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# EGYPT

## COUNTRY PROFILE

For over four decades, the American people have partnered with the people of Egypt to build a globally competitive economy for the benefit of all Egyptians. Through investments totaling over \$30 billion since 1978, USAID has changed the trajectory of Egypt's modern development. USAID programs brought clean water and wastewater services to 25 million Egyptians, eliminated polio, reduced child mortality by 80% and maternal mortality by 78%, built 2,000 schools, expanded electricity and telecomms across the country, and created hundreds of thousands of jobs.

### OUR WORK

Today, USAID's programs in economic growth, education, health, and governance advance a peaceful and prosperous Egypt in support of Egypt's Vision 2030. Our programs are giving future generations the skills to succeed and providing opportunities for Egypt's large youth population as it enters higher education and the workforce. USAID is improving agriculture productivity, water and wastewater services, and increasing job and business opportunities. We seek to enhance the contributions of government officials, civil society, communities, and individuals to build and strengthen institutions that meet the political and economic needs of the Egyptian people. USAID continues to support Egypt's private sector, government, and youth to combat climate change. Central to all of USAID's work is empowering women and girls to succeed at work, at school, at home, and in their communities.

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

USAID works with public and private sector partners to create more – and better – jobs. USAID's programs improve the policy and business regulatory environment, stimulate entrepreneurship, strengthen enterprises, improve the workforce, and enhance trade. They improve the employability of Egypt's youth and provide support for micro, small, and medium enterprises. USAID also advances

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women's economic empowerment by increasing employment opportunities and working with businesses to adopt gender-balanced policies. In addition, USAID is providing training and expertise to increase the exporting capacities of small and medium enterprises – including agribusinesses – in order to expand export markets, buyer contacts, and sales. In tourism, USAID works with international and local organizations to conserve Egypt's rich cultural and natural heritage and ensure local communities benefit from the growing tourism industry. USAID, in partnership with the Government of Egypt, is continuing to make investments to bring clean water and sanitation services to the Egyptian people.

## **EDUCATION**

USAID works at every level of the education system to make sure that education is relevant, graduates have the skills needed to enter the workforce, and that students, teachers, and professors have opportunities for study and research in relevant fields that will help to grow Egypt's economy. USAID supported the Egyptian government to establish science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) high schools that are home to 5,000 of Egypt's brightest and most talented students. USAID supports teacher professional development, including designing new STEM teacher training courses in climate change and environmental sustainability. In higher education, USAID's Centers of Excellence for water and energy bring together U.S. and Egyptian universities to improve curricula and research, offer scholarships, and link research with private sector initiatives. USAID is establishing 30 career centers at 22 universities across the country and helping them to engage the private sector to design industry-relevant curricula to facilitate pathways for university graduates to secure employment. USAID also helps underserved students receive education through university scholarships and a literacy program that supports reading for primary-grade students and their mothers in remote areas.

## **HEALTH**

USAID works closely with the Government of Egypt to support Egypt's COVID-19 response. The U.S. Government has donated millions of high-quality U.S. vaccines, saving lives and preventing the emergence of new variants. Building on decades of work to strengthen Egypt's health system, current USAID programs train healthcare workers, improve tracking, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of the virus; and deliver vaccines to the Egyptian people. USAID also supports the Government of Egypt's family development goals by increasing knowledge of reproductive health and voluntary family planning through peer networks, private sector partners, community health workers, and healthcare providers.

## **GOVERNANCE**

USAID is working in partnership with the Egyptian people to promote economic stability and inclusive development in Egypt through more effective public institutions and engagement with civil society. Our inclusive governance work focuses on increasing the accountability and efficiency of public institutions and reducing barriers to economic and social participation for women and marginalized communities. Our work focuses on strengthening governance systems, combatting corruption, promoting women's social and economic empowerment, preventing violence against women, and combating trafficking in persons. Our activities support comprehensive socio economic reform efforts to improve Egypt's investment climate and foster broad-based prosperity in Egypt.

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