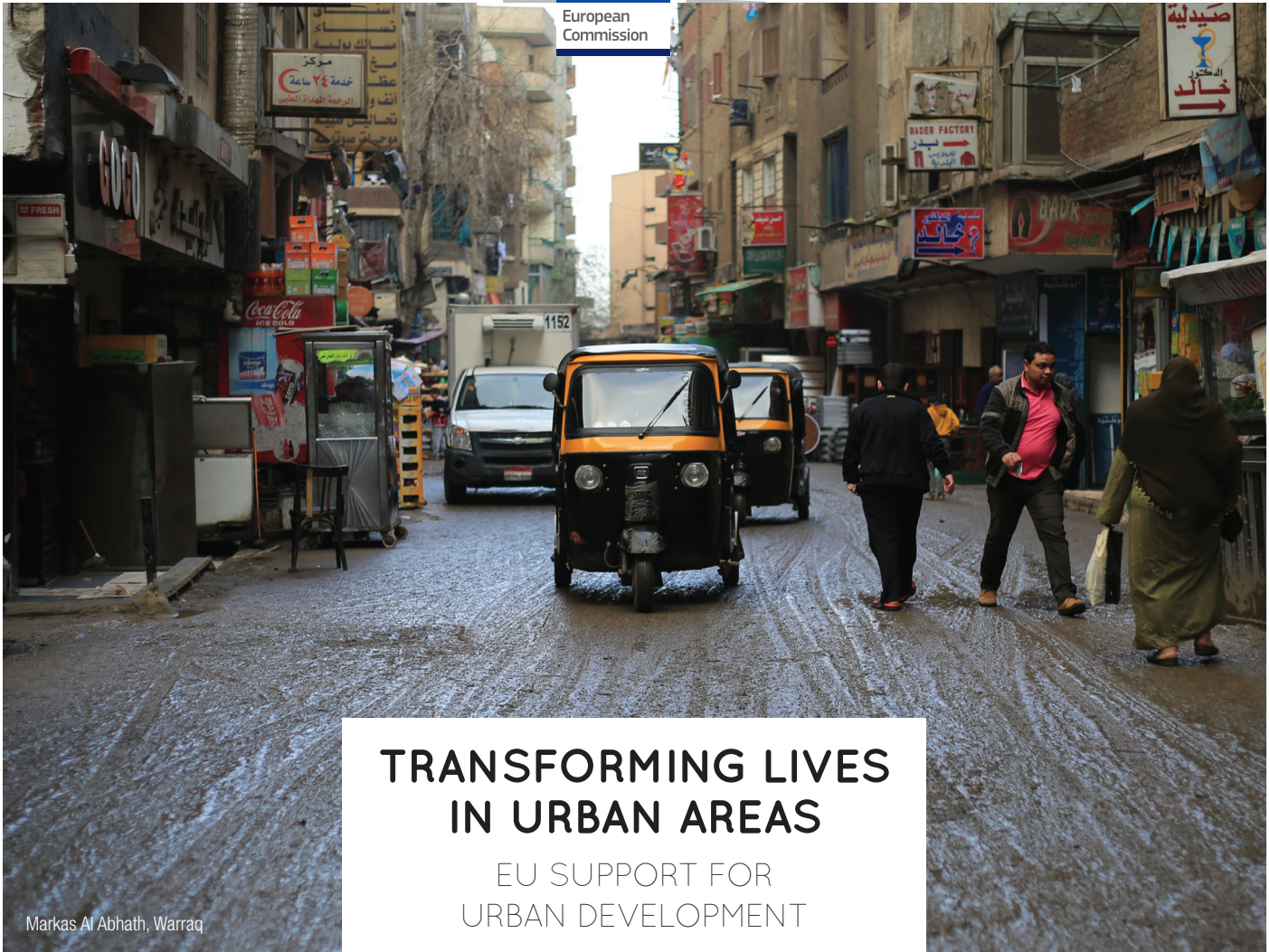




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TRANSFORMING LIVES IN URBAN AREAS

EU SUPPORT FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

UPGRADING INFORMAL AREAS

IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN POOR IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS OF THE GREATER CAIRO REGION

REGION
NORTH AFRICA

COUNTRY
EGYPT

FOCUS
PREVENTING THE ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUALITIES AND URBAN POVERTY

CONTEXT



The EU and its Member States consider that a holistic, integrated and place-based approach to urban development, together with a long term vision, is necessary in order to promote well-managed, liveable, socially inclusive and safe, resilient, resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable as well as economically prosperous cities of all sizes, as well as developing the capability to achieve them.

Promoting inclusive and safe cities is a key pillar of this approach.

BACKGROUND



Egypt's cities are growing rapidly, often in the absence of any governmental urban planning. Around 20 million people currently live in the Greater Cairo Region, the majority (around 60 per cent) in informal, underserved and densely built areas. The latter lack basic social services, access to drinking water, sewage and waste disposal and proper physical, social and economic integration into the metropolitan area.

EXPECTED RESULTS



- Improved living and environmental conditions of the urban poor in four selected informal areas
- Enhanced role for the private sector and civil society in informal areas development
- Upgraded partner management capacities for informal area development using participatory approaches
- Institutionalization of integrated urban development
- Awareness on environmental challenges among residents, local administration and civil society is raised

APPROACH

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The programme award grants for small and medium scale projects to improve the living conditions and upgrade physical, social and socio-economic infrastructure in nine selected informal areas in Greater Cairo Region. Complementary grants are given to the governorates for small and medium scale infrastructure projects in the selected areas. Youth, women and civil society organisations are actively engaged in the planning, as well as in the implementation, operation and maintenance of measures.

“ The development of civil society is an essential part of the EU’s partnership with Egypt and I am confident that these projects will contribute significantly to improving the lives of the residents. We are proud to support programmes like this one, which has had proven success in fighting poverty and delivering benefits to the needy residents of Cairo informal areas over the last decade. ”

James Moran - EU Ambassador to Egypt

LESSONS LEARNED

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Impact studies showed that the residents of the two pilot areas of (Manshiet Nasser and Boulaq el Dakrou) highly appreciate the improvement of environmental, educational, health & cultural standard of the two areas.

The challenge is to institutionalise the relevant participatory approaches in the key Egyptian government institutions and to enable them to effectively provide support and services to informal areas.

MOVING FORWARD

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Agreement with GiZ for further light infrastructure financing such as: streets paving (including production of paving bricks), infrastructures related to sanitation, street lighting, and fire hydrants. Social infrastructures, such as community schools, health centres or recreational facilities, could also be targeted, mostly for their upgrading.



Ain Shams

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE
EUR 74 MILLION (INCLUDING EU CONTRIBUTION
OF EUR 66 MILLION)

FUNDING SOURCE
**EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP
INSTRUMENT (ENPI)**

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2012 - 2018

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