Nations (UN) (2023-2027), the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights is working on preparing a project to integrate human rights into the educational system in Egypt, in cooperation and coordination with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cairo, the Office of the United

Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (OHCHR), and a number of relevant United Nations bodies.

In implementation of the Strategy's target results: "Refining the skills of those in charge of the educational process, training them in the field of human rights education, and integrating the human rights component into teachers' training programs and continuing qualification programs";

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education, in cooperation with the National Council for Women, organized two training courses for one hundred heads of human rights and equal opportunities units in Assiut Governorate, with the aim of introducing the sustainable development goals, the physical changes of girls during adolescence, and the values of respecting others.

In implementation of the Strategy target result: "Research and studies on the development of human rights teaching methods are expanded and integrated into pre- university and higher education";

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education reviewed all religious curricula to ensure that they are free of any topics that do not contribute to promoting tolerance and rejecting violence and extremism, and to include topics that contribute to consolidating the values of dialogue, recognizing differences and coexistence, and combating hatred and fanaticism.



#### Third: Police Training

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Policemen's capacity building and training programs are continued in the field of internationally recognized human rights values and principles";

Within the framework of the technical cooperation program for capacity building in the field of human rights between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva OHCHR, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights, with the support of the European Union Mission to Egypt, implemented the training program for trainers in charge of law enforcement in the field of human rights, which was held in two stages, and was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, and the Public Prosecution. The first stage of the program focused on developing the cognitive framework related to the work of law enforcement officers from a human rights perspective, to include criminal investigations, detention, determinants the use of firearms in dispersing gatherings, combating torture, and combating terrorism, as well as the ethical behavior of law enforcement officers in accordance with relevant international standards. The training program also addressed topics related to women's and children's rights in criminal justice, and ways to combat violence against women.

The training program in its second phase addressed topics related to developing and building training skills by reviewing the basic principles of training in the field of human rights, as well as how to develop training plans, identify training needs and training techniques. The Ministry of Interior continued its efforts to build the capabilities and skills of police force members to work in accordance with human rights principles, as the Ministry organized 21 lectures for its employees to spread the culture of human rights and hone skills in dealing with citizens. The Ministry also continued to

coordinate with all its agencies to hold cultural and awareness meetings for police force members to deepen their knowledge of human rights. The number of these meetings during the period covered by the report reached 1,430 meetings. During July 2024, and within the framework of the World Day Against Child Labor, the Ministry participated in the introductory workshop organized by the Ministry of Labor to introduce the national plan to combat child labor. It also participated in a workshop organized by the National Committee for International Humanitarian Law on introducing international humanitarian law and its relationship to international human rights law.

Within the framework of cooperation between the Police Academy and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Academy organized in September 2024 a training course for individuals and civilians in the Ministry in the field of the United Nations Standard Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules).

In implementation of the Strategy target results: "Advanced human rights training courses are conducted in fields of rights of women, child, persons with disabilities, human trafficking and illegal immigration";

During December 2023, the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), held a training course on combating violence against women and human rights for security personnel at the Ministry of Interior.

# Fourth: Training of Members of Judicial Authorities and Bodies

The Human Rights, Women and Children Sector at the Ministry of Justice participated in the discussion sessions organized by the National Council for Human Rights on the relationship between culture, media and law from the perspective of human rights and citizenship, and the legal materials and proposed legislation to combat violence against women.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Human rights specialized programs are expanded for members of judicial authorities and bodies, particularly on standards and guarantees of a fair trial";

The Public Prosecution has adopted a training plan to hold specialized courses in the field of human rights for its members on a number of topics, such as training on the guidelines on the role of members of the Public Prosecution, the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials, and the Declaration on the Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, as well as training on the role of the Public Prosecution in monitoring, supervising and inspecting police departments and stations and community correction and rehabilitation centers, including introducing the relevant international instruments, how to investigate crimes of torture and abuse of power by criminal justice and law enforcement officials, the guarantees and rights of the accused, substantive and procedural controls, legal protection for victims and witnesses, and the rights of accused and victimized children and those at risk. During the period covered by the report, 22 training courses were held for 407 members of the Public Prosecution.

In light of the implementation of the cooperation protocol signed between the Ministry of Justice and the National Council for Human Rights, during the period from March to June 2024, seven specialized training courses in the field of human rights were organized for new members of the Public Prosecution, and 55 members of the Appeal Prosecutions of Cairo, Alexandria, Ismailia, Tanta, Mansoura, Fayoum, and Qena benefited from these courses.

The Ministry held a discussion session in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on enhancing coordination between the relevant authorities in the judicial system in the field of combating cases of violence against women. The Ministry, in cooperation with the office, also organized 11 workshops to enhance the capacities of 214 judges in the field of facilitating access to justice for women victims of violence, and a

workshop for 20 members of the Administrative Prosecution Authority on combating crimes of violence against women.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the National Council for Women, implemented a basic training course for new judges for the judicial year 2023/2024 on the role of the judiciary in combating violence against women, from which 462 judges benefited, and a training course for 45 members of the State Council on combating violence against women and communication and leadership skills and arts. A number of judges also participated in the roundtable organized by the Council on developing the referral and follow-up system for cases of female genital mutilation. The Ministry, in cooperation with the Iudicial Studies Center, the National Council for Women, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), allocated two days in the basic training course for 462 members of the Public Prosecution nominated to take up the judiciary, one of which was devoted to explaining how to deal with children's cases, and the other to dealing with cases of violence against women. The National Council for Women, in cooperation with the Criminal Research and Training Institute of the Public Prosecution, held four workshops targeting 205 members of the Public Prosecution on the issue of violence against women from an international and national perspective, the legislative framework for crimes of violence against women, and family laws.

During the period covered by the report, the Ministry, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), implemented seven workshops for 127 judges on protecting the rights of victims and enhancing their access to justice, especially the aspect related to strengthening capacities to provide support for people with disabilities.

The Ministry, in partnership with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, implemented a workshop for 30 judges, members of the Administrative Prosecution, on implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and a workshop in cooperation with the German Hans Seidel

Foundation for 23 State Council judges on the same subject.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), organized three workshops entitled Towards Child-Friendly Justice for 105 judges.

The National Center for Judicial Studies held a number of training courses that benefited 467 criminal court judges, on topics such as contemporary concepts of international criminal alternative penalties, precautionary policy, measures and means of activating them, and the rules of fair trial in international conventions and comparative legislation. The center also held a workshop for 24 judges on the uses of digital evidence in the crimes of human trafficking and migrant smuggling. The center implemented the fifty-second basic training course for 461 new judges, and the second basic training course for nine new female judges, on topics such as national strategies to combat violence against women, forms of economic violence against women, fair trial in international conventions and comparative legislation and its reflection in the field of children, the rights of children in conflict with the law from an international perspective, alternative measures to penalties that deprive children of their freedom from an international perspective, and international labor standards and their reflection on the national legislative framework.

The Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the National Center for Judicial Studies, held two training courses for 49 judges of primary courts on legislative protection of environmental issues, climate change and their effects on sustainable development. The Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, implemented a training workshop for judges in environmental circuits on developments in environmental issues at the local, regional and international levels.

The Ministry organized a workshop for 14 members of the Administrative Prosecution Authority on promoting the values of integrity and transparency in order to prevent and combat corruption.

In implementation of the Strategy's target result of: "Judicial training centers are developed, in terms of preparing of specialized training manuals, developing indicators to measure the impact of human rights training programs and developing a scientific methodology to study, monitor and assess effectiveness of these programs";

In light of the implementation of the cooperation protocol between the Ministry of Justice and the National Council for Human Rights, a discussion session was organized on the frameworks and methodology of training in the fields of human rights during the judicial year 2024.

The Public Prosecution worked on developing judicial guidance books for members of the Public Prosecution, and disseminating a practical guidance guide for the elements that are inspected and the mechanisms for measuring the compatibility of these elements with legal considerations and relevant international standards, in addition to disseminating several periodic books to raise awareness of the laws and their amendments issued regularly to the Judicial Inspection Department of the Public Prosecution.

#### Fifth: Enhancing Human Rights Training and Education Programs for Public Servants

The Ministry of Environment implemented a specialized training program for human cadres in the sectors of the various ministries concerned with implementing sustainability standards through the Capacity Building 3 project, within the framework of the Egyptian government's adoption of the national strategy for transitioning to a green economy.

The Ministry of Social Solidarity, in cooperation with a civil society organization, implemented a training course to develop the capacities of 30 workers in the field of social rehabilitation in Aswan Governorate, on integrating persons with disabilities into the work plans of the authorities, and defining disabilities and the services provided by the ministry to persons with disabilities.

The Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the National Council for Women, organized a workshop for 47 court employees as part of the national efforts to combat the crime of female genital mutilation, and two workshops for 100 employees in the Administrative Prosecution on the same topic.

The Ministry, in cooperation with the National Center for Judicial Studies, held a training course for fifty court employees on the environmental dimension and its impact on sustainable development. It also held a number of training courses to raise the efficiency and skills of employees in family dispute settlement offices. The Ministry also implemented a training course for thirty Cairo court employees on international labor standards and the role of labor legal aid offices.

In implementation of the Strategy target result of: "Thematic training courses are held on implementing the National Human Rights Strategy";

Within the framework of the cooperation protocol signed between the Ministry of Finance and the National Council for Human Rights, a workshop was held under the title Mechanisms for Promoting Human Rights Concepts in the Government Sector and the National Strategy for Human Rights. The workshop discussed the International Bill of Human Rights, the National Strategy for Human Rights and its role in promoting the economic rights of the Egyptian citizen, and introduced the National Council for Human Rights and its working mechanisms, as well as the efforts made and the challenges of promoting and protecting human rights, and the impact of spreading human rights concepts among employees in the administrative apparatus of the Egyptian state in enhancing and improving the quality of services provided to citizens.

The Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rightsimplemented two training courses for cadres of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Culture concerned with the human rights file, with the aim of introducing the National Strategy for Human Rights, the roles assigned to the ministries to achieve the strategy's targets, and building their capacities in preparing graphic and statistical reports that include their efforts in the human rights file, in a way that effectively contributes to formulating more accurate reports on the state's achievements towards achieving the targets of the National Strategy for Human Rights and Egypt's international obligations.

#### Percentages of Implemented Measures Distributed Based on Rights

The number of implemented measures, monitored by the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights, to achieve the target results of the fourth focus area amounted to 81 measures, 42% of which were to disseminate the human rights culture, 3.7% to mainstream human rights component into different education levels, 7.4% for police training, 32.1% for training of members of judicial authorities and bodies, and 14.8% for enhancing human rights training and education programs for public servants.



Chart No. (9): Percentages of Implemented measures to Achieve the Target Results of the fourth focus area During the Third year

Prominent indicators for implementing the Target Results of the Fourth Focus Area, Human Rights Education and Capacity Building, during the period of September 2023-August 2024

# Dissemination of Human Rights Culture

#### 60,585 women

Benefited from 345 seminars to raise women's legal and rights awareness on the topics of online blackmail and cyber violence

#### 20,443 people

Benefited from 105 seminars to raise awareness of the system of employing and training children, the conditions and circumstances in which they are employed, and the jobs, professions and industries in which they are prohibited from being employed

#### 8,000 students

Benefited from 300 seminars on promoting human rights concepts

## 15 thousand story circles

#### 4000 debates

On human rights issues, religious freedoms, gender issues, acceptance of others and tolerance, and 100,000 students benefited from them

#### 15,550 employees

From ministries, governorates, law enforcement agencies and universities, benefited from 379 training courses on the National Anti-Corrution Strategy

#### 11,000 women

Benefited from 80 trainings on governance, the role of women in combating corruption and related fields

#### 500,000 girls

Benefited from the leadership program to empower and support girls (Rayhana) with the aim of raising girls' awareness and activating their role in society

# About 15 thousand young people

Benefited from 152 seminars, dialogue and awareness-raising meetings and workshops on the National Human Rights Strategy and international human rights conventions

#### 56 thousand and 359 people

Benefited from 3773 educational seminars on population issues, adolescence and reproductive health

# Mainstreaming Human Rights Component into Different Education Levels

In light of the implementation of the United Nations Framework for Cooperation for Sustainable Development (2023-2027), signed by the Egyptian Government and the United Nations, the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights is working on preparing a project to mainstream human rights component into the education system in Egypt, in cooperation and coordination with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cairo, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (OHCHR), and a number of relevant United Nations agencies.

#### **Police Training**

# 1430 cultural and awareness-raising meetings

For police officers to deepen their knowledge of human rights

#### 21 lectures

For police officers to disseminate the culture of human rights

#### Training of Members of Judicial Authorities and Bodies

#### **407 Public Prosecution Members**

Benefited from 22 training courses on the relevant international instruments and how to investigate crimes of torture and abuse of power

# 55 New Public Prosecution Members

Benefited from 7 specialized training courses on human rights

# 20 members of the Administrative Prosecution Authority

Benefited from a workshop on combating crimes of violence against women

# 214 judges

Benefited from 11 workshops in the field of facilitating access to justice for women victims of violence

# 462 new judges

Benefited from the basic training course for new judges on the role of the judiciary in combating violence against women

#### 45 female members of the State Council

Benefited from a training course on combating violence against women and communication and leadership skills

### 205 members of the Public Prosecution

Benefited from 4 workshops on violence against women from an international and national perspectives and the legislative framework for crimes of violence against women and family laws

# 127 judges

Benefited from 7 workshops on protecting the rights of victims and enhancing their access to justice, and especially on strengthening capacities to provide support for people with disabilities

# 105 judges

Benefited from 3 workshops titled Towards Child-Friendly Justice

# 467 criminal court judges

Were trained on the topics of contemporary concepts of international criminal policy, alternative penalties, precautionary measures and means of activating them, and the rules of fair trial in international conventions and comparative legislation

# **Enhancing Human Rights Training and Education Programs for Public Servants**

#### **30 Social Rehabilitation Workers**

Whose capacities were developed to integrate persons with disabilities into the work plans of the authorities, and to raise awareness of disabilities

#### **47 Court Employees**

Benefited from a workshop titled Combating the Crime of Female Genital Mutilation

#### 100 Administrative Prosecution Employees

Benefited from a workshop titled Combating the Crime of Female Genital Mutilation

#### **50 Court Employees**

Benefited from a training course on the environmental dimension and its impact on sustainable development

# 30 Cairo Courts' Employees

Benefited from a training course on international labor standards and the role of labor legal assistance offices

The Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Standing Committee for Human Rights implemented two training courses for the cadres of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Culture who are concerned with the human rights dossier, with the aim of introducing the National Human Rights Strategy, the roles assigned to the ministries to achieve the Strategy's target results, and building their capacities in preparing graphic and statistical reports that include their efforts in the human rights dossier



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"The true human is the one who does not stop striving and continues to revolve around the light of the glory of truth, tirelessly and without rest" "Jalal al-Din Rumi (1207-1273), Islamic philosopher and mystic" Cover Photo: "The National Human Rights Strategy" in Arabic, hieroglyphic and Coptic languages.