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By 2027, women and girls realise their rights in the social, health and livelihood spheres, as laid out in the Egyptian Constitution, and their leadership and empowerment are guaranteed in a society free of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.

In 2023, two fierce wars broke out on Egypt's borders (Gaza and Sudan), significantly destabilising the region and Egypt's already heavily impacted economy. These realities dominated dialogue during the 2023 Egyptian Presidential election, and the overall economic crisis in the country dominated national partners' priorities. Policy level changes on gender equality have been minor but there is increasing momentum for advancing women's labour force participation and women-owned business opportunities as a key driver for riding the economic storm. Women have increased representation on the boards of directors of public bodies and their business sector companies, as a result of a presidential decree. UN Women contributed to this result through providing more women with capacities to enable them to serve well on these boards. Egypt's Presidency of COP27 ended in November 2023 and it has opened avenues in both public and private sector for significant attention to the importance of green and climate smart approaches with a gender lens. UN Women capitalized on that attention by ensuring climate smart approaches are more integrated into the results chain. UN Women reached approximately 70,000 through its partnership with the Government of Egypt's national programme on enhancing women's financial inclusion through an innovative digital banking mobile application developed through UN Women's support. Furthermore, UN Women reached 2800 women through job placement, entrepreneurial support and employability skills development, ensuring a decent income generating opportunity for them. In 2023, UN Women has supported the strengthening of policy and regulatory frameworks to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls (VAWG) through the generation of research, evidence and analyses of trends on women's rights in the context of family and personal status legislation as well as creating safe spaces for women and girls. It has also provided essential services for 200 women who have experienced gender-based violence and reaching 200,000 women through national and community-led behaviour change initiatives and campaigns