

Egypt - Integrated Water & Food Security

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



- Support the Egyptian Government in NWRP – 2037 and SADS for 2030 implementation.
- Foster strategic policy dialogue.
- Water sector reform.
- Establish a more resilient food system.

Improve the natural resources management:

- NWRP 2037: improve Freshwater Availability; Water Quality; Water Use Management; Enabling Environment.
- Protect the natural resources of the cultivated areas: integrated farming, pest management, agricultural practices.
- Promote Resource Efficiency (efficiency indicators and tools).

Support the socio-economic development of the rural areas:

- Local participatory approaches.
- Mitigate water scarcity.
- Provide efficient agricultural extension services.
- Improve livestock wealth.
- Innovative solutions for generating income (rural women).
- Access to education and training.

Improve the rural community's livelihood - smallholder farmers, their families, cooperatives, and associations.

Raising awareness for the public (advocating water reforms).

Gender mainstreaming and youth empowerment.

Digitalization

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Innovative private sector financing (e.g. venture capital and private equity funds investments by EIB and other EDFIs)

Blending of grants and loans

Twinning and technical assistance

Grants

COMMON AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Food

Water

Agriculture

Climate change and environment

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Improving environmental protection and strengthening rural communities by addressing the main challenge faced by agriculture, (water productivity and scarcity), while adapting to climate change.
- Integrating the key regulatory and people-to-people dimensions to provide an effective socio-economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic impact.

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

Agriculture:

- Main source of income for ≈55% of the rural population.
- 60% of the national food demand being met by domestic production.
- Increasing scarcity of water in the context of high population growth.

National policies:

- Food security strategy
- Egypt National Water Resources Plan (NWRP – 2037)
- Sustainable Agriculture Development Strategy (SADS) for 2030

More than 70% of poor people are concentrated in rural areas (Decent Life Initiative – Hayat Karima).

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Agenda 2030

EU Green Deal

Paris Agreement



**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)