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## 1 HEALTH CARE

### General information on health care

Presidential and Governmental Mega Campaigns: Egypt always had different mega health campaigns through the past years e.g. HCV campaign for detection and treatment of HCV virus in 2018, also “100 million Siha” campaign which included vital signs monitoring, weight control and early detection of diseases in which all Egyptians are eligible to enrol in for free.

### Availability of medical facilities and doctors

Doctors and medical facilities are mostly available, however, in some rural areas, there might be only one center for the medical services.

### Admission to medical facilities

There is a wide network of governmental hospitals and teaching hospitals that covers all areas of Egypt where medical services as consultations, outpatient clinics, inpatient admissions, minor and major surgeries, laboratory and radiological services are present with a relatively affordable price for Egyptians. National ID and insurance card will be required if the patient has insurance.

### Availability and costs of medication

All basic medications are available in some public hospitals, but mainly medications are present in private market and pharmacies without the urgent need of prescriptions.

### General information on COVID-19

MOHP in Egypt has established a full national protocol for dealing with Covid-19 starting from early detection, screening, prevention and management of Covid-19, Specific hotline is present and multiple campaigns and platforms were initiated in the battle against the pandemic. The MOHP also received this week the first batch of the Chinese vaccine that's ready to be distributed on the prioritized population. The government has launched a website in order to follow statistics and most recent updates related to COVID-19: [care.gov.eg](http://care.gov.eg). It has also dedicated a hotline for any inquiries: 105 15335 or 15469.

#### Access for returnees

**Eligibility and requirements:** No specific public insurance program is present in Egypt for Egyptians; its development is still in progress. However, many private insurance companies are available; they provide full medical coverage with different programs based on their criteria; their prices range from 1500-3000 EGP per month. It would also depend on whether a person is a member of a syndicate (Union), which allows the coverage of up to 90% of medical expenses depending on the syndicate in exchange for a small fee.

**Registration procedure:** Registration procedures for the insurance would differ from one insurance company to another, and if the person is already a member of a syndicate or not.

**Required documents:** Depending on each entity covering for the insurance.

## 1 HEALTH CARE



### General information on labour market

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Cairo, a study done in 2018 found that only 40% of the working age Egyptians are employed. This would also be more impacted by the COVID-19 situation. According to the same study over half of the employed are working without a contract, pension or health insurance. The Key Labour Market Trends in Egypt for 2018 are available here: [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/--ro-abidjan/---sro-cairo/documents/publication/wcms\\_663785.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/--ro-abidjan/---sro-cairo/documents/publication/wcms_663785.pdf)



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### Finding employment

The government has launched an initiative "Nawart Baladak", in order to help Egyptian returnees to find job opportunities whenever possible. The initiative works by collecting the data of the returnees wishing to find job opportunities to register by filling out this form: to find job opportunities to register by filling out this form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJIT11ky-VIBDCa\\_PHfzjCyWlzXbqSL\\_gVF\\_7H-0umSU6nQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJIT11ky-VIBDCa_PHfzjCyWlzXbqSL_gVF_7H-0umSU6nQ/viewform). And then the Ministry of Local Development will list the available opportunities. There are also several websites where Egyptians can register and follow the available employments and apply when relevant:

- Jobzella.com
- Wuzzuf.com
- akhtaboot.com
- wzayef.com
- bayt.com

The ministry of immigration and manpower also publishes a monthly report with all the available job opportunities, and information on how to apply, the report can be found here: <https://www.manpower.gov.eg/NationalBulletin.html> Job seekers can register online using this link: <http://mom.manpower.gov.eg/Personal/Register>

In some cases, IOM can help some individuals in starting a small business, depending on their eligibility and their country of return.

### Unemployment assistance

There are currently no unemployment assistance services available.



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## 3 HOUSING

### General information on housing

Egyptian returnees can find housing opportunities depending on their area of return, and the cost would also range depending on the area starting from 80 Euro rent per month.

### Finding accommodation

Returnees can use real estate agencies, or search for themselves with vendors online:

- Propertyfinder.eg
- OLX.com.eg
- Eg.Opensooq.com
- Aqarmap.com.eg

Purchasing a property in Egypt can be challenging as the price of real estate is relatively high.

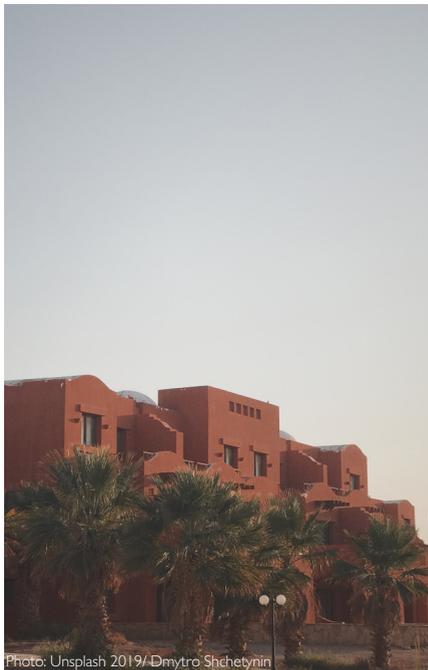


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### Social grants for housing

- The government has also started establishing several projects for Youths housing in many cities all over the countries, including:
  - Ganna” Project
  - Badr City” Project

Interested citizens can apply to receive an apartment by enrolling in one of the offices of the ministry all over the country and paying the fee of 9,000 EGP for the reservation, and a 123 EGP registration fee.

#### Access for returnees

**Requirements:** There are no specific housing assistance that can be provided for Egyptian returnees, except when requested by the sending mission. Housing can also be covered by IOM as instructed by the sending mission.

**Registration procedure:** Interested citizens can apply to receive an apartment by enrolling in one of the offices of the ministry all over the country and paying the fee of 9,000 EGP for the reservation, and a 123 EGP registration fee.

**Required documents:** Each project might have specific requirements for the registration.

## 3 HOUSING



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## 4 SOCIAL WELFARE

### Social welfare system

The relevant Ministry for the social welfare in Egypt is the Ministry of Social Solidarity, and the Ministry had assigned a hotline to answer inquiries of concerned citizens: 16217

There are different types of social security programs, and concerned persons can enroll depending on their situation, and whether the person is an employee in private or public sector. All employers in private sectors must enroll their employees in the Social insurance scheme, at the risk of 1 month of imprisonment if they did not comply.

The National Council for Women (NCW) run a national helpline – 15115 – and provides assistance and services aimed at empowering women and eliminating violence against women. They provide different protection services such as legal assistance and representation, referral to safe shelter, etc.



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### Pension system

There are two separate funds. One fund covers state employees (civil servants, armed forces, police), the other employees in public and private companies, some self-employed, casual workers and Egyptians working abroad.

Entitlement to pension arises at age 60 if there are at least 120 months of contributions.

The insured pay a contribution of 10% of their monthly salary, plus 3% of their basic monthly salary for capital benefits.

The minimum monthly income for contribution and benefit purposes corresponds to the lower limit of the salary scale for civil servants.

## 4 SOCIAL WELFARE

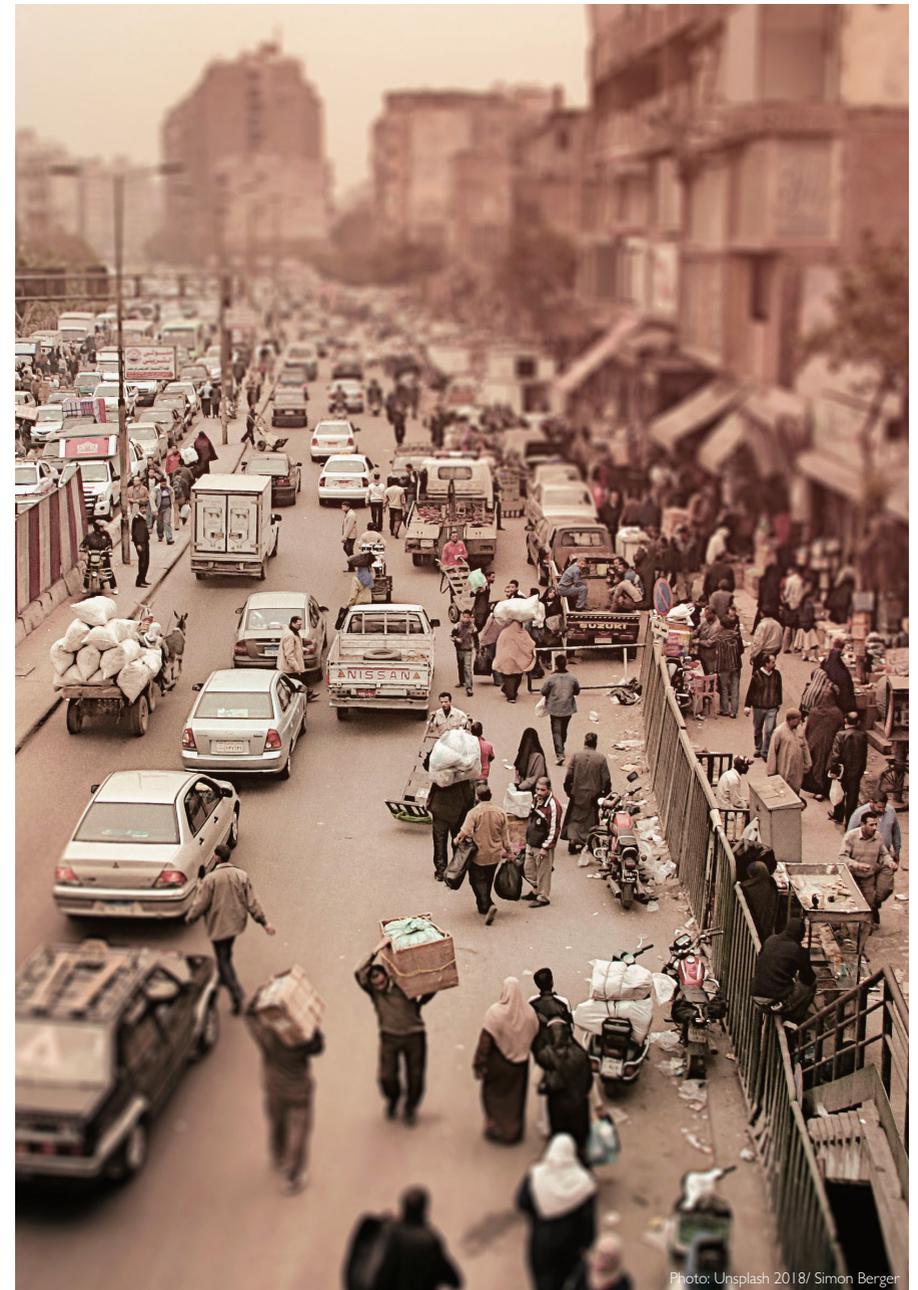


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## 5 EDUCATION

### General information on education

Two educational systems exist parallel to each other in Afghanistan. Religious education is the responsibility of clerics at mosques, while the government provides free academic education at state schools. From age 6 to age 10, pupils attend primary schools where they learn the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic, and their national culture. Three years of middle school follow. Students must pass an examination at the end of the phase if they wish to continue their studies. At secondary schools, students have the choice to either continue an academic path for 3 years that could perhaps lead to university or studying subjects such as applied agriculture, aeronautics, arts, commerce, and teacher training instead.

### Approval and verification of foreign diplomas

There is a system of equivalency accreditation, that applicants can benefit from, however, there is no one unified system for all certificates and diplomas, each major would have its relevant procedures and costs.

#### Access for returnees

**Registration procedure:** The individual needs to go to the ministry of education (Maarif department).

**Required documents:** National ID plus the persons school certificates that are verified in the foreign country.



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## 6 CHILDREN

### General situation of children and infants

In Egypt, there is the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), which is the council handling cases and protection of children and mothers.

The Council provides protection to vulnerable groups within their mandate through services such as protection (identifying shelter when needed), legal assistance and representation (such as representation in cases of custody, child representation, etc.), and overall, they provide different protection programmes for children. They run a national 24/7 child helpline 16000.

#### Access for returnees

**Requirements:** There is no need to bring specific documents.

**Immediate steps upon return:** There is no specific steps to be taken upon return.



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## 8 AT A GLANCE

### Measures to be undertaken before return

- **Documents:** Bring diplomas/ certificates and other relevant official documents obtained from schools/ universities in Germany and let them translate into Arabic
- **Medication:** There is no shortage of pharmacies in Egypt, with some of the larger chains like Ezaby offering 24-hour service. Most offer home delivery services, which can be arranged via the telephone.
- **Vaccination:** Please check with your doctor if whether you need any vaccination before returning to Egypt.

### Measures to be undertaken immediately upon arrival

- **Housing:** It is possible to register with an estate agent in order to find a place to rent but applicants should keep in mind that the industry is not regulated.
- **Labour:** Returnees can register with the initiative Nawart Baladak in order to get support in job search. The application document is available in the labour section of this brochure.

