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1 Health Care

General information on health care

The Egyptian healthcare system is pluralistic, comprising a variety of healthcare providers from the public and the private sector. The Government ensures basic universal health coverage, and several recent efforts have been directed towards enhancing the system. Doctors and medical facilities are mostly available everywhere. However, in some rural areas, there might be only one center for the medical services. 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. Main medications are available in private market and pharmacies without a need of prescriptions. Pharmacies are widely available throughout Egypt. Larger chains, such as El-EZABY, 19011 and Misr pharmacies operate 24-hour, while most pharmacies also offer home delivery, which can be arranged over a phone call or online.

Egyptian government has lifted all COVID-19 travel restrictions. Visitors are no longer required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. There is also no longer any mandatory COVID-19 test on arrival in the country. The last remaining travel restrictions were lifted on the 17th of June 2022.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available through the Ministry of Health and Population, (no need to register) Egyptian can go with their ID's to any medical centers near them to take the vaccine. QR code are available upon request in

specific health care centers, after revising the vaccination history through the ministry of health data base, they also encourage administering any missed dose on spot if not medically contraindicated. People are notified via a text message to remind them with any missing dose.

A website is also available to follow statistics and most recent updates related to COVID-19: [Egypt: WHO Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Dashboard With Vaccination Data | WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard With Vaccination Data](#) it has also dedicated a hotline for any inquiries: 105, 15335 or 15469.

Presidential and Governmental Campaigns

Egypt Launched a free of charge Polio vaccination campaign in 2023 targeting 16 million children against the disease from five years and under, targeting Egyptian and no Egyptian. A campaign targeting women for the early detection of breast cancer; the treatment is free of charge. [Egyptian Women's Health Initiative \(presidency.eg\)](#) The initiative is designed to screen carcinoma of the breast at an early stage for 28 million women governorate-wide; pursue clinical examination; and provide free-of-charge treatment. In the same vein, reproductive health, family planning, and healthy lifestyles remain at the core of the initiative. Detection of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, blood pressure and obesity constitute an integral part of this endeavor. Risk factors of non-communicable diseases and breast self-exam are further considered.

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Egypt also launched a national communication campaign was launched in 2018 to eliminate Virus C infection and with a target to eliminate the disease in 2023.

“100 Million Siha” Campaign; this was launched for detection and treatment of chronic diseases (Hypertension, Diabetes, high cholesterol, including Hepatitis C etc.).

Non-Governmental Organizations

There are several organizations that can provide medical assistance. Each organization has their own requirements, conditions, and eligibility criteria; the most famous of which are:

- 57357 hospitals: For cancer treatment for children (free of charge), located in Cairo.
- Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation: For heart surgeries for more complicated cases, located in Aswan.
- Mersal Foundation: For all types of health care services, for free.
- Resala: provides support to pay for surgeries, as well as prosthetic parts/devices.
- Aldemerdash hospital for children.
- Ahl Misr hospital: For treatment of burn victims.
- Misr Elkheir Foundation: a non-profit organization in the fields of health, education, social solidarity, and scientific research.
- Life Makers Organization: provides medical and social support with specific programmes for Egyptian returnees.



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General information on labour market

Forsa Program that represents an integrated system for empowerment and qualification to enter the labor market and obtain decent jobs. It complements the social protection system from social programmes for the poor to help those who can work move from support to financial independence and self-sufficiency. The Forsa program will help establish microenterprises and income-generating pooled production units. The various activities of the Forsa program will be implemented through NGOs, ministries, and other relevant public bodies, which are present and work actively and successfully in the wider landscape of the local community. Their strategic Objectives is to Enhance the spirit of work and production and the transition from dependence to economic independence. Provide alternative opportunities for poor youth, women, and persons with disabilities.

The program will invest in targeted individuals by modifying their behaviors and encouraging them to engage in productive activities and move from dependence on cash transfer from the protection network to physical independence through the development of human capital, financial literacy, life skills, training, and investment in collective and small private businesses with a focus on establishing value chains.

Finding employment

The government has launched an initiative “Nawart Baladak”, 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, using this website: <https://nawartbaladk.gov.eg/>

There are also several websites where Egyptians can register and follow the available employments and apply when relevant:

- <http://www.jobzella.com>
- <http://www.wuzzuf.com>
- <http://www.akhtaboot.com>
- <http://www.wzayef.com>
- <http://www.bayt.com>
- Job seekers can register online using this link: <http://mom.manpower.gov.eg/Personal/Register>

The Ministry of 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>

In some cases, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) can help some individuals in starting a small business, depending on their eligibility and the country where they return from.

Unemployment assistance

There is currently no unemployment assistance in Egypt through the Ministry of Social Solidarity. Ministry of Social Solidarity Program Details (moss.gov.eg)

Transportation

You can easily transport from one place to another with several means of

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transportation, such as metro, buses, minibuses, taxis, tuk-tuk, railways and self-drive cars, waterway transportation, river bus, boat, ships, airways and airplanes.

Among these means of transportation, there are some more convenient and enjoyable for tourists, such as river bus and Nile taxi.

Taxis are one of the most preferable means in Egypt because they are faster and more relaxed. However, they are more expensive than other means and sometimes you may be cheated in the fare; so that, it is better to ask the driver to operate the meter or agree with him

on the fare. There are no taxi stations, but you can stop any taxi on the road. It is worthy to mention here uber, Careem services, in driver, Didi and swvl which are the types of private cars reserved from a specific application from your mobile store. They are better than the usual taxi because you know the fare before you take your ride, and the fare is calculated based on a particular system. Moreover, their cars are faster and more convenient. You will never be lost with the drivers because they use GPS to know the best and fastest way.



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General information on housing

The government seeks to provide appropriate housing units for middle and low-income citizens that suitable for their financial capabilities, in a way that guarantees their humanity, dignity, and a safe-decent life. Therefore, the government issued a law establishing the Social Housing and Mortgage Finance Fund according to Presidential Decree No. 93 of 2018 for social housing affairs and mortgage finance subsidization, and it is considered as a public service authority, having a legal personality.

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الأسعار وشروط الحجز (aqaryamasr.com)

Egyptian returnees can find housing opportunities depending on their area of return. The cost would also vary according to the area, starting from 80 Euro per month.

Finding accommodation

Returnees can depend on real estate agencies or Search online:

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

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

Social housing

Egypt plans to build 1 million homes for poorer people at a cost of almost \$20 billion over the next five years, the housing minister said, to ease a crunch that has seen slums and unlicensed buildings

spread since the 2011 revolt.

The government has started establishing several projects for Youth housing in many cities all over the country, including:

- “Ganna” Project.
- “Badr City” Project.

The World Bank support ongoing efforts to improve the affordability of formal housing for low-income households in Egypt and strengthen the capacity of Egypt’s Social Housing and Mortgage Finance Fund to design policies and coordinate social housing programs.

More housing assistance for income in middle segment:



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- “Sakan Misr” Project
- “Dar Masr” Project

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

The Housing Ministry has been keen to build partnerships with the private sector; the state has contracted with private companies on 17 projects established over 19,250 feddans, in the cities of New Cairo, 6th of October, Sheikh Zayed, Extension of Sheikh Zayed and Hadayek October.

Alternative housing projects include al-Ruwaisat in Sharm el-Sheikh, Rawdat al-Sayeda Zeinab, Ras al-Bar, Maan area in al-Salam, and in Hurghada.

Since the opportunities of owning apartments are challenging, the government always launches new projects and initiative either to facilitate the payments for nationals with low income or building new units and make them available for the public. Returnees should always try to follow up these new projects as their deadlines are usually tight. They are very popular, so they tend to be sold out quickly. The facilitation of payments can be made on installments up to 30 years.

Access for returnees

Eligibility and requirements:

There are no specific housing assistance that can be provided for Egyptian returnees from the government, except when requested by the sending IOM Mission through the reintegration assistance.

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



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4 Social Welfare

General information on social welfare

There are two separate funds. One fund covers government workers (civil servants, armed forces, police force) and the other workers in the public and private enterprises, some self-employed, casual workers and Egyptians working abroad. People are eligible for pensions at age 60 with at least 120 months of contributions. However, there is a new law raising that age to 65 for workers entering the workforce in 2012.

Takaful and Karama Campaign
An Initiative launched by the Ministry of Social Solidarity to provide cash grants to certain households that are deemed eligible for this assistance. The programme hotline is 19680 via phone or via e-mail to receive and respond to complaints: tk.grievance@moss.gov.eg

Access for returnees

Eligibility and requirements: No specific public insurance programme exists in Egypt for Egyptians. However, many private insurance companies are available; they provide full medical coverage with different programmes based on their criteria; their prices range from 1,500 to 3,000 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 of a small fee.

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

Required documents: It depends on each entity covering for the insurance.



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5 Education

General information on education

The fees of private education vary from one school to another; however, the public schools can require a symbolic fee.

Enrolling in schools in Egypt take place starting at the age of 4, in both public and private school. The fees of private education vary from one school to another; however, the public schools can require a symbolic fee.

Higher education

There are also public or private universities where Egyptians can enroll. The fees for enrollment will vary depending on the faculty. It differs if it is a private or governmental university.

Primary education

The primary education programme follows kindergarten at age of 4. Primary schools begin at age of 6, and it takes six years.

Pre-secondary education (Middle education) (preparatory schooling)

Three years of preparatory schooling ends with a basic education completion certificate. During this time, the student's aptitude is examined to determine their best secondary education route.

Secondary education

There are three years in secondary education, namely general (3 years), technical (if 5 years) and vocational. Technical secondary schools are organized around industrial, commercial or agricultural sectors.

Vocational education

Initial vocational education is provided at separate schools, after which students may move to vocational centres or enter the job market.

Tertiary education (El Azhar education):

Al Azhar education is the main centre of Arabic literature and Islamic learning in the world since 1961. Additional non-religious subjects were added to its curriculum. Al-Azhar is the Egyptian oldest degree-granting university and the world second oldest degree granting university. It is renowned as the most prestigious university for Islamic learning. Its library is considered second in importance in Egypt. In addition to higher education, Al-Azhar oversees a national network of schools with approximately two million students.

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.

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.). They provide different protection programmes for children. They run a national 24/7 child helpline: 16000.

Non-Governmental actors dealing with children's well-being and rights

- Save the children.
- 57357 hospital : Cancer treatment for children.
- Banati Foundation: for girls and women at risk of sexual and psychological abuses.
- Wataneya Society: Wataneya is an Egyptian NGO dedicated to improving conditions for children outside of parental care.
- CARE Egypt is part of CARE International, one of the largest NGOs in the world. They work to address underlying causes of poverty, guided by core values and aspirations from local communities.
- FACE for Children in Need: to protect and assist orphans and street children.



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Contacts

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National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM)

Protection of children rights
Misr El Kadema
Cairo
+20 2 16000.
<http://www.nccm-egypt.org/>

The National Council for Women (NCW)

Protection of women's rights
Providing protection assistance for vulnerable women Makram Ebeid, Al Manteqah as Sadesah, Nasr City (20) 2 15115 <http://ncw.gov.eg/>

Programs of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM)

- Child helpline: Misr El Kadema, Cairo Egypt +20 2 16000. <http://www.nccm-egypt.org/>
- Adolescents' Health: dcicunit.nccm@gmail.com Child Anti-Trafficking Unit: cicunit.nccm@gmail.com
- Combating Violence against Women and Children: mbarsoum@stopviolence-eg.com
- Family Justice: Info@msdegypt.com
- Girls Education Initiative: girlseducation@gmail.com
- Information Center : cicunit.nccm@gmail.com
- Information Technology: cicunit.nccm@gmail.com
- Poverty Alleviation: nohaAshary.nccm@gmail.com
- Programs for Street Children: nohaAshary.nccm@gmail.com
- Protecting Youth from Drugs: drugs.prevention.mofp@gmail.com
- Volunteers Coordination Unit: volunteers.mofp@gmail.com

Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt

Medical services
1 Seket Al-Emam Street – El-Madbah El-Kadeem Yard – El-Saida Zenab, Cairo
(202) 25351500
<https://www.57357.org>

Life Makers Foundation

Children & Youth
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info@lifemakers.org
<http://www.lifemakers.org>

Misr El Kheir Foundation

Social Support
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Mersal Foundation

Health charity
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Resala Charity Organization

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Mersal Foundation

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baitzakat.org.eg

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Measures to be undertaken before return

- **Education:** If there is prior education in Germany before returning to Egypt, a certificate will be provided. However, acknowledgement of each certificate will be based on the issuing institution, and the institution receiving the document; it would depend on each person's case.
- **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:** Vaccines are required for Egypt. The National Travel Health Network and Centre recommends the following vaccinations: COVID-19, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Yellow fever, Rabies, and Tetanus. Proof of vaccination is required upon entry to the country. Further information: passportthehealthglobal.com

Measures to be undertaken immediately upon arrival

- **Reintegration Assistance:** Reintegration assistance might take a couple of months until completed. Returnees should keep in mind that they might be questioned at the airport by relevant authorities upon return for security reasons. The sending mission should inform IOM Cairo in case arrival assistance and pocket money should be provided, as they are not provided automatically. Upon arrival, returnees must contact IOM Egypt within one month from the date of their return to arrange the receipt of the reintegration assistance. They need to have a valid ID.
- **Transportation:** Taxis, Uber and renting cars can be arranged upon arrival. Public transportation can be found; however, it will be challenging with heavy luggage. Distance from the airport to the nearest place to get transportation is relatively long. Taking a taxi will be the best available option, although the person might have to negotiate the price or at least make sure the meter is running.