



National Experience in Auditing SDGs and ESG

SAI Egypt





Egypt's Vision 2030

- The first version of the sustainable development strategy was launched in 2016: Egypt's vision 2030.

- ***The goal ,***

By 2030, Egypt will have a competitive, balanced and diversified economy based on innovation and knowledge, and on justice, social inclusion and participation, with a balanced and diverse ecosystem, to achieve sustainable development and improve the quality of life of Egyptians.





Egypt's Vision 2030

- To achieve this vision, the strategy adopted the concept of sustainable development as a **general framework intended to improve the quality of life at the present time and future**, and is based on three main dimensions; economic, social and environmental.
- All the strategic goals in Egypt's Vision 2030 are based on four main pillars :(***human beings are the focus of development, achieving justice and access, enhancing flexibility and adaptability, and achieving sustainability***).



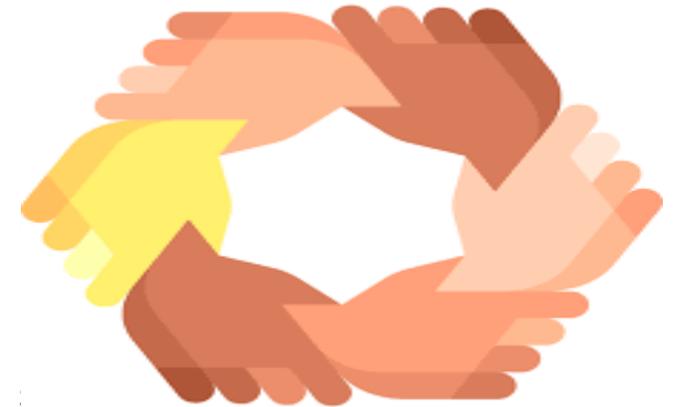
Egypt's Experience in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals



1- Takaful & Karama Program

- Related to achieving progress in several SDGs especially the following goals (1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10)
- Inaugurated in 2015.
- Takaful (Solidarity) is a conditional program to support family income.
- Karama (Dignity) is an unconditional cash transfer program for the vulnerable groups.
- The number of beneficiaries of the program increased from 60 thousand families in 2015 to 3.7 million by May 2021.

Most of the Beneficiaries are female, with the budget allocated for the program has nearly tripled from 2015 till 2021.





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2- Hayah Karima Initiative (Decent Life)

- launched in 2019,.
- Had a budget of EGP 675 million (USD 43 million) to accelerate poverty eradication on a local level.
- Targets rural villages with poverty rates exceeding 70% as a first phase.
- Focuses on providing health, educational, and housing support, in addition to supporting microenterprises and economic empowerment.





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- Was endorsed as a presidential initiative in 2021 with a much larger budget of EGP 500 billion (USD 31.8 billion) for its second phase.
- Focuses strongly on local infrastructure, developing the quality of housing through ensuring access to electricity, water, sanitation, and gas.
- Benefit from local competitiveness thereby reducing internal migration to large cities in search for opportunity & better life and further closing the urban/rural gap.





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3- Forsa (Opportunity) program

Empowering the beneficiaries of the Takaful and Karama cash transfer program and additional vulnerable groups through establishing their own micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and including them in value-chains that ensure sustainable income for them.





Challenges

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- the continuous challenge of population growth (a clear risk factor).
- Education level as its considered , a protective factor against sliding into poverty.
- The need to continue developing the material and moral incentive for scientific research and innovation.
- The need to increase scientific qualifications to deal with big data, geographic and cloud information systems.





SAI Egypt's Role in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals

Legislation , laws and decisions regulating monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals

- Environmental law, No. 4 of 1994, amended by Law NO.9 of 2009 and its executive regulations and amendments.

- SAI Egypt Law No. 144 of 1988, amended by Law No. 157 of 1998.

- **Decisions issued by the Egyptian Financial Regulatory Authority:**

No. 84 of 2016 regarding the issuance of the Egyptian Corporate Governance Code (Issue III), which aims to support all companies to implement governance as an integrated approach towards growth and sustainability, for the benefit of companies and the national economy in general.

No. 108 of 2021 regulating the disclosure of environmental, social and governance practices related to sustainability and the financial impacts of climate change by companies with securities in the Egyptian Exchange.

No. 196 of 2022 amending Decree No. 107 of 2021 regulating the disclosure of environmental, social and governance practices related to sustainability and the financial effects of climate change by companies working in the field of non-bank financial activities.





SAI Egypt's Role in Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals

Monitoring Procedures for implementing the sustainable development goals:

- Follow up on the implementation of the strategy regarding the micro economy through its oversight of projects for the production and service sectors.
- The SAI Issues more than 100 combined reports annually for the three sectors; economic, productive, and public services.
- Incorporating the environmental dimension into performance evaluation criteria.
- Reviewing projects financed by loans and grants.





SAI Egypt's Experience in Reviewing Initiatives Launched to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

Recommendations of SAI Egypt:

- ❑ Work to disburse support only to deserving cases and to the poorest.
- ❑ Compliance with the provisions of the Village Without Poverty Initiative Guideline and recommending the formation of the necessary committees for this , while ensuring that all obstacles are overcome :
 - Compliance with all laws and decisions regulating purchasing activities.
 - Review all client files and work to complete them.
 - Follow up on the stages of implemented projects.





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- ❑ Consider taking the necessary legal measures with customers who are late in paying the due installments and collecting all fines.
- ❑ Consider accuracy in directing the disbursements of the amounts to the authorities responsible for collection.
- ❑ Raising awareness among citizens of the importance of initiatives to achieve maximum benefit from these initiatives.





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Most important SAI Egypt's recommendations regarding internal control:

- Consider internal control systems when taking all inventory procedures.
- Collecting the interest value of withdrawing amounts from the banks and keeping them before starting to implement the projects.
- Ensure that the formed committees carry out all their tasks.
- Consider the application of what is stated in the purchase contracts regarding primary and final insurance.



Impact



- Most of SAI Egypt's recommendations have been **responded to**, especially in the field of following up on the implementation of projects, in accordance with the timelines established for implementation with regard to the authorities forming specialized committees in :
- ✓ studying the selection of eligible persons.
 - ✓ Forming specialized committees to examine all customer affairs.
 - ✓ Forming committees to avoid and correct all errors.





Impact

- The initial impact assessment of the Takaful program showed that the consumption value of **beneficiaries families increased by 7.3% to 8.4%** compared to non beneficiary families from the program.
- The Sustainable Development Report 2023 indicated that the Arab Republic of Egypt had **advanced six places** in the current year in the Sustainable Development Goals Index, where it **ranked NO. 81 out of 166 countries** included in the report, and compared to its rank in **2022, where it was NO.87 out of 163 countries.**
- Egypt's score on this index **increased to 69.6 in 2023**, compared to 68.7 in 2022; which means **increasing Egypt's efforts regarding achieving Sustainable Development Goals and the effective influence of SAI** in that.



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