

Social Protection in Egypt: Renewing the Social Contract

December 9, 2015, Semiramis Hotel

This workshop seeks to discuss the role of social protection in the country and the government's strategy to renew the social contract and promote social justice.

During the workshop, the government will have the opportunity to present its various Social Protection initiatives and highlight the economic and social challenges that Egypt is facing.

The short presentations and the interactive panel discussion will allow the government to clarify the various components of its social protection strategy and how they complement each other. It will also highlight the existing gaps in the Egyptian social protection system in order to clarify the steps the Egyptian government could take to ensure the protection of its most vulnerable citizens.

A central objective of the workshop will thus be to initiate dialogue between Egyptian government representatives and development partners, in order to understand what these next steps could be and where donors and partners can best support the Egyptian social protection strategy.

AGENDA

9:00-9:30	<p>Welcoming words (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Stephanie Lanfranchi, Country Director, French Development Agency <p>Introduction : Overview of the Egyptian Social Protection strategy & Key challenges (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Mohammed Maait , First Deputy Minister for Budget Affairs, Head of the Economic Justice Unit, Ministry of FinanceMrs Nivine El-Kabbag, Minister's assistant for Social Protection and Development, Ministry of Social Solidarity
9:30-9:45	<p>The Conditional Cash Transfer Program: breaking the poverty cycle (<i>Takaful & Karama</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Nevine El-Kabbag, Minister's assistant for Social Protection and Development, Ministry of Social Solidarity
9:45-10:00	<p>Promoting financial access of the poor and vulnerable to quality healthcare services: WHO's experience in Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Riku Eloviainio, WHO expert
10:00-10:15	<p>Strengthening targeting and monitoring tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bruno Maes, Resident Representative, UNICEF

10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45 -11:45	<p>Panel Discussions</p> <p>This discussion among high-level experts from the Government, specialized agencies and the donor community will address the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps in defining the Social Protection strategy, and a budgeted action plan • Expansion of Social Protection Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scaling up of the cash transfer programs - Scaling up the public works program - Expanding mandatory Social Health Insurance (SHI) to all Egyptian citizens • Delivery (Implementation Aspects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment and monitoring of the impacts of the subsidies reform - Assessment and monitoring of social assistance programs <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Poupart, AFD (Moderator) • Gustavo de Marco, World Bank Program Leader for Social Protection • Dr Hala Masekh • Hania el Sholkamy, American University of Cairo • SFD
11:45-12:00	<p>The Social Protection Assessment-Based National Dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loveleen De, Social Protection Policy Officer, ILO • Thorsten Behrendt, Health Expert, ILO
12:00-12:15	Concluding remarks