

The Egyptian National Human Rights Strategy: Year 3 Implementation

Rights of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities & the Elderly



The National Human Rights Strategy (NHRS) 2021-2026 is the first of its kind in Egypt, it focuses on advancing all human rights in Egypt through enhancing respect for all civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, stipulated for in the Constitution, national laws, and international and regional instruments ratified by Egypt, while protecting vulnerable groups such as women, youth & elderly and promoting raising awareness and spreading a culture of human rights.



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Delegates from the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development and the Asian Population and Development Association met in Cairo to discuss support for people with disabilities and the elderly.

Pillar III Rights of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, and the Elderly

Women Rights: State continued its efforts to promote women's rights. EGP 88 billion were 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.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Egypt has made significant strides in disability services and integration. Key achievements include supporting 1.3 million disability service cards, and executing nearly 4,000 awareness-raising campaigns to support disability rights across the country.

Rights of Youth: The government has implemented comprehensive youth development programs focusing on three main areas: civic engagement, employment, and health/recreation. The state allocated 5.24 billion pounds for youth facilities in the 2024/2025 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.

Rights of the Elderly: The government has expanded social protection through the Karama program, which now serves 713,000 elderly beneficiaries. The country maintains 163 nursing homes and 179 elderly clubs, serving approximately 41,000 individuals. Financial support includes 186 million pounds in small business loans and nearly 15 million pounds in grants to elderly care associations.

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