

Single Support Framework

Egypt 2014-2015

SUMMARY

The Arab Republic of Egypt and the European Union as key partners enjoy a longstanding strategic relation, reflected in the Association Agreement, as the legal framework governing the relationship between them, and the Action Plan within the European Neighbourhood Policy extended until March 2015.

The Association Agreement between the European Union and Egypt, the ENP Action Plan, the Council conclusions of 21 August 2013, 21 October 2013 and 10 February 2014, the recommendations of the Court of Auditors as well as the High Representative / Vice-president's (HR/VP's) Statement of 19 January 2014 on the newly voted constitutional referendum are the main elements of the Policy Framework which have guided the programming of support to Egypt's modernisation process and to overcome the constraints it is facing. In this context, the response strategy must help support the implementation of Egypt's reform agenda, support the country's process towards good governance and social justice and to ensure socio-economic development for the Egyptian people.

Following comprehensive consultations with the Government, civil society and other donors, the Single Support Framework (SSF) focuses on a limited number of priorities taking into consideration Egypt's reform agenda to ensure ownership and reinforce donor coordination. Complementarities and coherence will be sought with all other EU instruments, in particular with the thematic and regional programmes, facilities, loan operations of the EIB as well as with interventions funded by other development partners, in particular with EU Member States

Sectors of Intervention for the Single Support Framework for Egypt for the period 2014-2015

I - Poverty Alleviation, Local socio-economic development and Social Protection:

The overall objective of this priority area is to support Egypt's inclusive economic growth and job creation, as well as to foster social protection.

- a) Enhance the delivery of basic services, notably to combat illiteracy and improve access to education, in particular at community level;
- b) Support socio-economic development at the local level targeting those most in need through generating and strengthening sustainable economic activities.
- c) Increase employment and improve entrepreneurship and self-employment, with a focus on youth and women;
- d) Improve social protection systems and instruments.

II - Governance, Transparency and Business Environment:

The overall objective of this priority area is to support Egypt's process towards good governance and social justice including through establishing an enabling environment for conducting business to ensure economic recovery.

- a) Facilitate access of citizens to public services, particularly of women, youth and disabled citizens.

- b) Cooperate in combating and preventing corruption.
- c) Improve the legal and regulatory framework for conducting business and investment.
- d) Support the implementation of the Association Agreement.

III -Quality of life and environment

The overall objective is to improve the quality of life and the environment by facilitating the access to sanitation and by providing clean energy.

- a) Improving waste-water management and citizens' access to sanitation, including participatory measures at local level and income generating activities;
- b) Improving access to clean energy.

The interventions to be financed under the above mentioned priorities will be implemented in agreement between both parties, and whenever appropriate the participation of the civil society organizations in compliance with national legislations and EU regulations.

The indicative allocation for Egypt under the Single Support Framework for the period 2014-2015 is EUR 210,000,000 – EUR 257,000,000.

Indicative budget breakdown of the Single Support Framework

SINGLE SUPPORT FRAMEWORK FOR EGYPT 2014-2015	Indicative allocation
SECTOR OF INTERVENTION I – Poverty Alleviation, Local Socio-Economic Development and Social Protection	40%
SECTOR OF INTERVENTION II – Governance, Transparency and Business Environment	20%
SECTOR OF INTERVENTION III – Quality of Life and Environment	40%
Total Commitments	100%