Executive Board
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Operational Response at Country Level: Egypt

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January 2011
Women at frontline of 1.25 Revolution → President Mubarak steps down

June 2013 uprising → Change of regime

2014
- **Jan:** New Constitution → unprecedented rights to women
- **May:** Sexual Harassment criminalized
- **June:** El-Sisi elected as President

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Upcoming: Local Council election → 25% quota = 13,500 women
Vision

Twin Priority Goals
- Inclusive Growth
- Social Justice

Programmatic Focus
- Women’s Political Empowerment
- Women’s Economic Empowerment
- Ending Violence Against Women

KEY AGENTS for sustainable development
Ending Violence against Women

- In Egypt the most pervasive forms of VAW are sexual harassment in public space, female genital mutilation as well as domestic violence
- VAW has tremendous costs: Unacceptable suffering, health care expenses, legal expenses, losses in productivity, national budget and overall development

Legislative Framework & Enforcement
- Sexual Harassment criminalized in Penal Code amendment
- National Strategy to EVAW
- Implementation of Laws, Policies and Action Plans

Victim Support & Prevention
- Women Shelters
- Public spaces free from violence
- Women-friendly urban development

Awareness Raising & HeforShe
- Mobilizing Youth incl. men and boys
- Media Campaign ‘Speak Up!’ sparking debate on sexual harassment and domestic violence

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Political Empowerment

- 2015 Parliamentary elections: last milestones of the Political Roadmap announced in July 2013

Women’s Access to Citizenship
- ID Cards needs assessment and issuance for women across Egypt

Awareness Raising on Citizenship Rights
- 240 Youth Ambassadors within communities across 10 Governorates
- Knocking Door Campaigns for women voter awareness (54,000 households)

Capacity Development for Women Candidates & Parliamentarians
- 89 women parliamentarians were elected, increasing female representation from 2% (in 2013) to 15%
Despite women’s valuable contributions to the country’s economy, female labour force participation in Egypt has been low (23.1% vs 80.2%) and remained stagnant.

Focus: Women as key actors of economic progress

Job Creation, Entrepreneurship & Employability

- 50% increase of women’s income and stronger capacity for self-employment and financial independence (Upper Egypt)
- 152 women-led enterprises established in one of Egypt’s poorest governorate

Access to financial/non-financial services and assets

- Tailored packages of financial and non-financial services and assets
- 2,177 women received assets to start businesses
- 2,810 women received training on entrepreneurship

Strengthen Skills through Village Savings and Loan Associations

- Skills of over 16,000 poor and marginalized women improved, benefitting around 47,000 extended family members
Normative Frameworks & Policy Coordination

**International**
- Beijing +20
- CEDAW
- CSW
- UPR
- SDGs

**National**
- 2014 Constitution
- Sustainable Development Strategy 2030
- National Women’s Machinery

**Gender Related Coordination**
- UN Country Team
- Development Partnership Group (DPG)
  - Gender Thematic Group
  - Civil Society Advisory Group
Partnerships

- **Strong relation with Government partners & Civil Society Organizations**
- **Broker of collaboration**: Bridge between Civil Society and Government
- Expanding partnerships to include a wide array of **non-traditional partners**

**Government**
- Streamlined assistance through: NCW, MOSS, MOJ, MOI/Civil Registry, MOFA, MOY

**Academic Institutions**
- Establishment of MA Degree in Gender and Development, Cairo University
- Social Research Centre, American University

**Media, Film, Art**
- 16 days of activism
- HeforShe Champions

**Private Sector**
- International and national companies
- Egyptian Stock Exchange

**Youth**
Financial Portfolio Overview

- UN Women Egypt Country Office is implementing an ongoing portfolio of USD 28.7 million, of which USD 12 million was implemented in 2011-2015 (more than half of which in 2015)
- 2015 Budget: USD 8.1 million → Delivery: 93.3% (94.8% excl. IB, XB)
- Additional funds mobilized in 2015: USD 9.3 million → Stability & Growth

2015 Financial Performance Overview

Funds Mobilized by Thematic Area 2011-2017

- Women's Economic Empowerment
- Women's Political Participation
- Access to Justice
- Education
- Violence Against Women
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