SUPPORTING EGYPT EDUCATION REFORM PROJECT FACTSHEET

Egypt’s education reforms are working to establish a public education system that equips students to learn for life—not just for exam papers—by teaching them the full range of skills that are likely to be relevant to Egypt’s job market when they enter it in the mid-2030s.

The country’s education system reform (launched in September 2018) has been introduced in kindergarten 1–2 and grades 1–2 and is due to be rolled out to grade 3 in 2020/2021.

Reforms to the education system are directed towards learning and based on:

- An early start in kindergarten, consisting of a new multidisciplinary curriculum, introducing new teacher training and teacher guides, and a new approach to mentoring teachers.
- Introducing a new student assessment system focused on 21st-century skills beyond memorization in secondary education. This system is being implemented in grades 10 and 11 and is due to be rolled out to grade 12 in 2020/2021.
- Improving teaching practices, by equipping teachers with behavioral training, as well as training in the new curriculum and digital literacy.
- Introducing elements of education technology, including technology-driven classroom infrastructure and digital learning resources, as well as new computer-based testing.

A US$500 Million project financed by the World Bank is integral to supporting the Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MOETE) to achieve Egypt’s education reform goals. The project also aims to assist the country’s human capital development efforts. This five-year operation, Supporting Egypt’s Education Reform Project, was launched in August 2018 to help improve both the teaching and learning conditions in public schools.

The project supports the expansion of quality kindergarten education to get children prepared for schooling. Continuous professional development has been introduced for teachers and educational leaders, alongside the introduction of a new student assessment system in secondary education.
Project Objectives by project closing in September 2023:

500,000 new kindergarten 1 and 2 students enrolled

50% improvement in the quality of kindergarten education

50% from the country’s poorest districts.

measured according to the new quality assurance standards based on international best practice.

2 million teachers, education leaders and supervisors trained under the continuous professional education framework

2 million students benefitting from a new student assessment system that assesses students in grade 4 on literacy and numeracy.

The reformed secondary school graduation system focuses on the acquisition of 21st century skills rather than the memorization of content.

Kindergarten 1 to grade 12 students to benefit from digital learning resources.

A National Education Decision support dashboard to be made available to improve decision making and policy setting in the education sector.

The dashboard will contain information about students, schools, teachers, trainings, assessments and others.

By December 2019, the World Bank financed project had already supported the MOETE in:

Developing new computer-based tests in eight subjects for 500,000 grade 10 students.

Training staff to create an item bank, manage the administration and marking of tests, and make the grade 10 scores available electronically to students, directorates, districts, and school principals in less than one month's time.

Equipping grade 10 students and teachers with digital learning resources, and mapping of the curriculum to digital learning resources on the Egyptian Knowledge Bank for use by students and teachers over 2018/2019.