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News Brief

First Steering Committee Meeting of the **EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FOR AT RISK CHILDREN IN EGYPT**

EU-Egypt project implemented by UNICEF

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Cairo -- This programme of cooperation between the European Union (EU) and the Government of Egypt with UNICEF reflects a strategic partnership to support Egyptian children. The overall objective of the five-year programme is to increase access to education for the most vulnerable and socially excluded children, as well as to strengthen the child protection system. The EU, the Government of Egypt, and UNICEF, are working together to reach this goal by:

- Scaling up the community schools model and improving access of out-of-school children to primary education;
- Supporting the inclusion of children with disability in the public education system;
- Developing the national mechanism for child protection in the context of the Egyptian Child Law.

Highlights of the Expected results for the Programme:

- 1,200 community schools enrolling 30,000 new pupils will be established and equipped;
- 200 public primary schools will be upgraded to cater to the needs of 6,000 additional children with disabilities following the "inclusion school model";
- Around 20,000 children will be supported by effective child protection mechanisms in 15 Governorates.

Objective of the Programme Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee oversees the programme implementation and agrees on its overall direction, including the selection of piloted Governorates. It ensures national ownership, guarantees a participative decision-making process, and maintains the dialogue among all counterparts at the central level to support the implementation at the sub-national level.

Composition of the Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee will be composed of:

- Ministry of International Cooperation (Chair);
- Ministry of Education;
- National Council of Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM);
- Ministry of Local Development;
- Ministry of Social Solidarity;
- Ministry of Health and Population;
- The EU Delegation (observer).

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