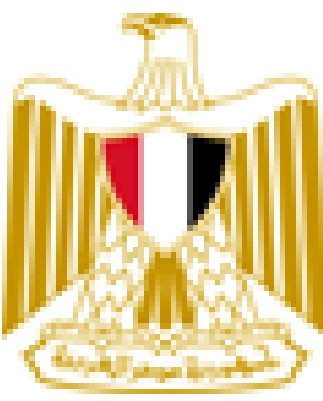




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# National Efforts to eliminate Violence against Women in Egypt

October 2021



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# Egyptian Constitution 2014

•The 2014 constitution includes articles for citizenship and equality between Egyptian citizens and the criminalization of discrimination through various article such as articles 9, 11, 53, 59, 89

•20 Articles for women rights in the constitution



RESPECT, PROTECT AND FULFILL

# Article 11

- Achieving equality between women and men in all civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights
- The state commits taking the measures to ensure appropriate representation of women in Upper & Lower House. It grants women the right to hold decision making positions in entities & judicial bodies without discrimination
- The state ensures protection & care for motherhood & childhood, & for female heads of household, elderly women, & women most in need.
- Protection of women against all forms of violence. Ensures women empowerment to reconcile their duties toward family & work

# National Women Machinery

Established by Presidential Decree 90, in 2000

Independent Machinery according to Law no.30/2018 sets its structure and mandates.

President of NCW has a ministerial degree & for the first time representation of rural woman, Woman with disability and youth in its board

## 2014 Constitution:

Article: 93: International agreements and conventions

Article: 214: National Councils, Independent Bodies



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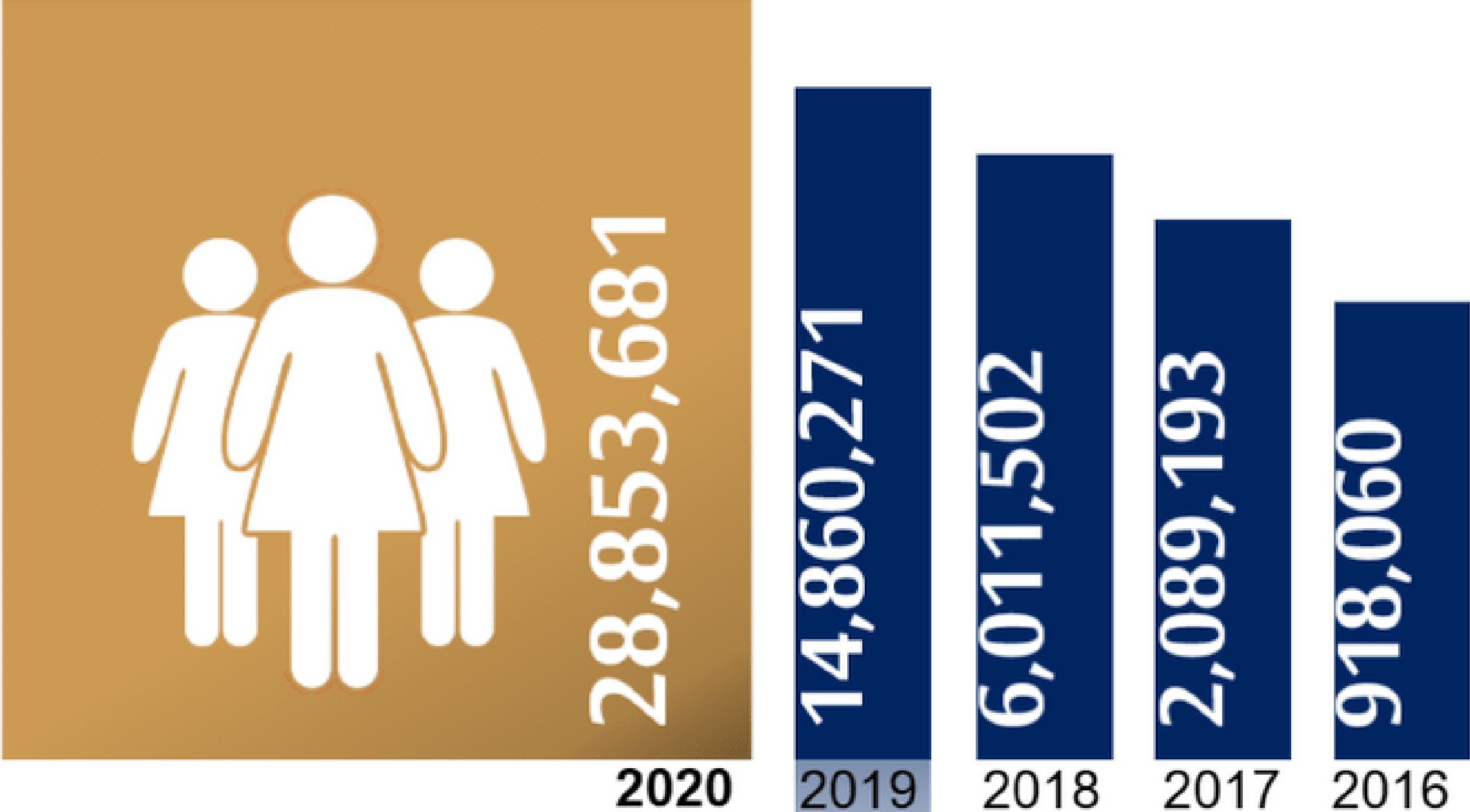
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# National Women Machinery

Entrusted with

- Proposing draft national plans
- Coordinating Following up & evaluate with government agencies the implementation of the state's national policy
- Proposing policies & Legislations
- Expressing opinions on **international and regional conventions** and agreements related to women
- Representing Egyptian women in **international and regional forums**
- Contributing to **drafting the reports that the state submits periodically**
- **Receive and study complaints related to the violation of women's rights and freedoms, refer them to the competent authorities, work to resolve them with the concerned authorities, and provide the necessary judicial assistance**
- Holding conferences, seminars, preparing research and studies
- Raising awareness and conducting training programs

# National Women Machinery



# Strategic Framework

- Egypt's Vision 2030
- National Strategy for the **empowerment of Egyptian Women 2030**
- National Strategy to **eliminate Violence against Women**
- National Strategy to Eradicate FGM
- National Strategy to combat Child Marriage
- National **Human Rights Strategy**



# National Strategy for Empowerment of Women 2030

- Egypt is the **First country globally** to align and launch its Strategy 2030 to both the SDG Global Agenda 2017
- It is **aligned to Egypt vision 2030**.
- **Endorsed by the Egyptian President** in 2017 “Women’s Year” to be the national policy and guiding document for the Government
- **National Women Observatory** to monitor Strategy Progress

The strategy used a Participatory approach

**175,000** contributed in developing of the strategy

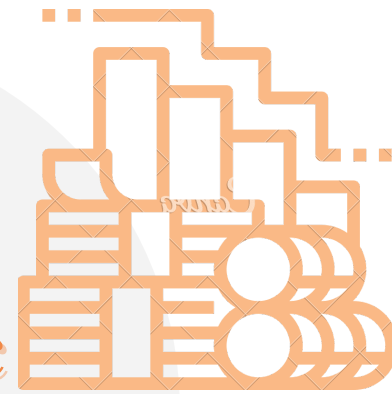
(Ministers – Governors – parliamentarians – youth – 180 civil society)



# National Strategy for Empowerment of Women 2030



Political  
Empowerment &  
Leadership



Economic  
Empowerment

Legislations & Awareness Raising



Social  
Empowerment



Protection



**2030**  
استراتيجية المرأة  
**WOMEN'S STRATEGY**  
**EGYPT 2030**

# Strategic Coherence & Alignment

**Protection pillar of** in the NSEW 2030 was designed to be the **main umbrella of the work under the VAW strategy until 2020**, and continue to be the **roadmap on eliminating VAW until 2030**.

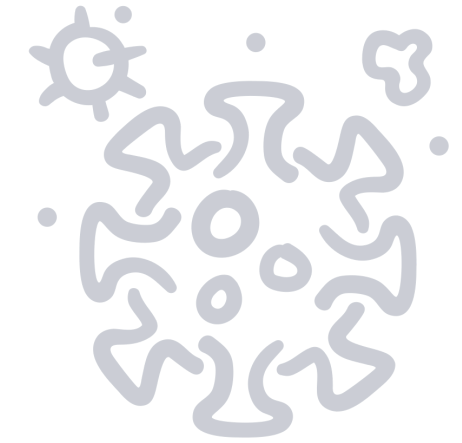


Reporting the Work under the National Strategy To Eliminate VAW

8 Indicators on the Protection from VAW

7 interventions on the protection from VAW

# Women & COVID19



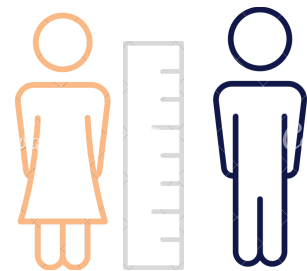
- Egypt was the **first country globally** to issue a rapid response policy towards women situation during covid19



- Egypt was also the first country globally to issue a **'Women Policy Tracker'**.  
(5 editions until Jan 2021)

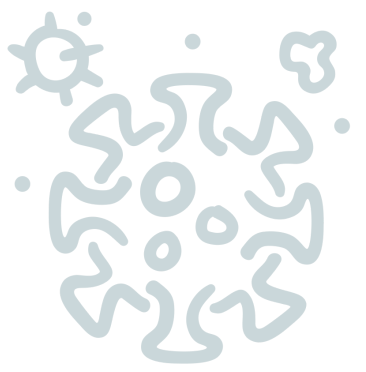


- The UNDP & UNWOMEN COVID19 Global Gender Response Tracker indicated that Egypt is the **first country in the middle east, north Africa region & Arab region** to take gender sensitive measures



- The United Nations “General Assembly” unanimously adopts an **Egyptian initiated resolution** on Strengthening rapid response to the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on women and girls

# Women & COVID19



**165**  
**Measure & policy**  
**March 2020 - Jan 2021**



# Violence against Women

## Figures & Numbers

Launch of the Egypt Economic Cost of Gender Based Violence Survey to support evidence based policy-making (2015) based upon UNFPA international methodological model. Egypt is the first Arab country to conduct this survey

**2.17 billion Egyptian Pounds**

The total cost borne by the females and their families due to violence

**10% of women (18 - 64 years)**

were harassed in the Egyptian streets

**7% of women (18 - 64 years)**

were harassed in public transportation

**18% of women (18 - 64 years)**

Were subject to domestic violence from one of the family members



# Violence against Women

Knowledge products, data collection, & analysis

“The Economic Cost of Gender Based Violence Survey” in 2015

“Violence against Women ... Dimensions and Coping Mechanisms”

“Survey of Egyptian Women’s Poll on the Emerging COVID-19”



Other studies are currently at the pipeline, such as:

A study on the prevalence of FGM

A survey on the social and economic repercussions of divorce on women and men

A study on violence against women with disabilities

# Violence against Women

## Knowledge products, data collection, & analysis

Reporting on the National Strategy to Eliminate VAW 2015-2020: a report was launched in May 2021 by the National Council for Women with the purpose of providing a transparent tool to the public on the achievements, challenges and gaps of implementing this strategy and the way forward.

- Highlighting the most important results of the National Strategy to Eliminate Violence against Women (2015-2020).
- Showcasing detailed achievements and activities implemented under each of the four pillars of the strategy to provide a transparent tool for the public on what has been done and what the gaps are.
- Explaining the M&E process that took place during the implementation of the strategy.
- Acting as a new standing point that can be used to determine the way forward and future steps needed to continue and build upon the previous efforts to eliminated violence and discrimination





# Legislative Framework

## Laws



### Women's Protection from violence

- Indecent Assault
- Cyber crimes
- Kidnapping
- Deprivation of inheritance
- Public and non-public indecent acts
- Disclosing data of women victims of violence
- Human trafficking and illegal migration
- Equal investment opportunities
- Social securities and pension
- Institutionalizing the work of NCW
- law regulating work of PwDs

### Women's Protection from violence

- Sexual Harassment
- Intransigence in paying alimony
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Bullying
- Sexual Intercourse without consent (Rape)
- Forced/child/bargain marriage
- Protecting imprisoned mothers
- benefits to working mothers
- Inclusive health insurance law
- Rights of people with disabilities

# Legislative Framework

## Decrees



- Establishing a **one-stop shop** for the protection of women victims of violence
- Issuing the **national code of conduct** for workers & users of transportation facilities
- **Prohibiting any gender discrimination in dealing with all of financial companies'** clients as well as developing financial (non-banking) products that are considerate to women needs.
- Issuing Code of conduct to prevent sexual harassment, violence and harassment within the work environment.
- prohibiting the transfer of working women from their workplace to another place without their desire
- Representing of women on the **boards of directors of companies**
- Adding a **breadwinner woman** among the priorities of applicants for **housing apartments**
- **Educational guardianship of a divorced mother** without the need for a verdict
- **Marriage of a foreigner to an Egyptian**
- CBE recently changed regulation of **money guardianship** over bank accounts

# Violence against Women

Multidisciplinary approach

Specialized Criminal  
Departments in  
Courts of Appeal

26 Anti-VAW  
units  
in Universities

4 Medical Response  
units in University  
Hospitals

VAW unit in  
Ministry  
of Justice

VAW units in  
Ministry  
of Interior  
Directorates

27 Digitized family  
public prosecution  
office

Safe Cities and  
Women Friendly  
Markets

Cyber Crimes  
Campaign with  
Facebook &  
Instagram

# Violence against Women

Institutional mechanisms: NCW's Women Complaints Office 15115

- Strong Referral channels to concerned entities
- Social and Psychological support
- Free Legal Support

80 Office Lawyers & case management

450 Volunteer Lawyers

181,173

Complaints/inquiries until September 2021



# Violence against Women

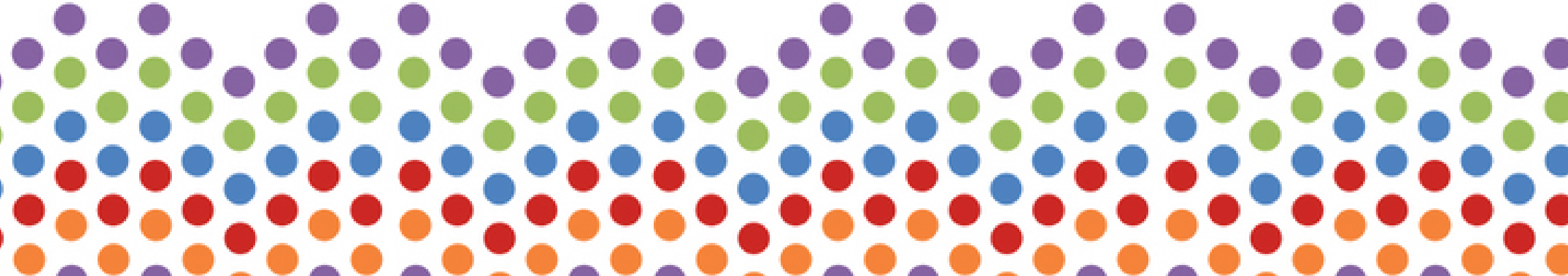
## Reporting HOTLINES in Egypt

- The **women's complaints office (WCO)**, affiliated to the National Council for Women (NCW), **hotline 15115**
- The **child helpline** affiliated to the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood **16000**
- The WCO was provided with the necessary equipment and devices, and its employees were trained to receive reports through the hotline that operates **24/7**.
- In 2020, the NCW announced that the office had started receiving **complaints of human trafficking** through its **hotline 15115**.
- The hotline of the General Secretariat of Mental Health to provide psychological support and support to citizens at home during the **(COVID-19) crisis 0800880700, 0220816831**.
- **Public Prosecution Office** to report cases of violence on WhatsApp: **01111755959**.
- Customer service for the Ministry of **Transportation 15047** to receive reports of harassment in public transportation and Egypt's railways.

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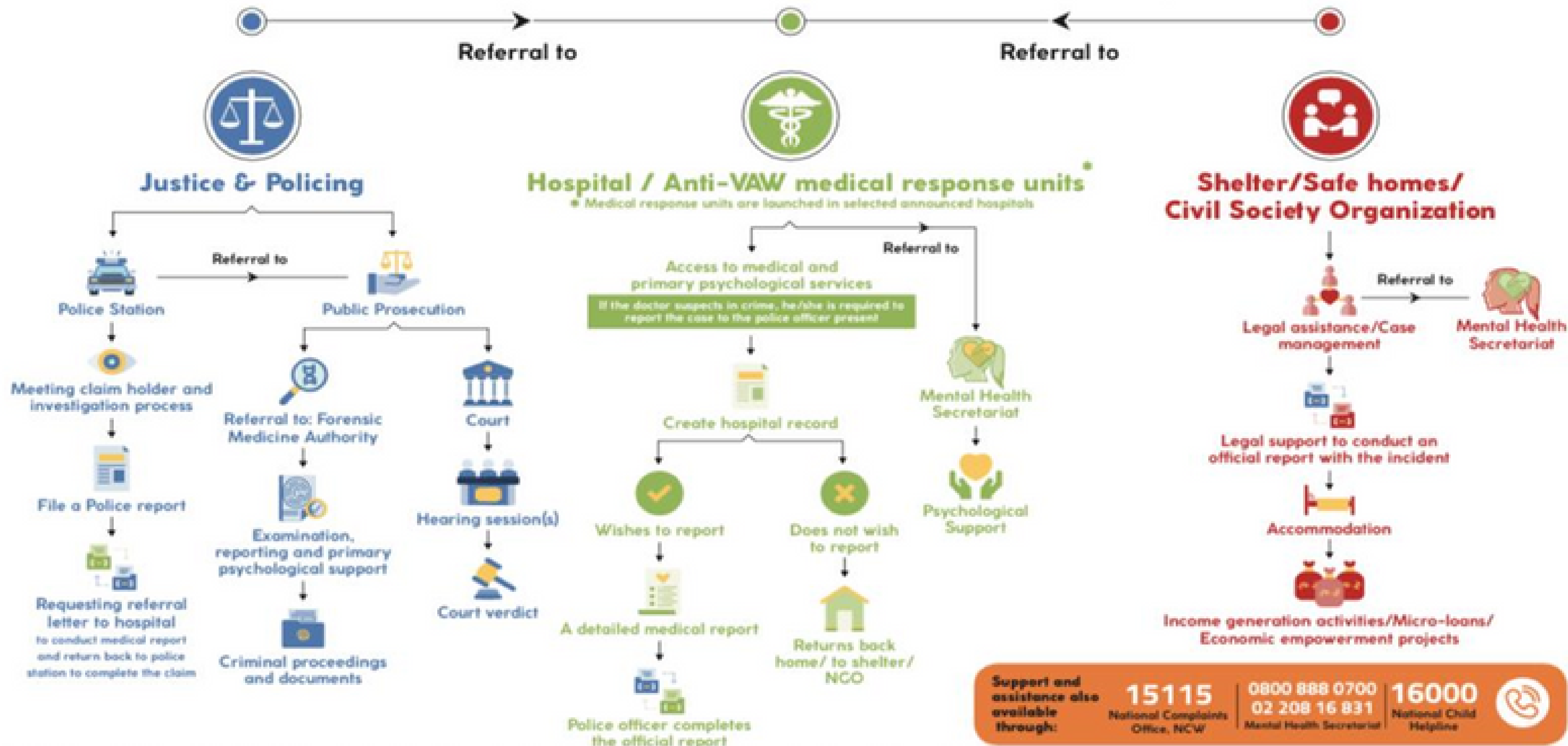
## Essential Services Package

Egypt was among first 10 countries to qualify to pilot UNFPA/UNWOMEN Global Essential Services Package (ESP) and the first national referral pathway to reporting violence cases was established





# Referral pathway for women and girls subjected to violence in Egypt



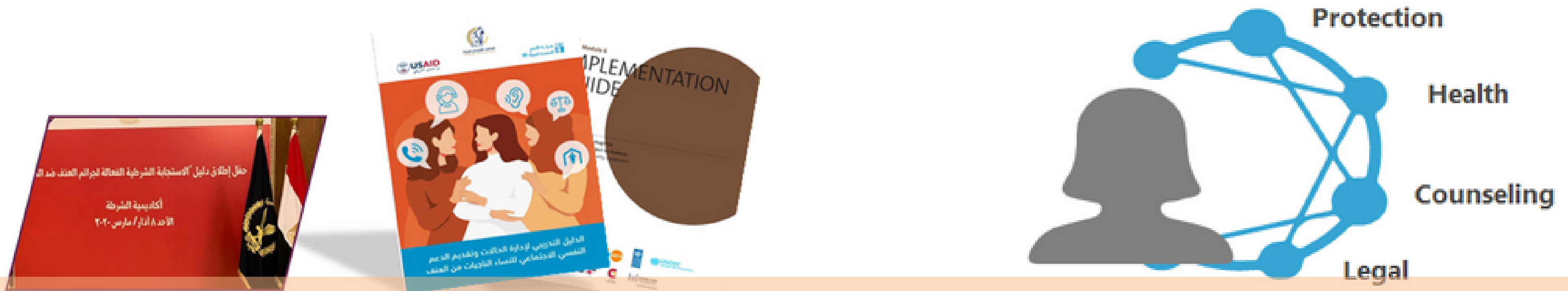


# Violence against Women

## Essential Services Package

The first national referral pathway to reporting violence cases was established. The model is distributed among entry points/first responders to VAW cases such as hospitals, health clinics, police departments, and units for combating violence against women in universities.

Issuing **Manuals and continuous training programs to services providers** in different sectors to ensure provision of:



# Violence against Women

## Trained Service Providers

100	Forensic Doctors
2,249	Physicians and nurses from public and university hospitals
133	Service providers from NGOs providing serviced to battered women
670	Representative of women's complaints office & social and psychological workers
140	Police officers
85	Representatives of anti-violence units in universities
60	Legal Ma'zoon
400	Family prosecution auditors
509	Public prosecution officers



611	Judges (men)
66	Judges (women)
127	Members of the Administrative Prosecution Authority

Total trained: 5,150

# Violence against Women

## The Crime of FGM

Establishment of **National Committee for the Eradication of FGM** for the first time in Egypt in May 2019

Co-chaired by



## Partners

Gov.  
Entities

Concerned  
Law  
Enforcement  
Entities

Al Azhar  
Al sharif

The three  
Churches  
in Egypt

Development  
Partners

Civil  
Society

# 81 MILLION

Intervention Reach out

# Violence against Women

## Human Trafficking Crime

Establishment of **National Coordinating Committee** for Combating Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Persons

- Enacting the **National Strategy** to Combat Human Trafficking 2016-2021
- Establishing a **specialized criminal department** by the MoJ
- **Law** on Combating Illegal Immigration and Smuggling of Migrants
- First **Shelter** for Human Trafficking in Egypt
- Capitalizing on **Hotlines** 15115 and 16000
- **Presidential Awareness Raising campaign** on illegal migration
- **Legislative framework** for women domestic workers



# Ideational Change & Fighting Stereotypes



Secret of your power reached  
135 million views/follows



Because I am a man  
campaign and sports



Safe transportation  
for women



Knocking Doors reaching 42  
million Visits  
(13th October 2021)



Women Religious  
Leaders Group for  
Awareness Raising



# Ideational Change & Fighting Stereotypes



**"Hatefre'y"**  
(You Matter)  
Song



Nour  
Song

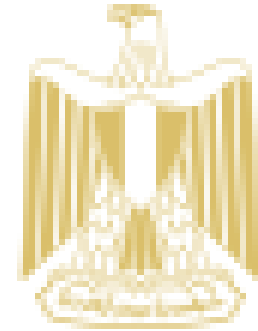


"Harassment is a  
crime  
Speak up"



Mateskoteesh  
(Don't be silent)  
Campaign

25% increase in reports on the hotline  
of the Women's Complaints Office



**THANK YOU!**