

Swiss Confederation

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Economic Cooperation and Development Countries and Global Portfolio

Egypt

Currently active Swiss development agencies in Egypt:

- SDC (priority country)
 SECO-WE (priority country)
- PHRD¹ SEM²

Budget 2021-2024 (in million CHF)

2.2

45

1.2

35

The Swiss governmental development agencies implement a joint cooperation programme. They also cooperate with multilateral institutions, the private sector, the development finance institution of the Swiss Confederation (SIFEM), academia as well as NGOs, and streamline their efforts with them. Current minimum commitments in Egypt are visible on the top right.

Cooperation Programme 2021-2024

The main goal of the new programme: "Strengthened institutions, rights-based frameworks and an inclusive economic environment enable women and men to have better social, economic, and political opportunities, leaving no one behind." SECO will focus on outcomes I, II and III from the table below.

Portfolio of SECO-WE in Egypt

Economic policy

Skills

Business environment

Urban development

Value chains

Trade system

Average all countries

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Financing

WE Portfolio Egypt

As of August 2022, around **43 projects** financed by SECO are active in Egypt.

The relative importance of the eight business lines in **SECO-WE's part** of the cooperation programme in Egypt.

Outcome I: Government, private sector and civil society develop spaces, capacities as well as legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks for good governance, namely for economic governance, human rights and gender equality

- Good governance and human rights
- Support macroeconomic reforms
- Promote capacities of public sector and civil society service providers
- Gender / GBV

Outcome II: Government, private sector and civil society develop and implement policies and practices that support institutional development, green growth, and sustainable inclusive urban development

- Inclusive urban development
- Waste management
- Innovation, cleaner production and energy efficiency
- Green finance

¹ Peace and Human Rights Division (FDFA)

² State Secretariat for Migration (FDJP)

Outcome III: Young women and men, including migrants, have access to vocational skills development and decent work in an inclusive and business friendly economy

- Business environment, competitiveness and private sector growth
- Vocational skills development and labour market access
- Access to finance

Outcome IV: Local communities and migrants access quality basic services and protection and improve their livelihood

- Protection of vulnerable population
- Basic services provision
- System and capacity development

Facts and figures

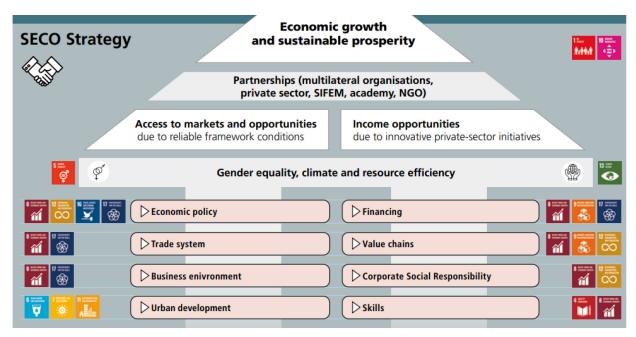
Egypt is a SECO priority country since around 1980

 Swiss cooperation in Egypt is based on the Strategy for International Cooperation 2021-2024 and the MENA strategy, which calls for a WOGA (Whole of Government) approach

Results achieved (focusing mainly on SECO results)

- Developing several national regulations such as the national blood bank policy, the institutional reform of the solid waste sector, and the setup of Egypt's first sector skills platform.
- Strengthening good governance mechanisms by building the institutional capacity of dozens of organizations at local level, for example in PFM
- Improving (non-)financial services and business environment, developing Egypt's first women focused customer value proposition, and easing access to finance for over 245'000 people (63% women)
- In collaboration with IFIs, contributing to Egypt's macro-economic stability, developing an MTDS³, MTRS⁴, and supporting the countries maiden sovereign green bond issuance

SECO-WE's overall strategy and Business Lines:



SECO-WE's overall strategy, with economic growth and sustainable prosperity as the overreaching goal, and the target outcomes and business lines.

³ Medium term debt strategy

⁴ Medium term revenue strategy