

Independent  
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## INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

# EGYPT

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2021

### COUNTRY PROFILE

#### Population

102 million people  
(2020)



#### HDI value

0.707  
(2019)



#### Women in politics

27.4% in parliament  
(2021)



\$ (2020)  
3,569 Thousand  
**GDP per capita**



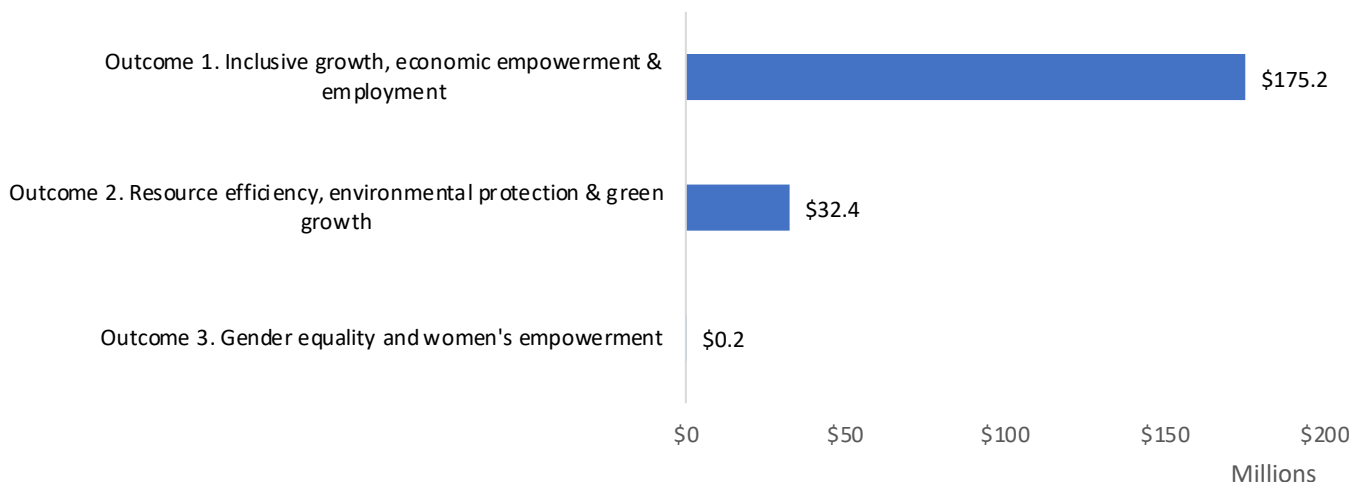
(2020)  
9.2%  
**Unemployment**



(2019)  
107th  
**Climate change  
vulnerability  
index**

### PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

Programme finances by outcome area (2018-2021)



## CONCLUSIONS

1. UNDP is a reliable and credible partner of the Government in the full spectrum of services it provides, especially strengthening institutional capacity and connecting different actors. Concerns remain over the depth of UNDP's engagement beyond administrative support.
2. UNDP's support to economic and urban development and job creation responds to the key challenges. More needs to be done to build an enabling environment for youth employment and economic empowerment.
3. UNDP's efforts to enhance public services and public finance management showcase the effectiveness of targeted engagement. This approach has great potential to enhance the transparency and accountability of public institutions.
4. Work to address priority environmental and climate change issues - especially to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – proved effective and inclusive. While sustainability results are mixed, energy-related initiatives show better uptake and sustainability.
5. UNDP successfully mainstreamed gender across its interventions. Work remains to ensure that no-one is left behind, and to fully align UNDP's work with the country's SDG priorities.
6. UNDP's partnerships within the UN system and other external development partners are strategically limited.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP should strengthen its potential added value by capitalizing on its knowledge, expertise and international networks, to galvanize its support to the country's priorities.
2. Strengthen digitization and e-governance reforms.
3. Support entrepreneurship and job creation by focusing on an enabling environment and sustainability mechanisms.
4. Fully integrate gender equality and women's empowerment across UNDP's programme of work and support to the Government.
5. Create inter-sectoral synergies between economic development and environmental management to promote the green transformation agenda.
6. Ensure sustainability of environment and climate change interventions to maintain community benefits over time.
7. Reinforce results-based management approaches, and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation capacity in the country office.
8. Invest in and expand partnerships with civil society, development partners and the private sector.



### ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

By generating evaluative evidence, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supports UNDP to achieve greater accountability and facilitates improved learning from experience. The IEO enhances UNDP's development effectiveness through its programmatic and thematic evaluations and contributes to organizational transparency.

### ABOUT ICPEs

The IEO of UNDP conducts Independent Country Programme Evaluations (ICPEs) to assess UNDP's performance at the country level. These evaluations support the formulation of a new UNDP country programme strategy in facilitating and leveraging national efforts to advance inclusive and sustainable development.