

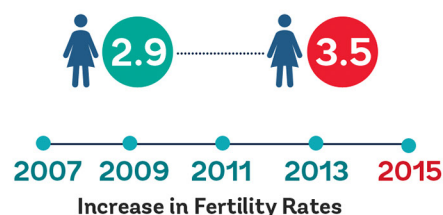
Overview

The World Bank's Transforming Egypt's Healthcare System US\$530 million project was launched in 2018 to support ongoing efforts to improve Egypt's healthcare system and build human capital as one of the key foundations for growth and prosperity. The project is being implemented over the course of 5 years.

Background

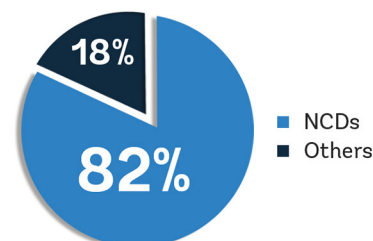
Egypt's healthcare sector has been facing growing challenges, including:

- The rise of demographic pressures with total fertility rates increasing from 2.9 to 3.5 births per woman since 1990, contributing to rapid population growth.

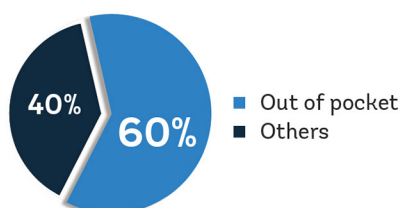


- Having the highest Hepatitis C prevalence rate globally in 2015, with 5% of the adult population infected.

- Facing a mounting burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (example: high blood pressure, sugar levels, increased body weight), driven by poorly controlled risk factors. In 2015 NCDs accounted for an estimated 82% of all deaths and 67% of premature deaths in Egypt.



Total Deaths in Egypt (2015)



Out of Pocket Healthcare Expenditures in Egypt (2014)

- Poor quality in primary healthcare facilities and public hospitals leading almost 60% of patients to seek care in private clinics and hospitals, where they incur higher out-of-pocket costs and are accordingly at risk of being pushed into poverty.

As those challenges continued to grow, the **Government of Egypt (GoE)** became aware that the solution requires reorienting Egypt's health system toward delivering inclusive, equitable and higher quality healthcare.

To accomplish its goal, the GoE identified a Comprehensive Health Insurance System to achieve Universal Healthcare (providing patients with improved health services and outcomes without putting them under financial stress), improvement of healthcare quality, and the targeting of specific diseases as national priorities.

In December 2017, the GoE passed a landmark Comprehensive Health Insurance (CHI) Law to accelerate progress towards UHC.

The GoE requested the **World Bank's** support to the health sector on October 23, 2017. Accordingly, the Bank carried out a series of consultations and technical work with the GoE and key stakeholders in preparation for project launch and design. The project's design utilized the main goals under the health pillar of **Egypt's 2030** sustainable development vision towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Project Objectives

The project aims to benefit **55 million** Egyptians by:

- Improving services at **600** primary healthcare facilities and **27** hospitals.
- Supporting Egypt's family planning efforts through a **US\$35** million intervention which will hire **500 female family planning doctors** to deliver care in a way that is suitable to the conservative cultures of some areas, **train 2,800 community health workers** to promote better prenatal and antenatal health and nutrition, boost supply for family planning interventions through providing birth control methods at a minimal cost and boost demand through mass media awareness campaigns and local community campaigns which include door - to - door visits from community health workers.

- Scaling up** the community health workers program to promote better health and nutrition.
- Screening **1 million** units of blood annually using Nucleic Acid Testing to ensure that blood units are infection free and ready for use in the national blood repository.
- Conducting the largest screening campaign of its kind, named **"100 Milyon Seha"** or **"100 Million Healthy Lives"** campaign which aims to:

- ▶ Screen **53 million** citizens and residents for Hepatitis C, non-communicable diseases and risk factors.
- ▶ Treat an estimated **2.2 million** Hepatitis C patients.



Screening Campaign Logo

Project Geographical Coverage

(Based on a thorough nationwide needs assessment and consultations with key stakeholders)

Primary Healthcare Aswan, Damietta, Kafr El-Sheikh, Behaira, Alexandria, Matrouh, South Sinai, North Sinai	Community Health Workers Recruitment and Capacity Building Nationwide	Family Planning Aswan, Behaira, Qalyobia, Sharkia, Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assuit, Sohag, Qena, Luxor
Screening of Hepatitis C and NCDs Nationwide	Treatment of Hepatitis C and NCDs Nationwide	Hospital Improvement and Accreditation Nationwide
Blood Bank Network Improvement Nationwide		