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► Factsheet - Youth for Future (Y4F) Project

Youth Empowerment and Integration in Host Communities

Since 2013, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has been facing large-scale mixed migration flows through and from countries in the region, including Egypt. Egypt is a country of destination and transit for refugees and other migrants, as well as a country of origin. It hosts over 6.3 million migrants- where 900,000 persons are considered vulnerable and over 265,013 are registered refugees and asylum seekers as of May 2021. This includes around 600,000 migrants and 98,657 refugees who are children - out of which 4,176 are unaccompanied and separated.

In alignment with Egypt's 2030 vision, the Youth for Future (Y4F) Project aims to improve the livelihood opportunities and strengthen the socio-economic resilience of migrant, refugee and Egyptian youth through improved policy frameworks, employability skills, career prospects and inclusive youth centres. This will be achieved via a three-pronged approach that combines skills development and career guidance services at the individual (micro) level, capacity development of key stakeholders at the institutional (meso) level and policy engagement on the national (macro) level.

The project focuses on the development of skills and career guidance services. It will review national career

development systems aiming at understanding current gaps, system development needs and establish a basis to discuss pathways to improvement with constituents. It will also review existing training manuals for all services delivered while assessing their suitability for migrant and refugee young people and include a module on the promotion of social cohesion and peaceful coexistence. Building on the adapted curricula, the project will deliver Job Search Clubs (JSC) in all target governorates for refugees, migrants and Egyptian youth as well as introduce a mobile application to build on the employability skills gained at the Job Search Clubs (JSC) and make young people more confident finding a job.

The Job Search Clubs' (JSC) goal is to empower and assist young job seekers to find decent jobs in the shortest time possible. It provides underprivileged unemployed youth with essential skills for finding suitable employment. The JSC involve meetings with members under the supervision of an ILO-trained coordinator to provide them with the guidance, information and tools they need to find suitable work opportunities. Young people share resources and contacts and they form peer support groups to enhance their job-hunting skills and provide mutual support and encouragement.

Another key aspect of the project is capacitating key stakeholders by developing modules on gender inclusion for youth centre trainers as well as developing training materials on gender equality and social inclusion. The project will conduct capacity-building sessions for social workers and community volunteers on child protection services, case management, referral mechanisms and child safeguarding.

On the policy level, the project will discuss with the government and key stakeholders the potential to improve the livelihoods and socio-economic resilience of the target group. It will also support adolescent and youth-led community initiatives that stimulate social dialogue and develop joint knowledge products on labour market barriers of young refugees and migrants in Egypt together with national partners and stakeholders.

Implementing Agencies: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) & International Labour Organization (ILO)

Donor: Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)

Project Duration: 8 years (2020 – 2028)

Donor Contribution: 8,600,000 USD and will be matched 1:1 by co-funding from ILO and UNICEF

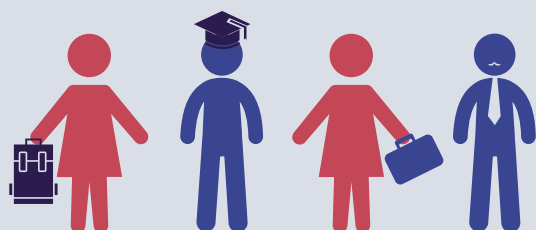
Target Group

Total number of direct beneficiaries

► **30,600**

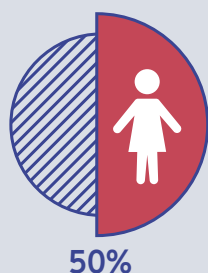
Young Egyptians, migrants, refugees and host communities

— Age group 10 to 35 —



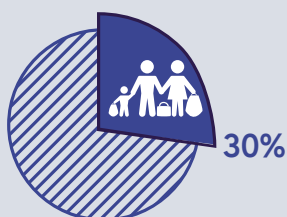
► **50%**

Girls and Women



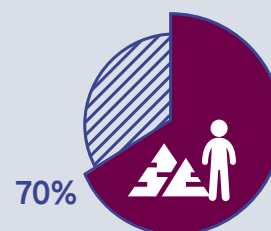
► **30%**

Migrant and Refugee Adolescents & Youth



► **70%**

Egyptian Youth & Adolescents



Skills development is of essential importance to the Decent Work Agenda

Skills development and career guidance services come as a core pillar of the project. Youth for Future will enhance the knowledge and skills that support the employability of job seekers and improve the quality and scope of services provided at the youth centres. With the support of the UNICEF, it will strengthen the capacity of youth centres under the MoYS to provide effective career guidance, employability and employment services for young people and will expand existing services and programmes to be more inclusive and cater to refugee and migrant young people.

The project will boost the employability of Egyptian and migrant adolescents and youth; males and females, equip and capacitate youth centres to promote inclusive child protection, and gender-responsive services for both Egyptian and migrant youth and adolescents. In addition to that, it will advocate for the importance of including migrants and refugees in the national labour market to key ministries, employers', and workers' representatives.

Growing Youth Centres into inclusive Community Centres & safe spaces for female youth

The project will demonstrate the effects of employability initiatives and their potential to strengthen the socio-economic resilience of beneficiaries. Young people are expected to gain employability skills and have an improved access to decent employment opportunities contributing to their household income and hence improving their livelihoods. As a result, they are expected to take a more optimistic stance towards their own future economic situation.

Youth centres provide an ideal space for social interaction and cohesion building, thus the project will work on transforming Youth Centres into Community Centres, creating inclusive spaces for the development, empowerment and participation of the target group. In addition to that, the community centres aim at creating a sustainable model that includes physical spaces for adolescents and youth, including safe spaces/times for female youth and adolescent girls promoting gender equality and social cohesion, with an inclusivity lens.

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Successful labour market integration of migrants is key prerequisite for broader social integration

Building on the engagement of stakeholders and advocacy and policy dialogue, the project will work on raising awareness and interest of the Government of Egypt, key ministries, employers and workers' representatives on the importance of including migrants and refugees in the national labour market while ensuring fair conditions.

ILO and UNICEF will collaborate on advocacy and social dialogue initiatives to promote a positive image of migrants and refugees in particular their positive contribution to the economy and their rights to equal treatment. It will also foster a better understanding by the ministries (MoM, MoYS and MoFA) as well as the private sector (through the FEI, private sector coalitions and Unions) on their potential values.

► Key Partners



Ministry of Youth & Sports (MoYS)



Ministry of Manpower (MoM)



Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)



Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP)



International & national NGOs



Employers' Organizations (Private Sector)



Workers' Organizations (Trade Unions)



Private Sector Coalition for Meshwary

The project will work through two well-established programmes in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports; UNICEF-supported "Meshwary" Project and the ILO-supported Job Search Clubs. The Youth centres under the ministry will be the principal vehicle for the delivery of quality services and safe spaces for adolescents and youth.



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International Labour Organization - ILO

The only tripartite U.N. agency, since 1919 the ILO brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.

The main aims of the ILO are to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work-related issues.



United Nations Children's Fund - UNICEF

UNICEF, is a United Nations agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. The agency is among the most widespread and recognizable social welfare organizations in the world, with a presence in 190 countries and territories.

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