



Implementing SDGs for children in Egypt: Towards a child-friendly justice system

Capacity Building Workshop

Integration of services to support children in contact with the law




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Kempinski Nile Hotel, Garden City

Agenda

The Project



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The objective of this project is to support the development of a child-friendly justice system in Egypt and better protect children in contact with the law. Aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030, the National Child Strategy and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the project is implemented by the OECD with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The project facilitates high-level engagement in support of the objectives of the Strategic Framework and National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt 2018-2030. It contributes to strengthening the Rule of Law and avails experiences from different OECD countries, particularly through peer-to-peer exchanges and policy dialogues with the Government of Egypt.

As part of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, the project will provide support to the Government of Egypt in identifying key challenges and opportunities, building a Roadmap for reform and raising public awareness on the importance of child-friendly justice.

The two main outcomes of the project are as follows:

- Improved capacities of child-justice stakeholders to better protect children in contact with the justice system;
- Improved governance and coordination mechanisms among key child justice stakeholders.

The OECD aims to support the Government of Egypt to further enhance and empower the coordination and protection role of the child justice system. The support will be carried out in accordance with the objectives of the Strategic Framework & National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood.

Objective of the Capacity Building workshop

The workshop will foster a hands-on approach for a technical discussion at operational level focusing on the coordination and integration of services to support children in contact with the law, whether child offenders or children at risk. The workshop will place an important focus on social and psychological interventions throughout these children's justice pathways during investigations, trials as well as their treatment and distribution in care institutions, and their aftercare and social reintegration. The discussions will help identify the current gaps and areas that need further support. It will provide an opportunity for Egyptian stakeholders to engage proactively with international peers, experts and practitioners and enable an exchange of knowledge and practices with OECD countries.

Target participants:

The workshop will gather social and psychological workers of the Ministry of Social Solidarity, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, the Child Protection Committees and NGOs in Egypt and International actors, along with OECD peers and experts and the OECD Secretariat.

¹ [Governance - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(oecd.org\)](https://www.oecd.org/)

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Simultaneous interpretation between English and Arabic will be available.

09:30 – 10:00	Welcoming of participants
10:00 – 10:15	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Amr Soliman, Project Manager and Policy Analyst, OECD▪ Dr. Valérie Liechti, Head of Office for International Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Egypt▪ Dr. Tarek Tawfik, Deputy Minister of Health and Supervisor of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood▪ H.E. Minister Nevine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity
10:15 – 11:00	<p>Integrating services for children in contact with the law: a focus on social and psychological support during investigation and trial</p> <p>This session will help discussing different social and psychological interventions provided to children pre and during trials, as well as existing coordination mechanisms and available tools. The discussions will help identify the current gaps and areas that need further support.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Marwa Salah, OECD Project Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. Somaya El Alfy, Head of Central Department of Planning and Evaluation, NCCM▪ Counsellor Mohamed El Kamary, Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Social Solidarity▪ Ms. Sandra Smiljanić, Psychosocial counsellor in Barnahus Slovenia
11:00 – 11:45	Open Discussion
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:15	<p>Strengthening services for children in conflict with the law and at risk in care institutions: distribution and rehabilitation</p> <p>This session will focus on after trial phase starting from the distribution of children in care institutions moving to the different services provided for their rehabilitation and integration into society. The discussions will help identify the current gaps and areas that need further support.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Marwa Salah, OECD Project Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Counsellor Mohamed El Kamary, Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Social Solidarity▪ Mr. Mohamed Nazmy, General Manager of the General Department of the Child Helpline and Mr. Sabry Osman, General Manager of Legal Affairs - NCCM▪ Ms. Caroline Mina, Policy Analyst, OECD▪ Ms. Sandra Smiljanić, Psychosocial counsellor in Barnahus Slovenia
13:15 – 14:00	Open discussion
14:00 – 14:15	Closing Remarks
14:15	Lunch

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is the agency for international cooperation of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The SDC is responsible for the overall coordination with other federal authorities of development and cooperation with Eastern Europe as well as for humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation.

The Swiss international cooperation, which is an integral part of the Federal Council's foreign policy, aims to alleviate need and poverty around the world, to foster respect for human rights, to promote democracy and to conserve the environment. It fosters economic self-reliance and state autonomy, contributes to the improvement of production conditions, helps address environmental problems, and ensures better access to education and basic healthcare services.

The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 38 Member countries, a Secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. It collaborates with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change, and measures productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

The OECD and Access to Justice for Children

The OECD supports its Member and partner countries in achieving more responsive and people-centered justice services and access to justice as core components of inclusive growth, sound democracies and a thriving investment climate. Vulnerable groups, including children and youth, face particular barriers to access justice, such as complex procedures, high costs and lack of legal empowerment. In particular, children have specific needs and rights but tend to face heightened difficulties in getting their legal needs addressed, which exacerbates the likelihood of trauma and impedes child well-being. The OECD supports countries in moving towards child-friendly justice that puts children at the centre of design and delivery of justice services and ensures their needs are met.

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.

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