

THE EBRD IN EGYPT

Sustainable infrastructure

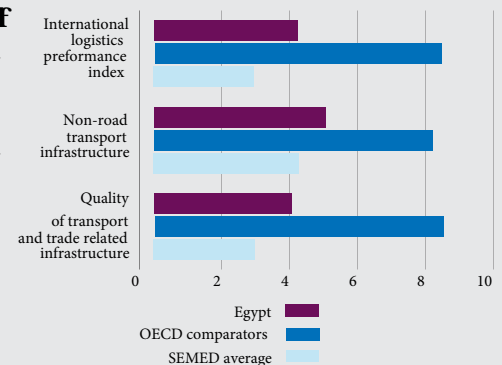
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Egypt's population growth continues to exert significant pressure on resources and public services. While the fiscal deficit has constrained the government's ability to provide high-quality public infrastructure, private infrastructure and municipal infrastructure has also been limited. These sectors have suffered from underinvestment, leading to irregular or low-quality service provision. Gaps in public infrastructure have also held back the development of a more competitive private sector, which depends on essential municipal, transport and logistical services. Water infrastructure is also limited. With a growing population, rapid urbanisation and industrial growth, Egypt needs to significantly scale up its investment in sustainable infrastructure.

EBRD score (1-worst, 10-best)



How we work

We focus on supporting the commercialisation of municipal public services and improving the efficiency of public infrastructure, including by increasing private-sector participation. Drawing on expertise under the EBRD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility, we mobilise private capital for the development of roads, ports, airports, railways and other utilities. We also champion the use of public service contracts and PPPs, which, in Egypt, led to groundbreaking investments in urban transport and logistics. The Bank's flagship programme, EBRD Green Cities, offers more than €2.5 billion of EBRD and donors' support to cities to address their pressing environmental challenges through targeted sustainable infrastructure investments, policy actions and capacity building.

In numbers

€2.3 billion

Net cumulative investment in 36 infrastructure projects across the country

€968.3 million

Net cumulative investment in municipal and environmental infrastructure

€442.6 million

Net cumulative investment in transport

Data relate to EBRD activities in Egypt between 2013 and 2020.

Quick links

EBRD Green Cities strives to build a sustainable future for cities and their residents. The programme achieves this by connecting cities' environmental challenges with sustainable infrastructure investments and policy measures.



The EBRD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF) focuses on project preparation, policy dialogue and institutional strengthening to address both public-sector infrastructure projects and PPPs.



Achievements and results (2013-20): Sustainable infrastructure

We support the development of sustainable urban infrastructure by:

- ▶ supporting the modernisation of urban transport, such as the Cairo Metro, as a part of a multi-year investment of €750 million including the introduction of long-term supply and maintenance arrangements
- ▶ addressing key environmental challenges, including through our EBRD Green Cities
- ▶ supporting the sustainable financing of vital social infrastructure development by, for example, participating in the New Urban Communities Authority's bond programme.

We help improve water and transport infrastructure by:

- ▶ helping to commercialise Egyptian National Railways, financing the replacement of 40-year old carbon-intensive locomotives with 100 new diesel engines, and enhancing rail safety for women
- ▶ modernising water and wastewater treatment plants, including the rehabilitation of the sewerage network in Kafr El Sheikh
- ▶ working with international partners to address urgent irrigation issues in the Nile Delta, one of the most severely polluted drain areas in the country.

Better transport

An estimated 2 million passengers benefit from the EBRD-financed Cairo Metro.

Safer train travel for women

With EBRD assistance and funding from donors, Egyptian National Railways launched a public awareness campaign aimed at combating the sexual harassment of women on trains and in stations. The awareness-raising measures seek to make it safer for women to access the transport services they need in order to engage in work, education and social activities.

Access to wastewater services

Some 1.5 million people have access to clean sanitation thanks to our wastewater projects.

Water saved

More than 3 million cubic meters of water are saved each year through our investments, which is the equivalent of 90,000 showers (2017-2020).



A bond issued by Egypt's New Urban Communities Authority, in which the EBRD invested EGP 500 million (€29 million) was named the "Securitisation Deal of the Year 2020 - Africa" by *The Banker*, a sister publication of the Financial Times.

The EBRD was a major, and the only, international participant in the offering.



Read how the EBRD works with ENR to improve safety and security on public transport.



EBRD Green Cities programme in Cairo and Alexandria:

The cities of Alexandria and Cairo have become a part of the EBRD Green Cities Programme that helps municipal governments identify, prioritise and develop interventions to address their environmental challenges through a Green City Action Plan and related investments.

Rehabilitation of the sewerage network in Kafr El Sheikh:

The EBRD financed the rehabilitation of the sewerage network in Kafr El Sheikh, which is now estimated to provide wastewater services to 470,000 new households and to reduce water pollutants by 80 per cent.

Economic opportunities for the local population in Fayoum:

To promote economic development in one of the poorest governorates, the EBRD financed the improvement of wastewater and sewerage networks. The project includes the construction of wastewater treatment plants, 139 pumping stations, and the extension of more than 3,400 km of sewerage pipes in six rural districts. The project also supports the depollution of Lake Qarun, an important natural freshwater resource, improving local health and the economy, including fishing and tourism.

Less extreme pollution in El Mahalla El Kubra:

The 69 km-long Kitchener Drain is extremely polluted due to wastewater, municipal solid waste and agricultural fertilisers. The EBRD developed a cross-sectoral approach to support depollution and improve irrigation. The project is expected to improve municipal solid waste services to over 5 million people and to lay the groundwork for on-lending to improve agricultural practices.

Better logistics infrastructure in Cairo:

The Bank provided advisory support through the IPPF for the pioneering 6th of October Dry Port PPP tender, Egypt's first inland port PPP and the largest logistics centre in the Greater Cairo region.