

Support to an Enabling Business Environment for MSMEs Development & Financial Inclusion



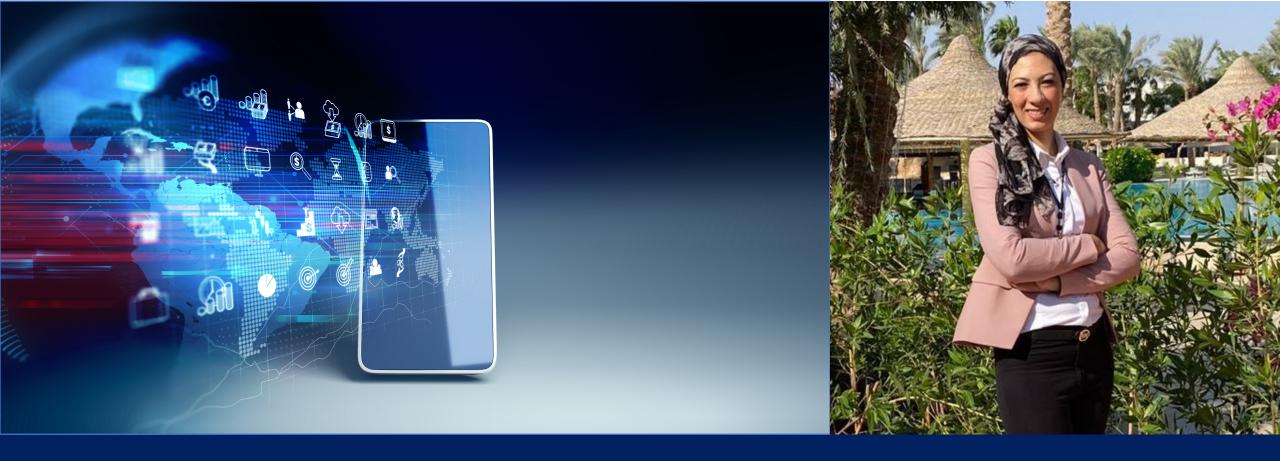
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MSMEs' Strategic Objectives







Increase Exports



Imports Substitution



Digitalization & Automation



The Role of MSMEs in Achieving SDGs



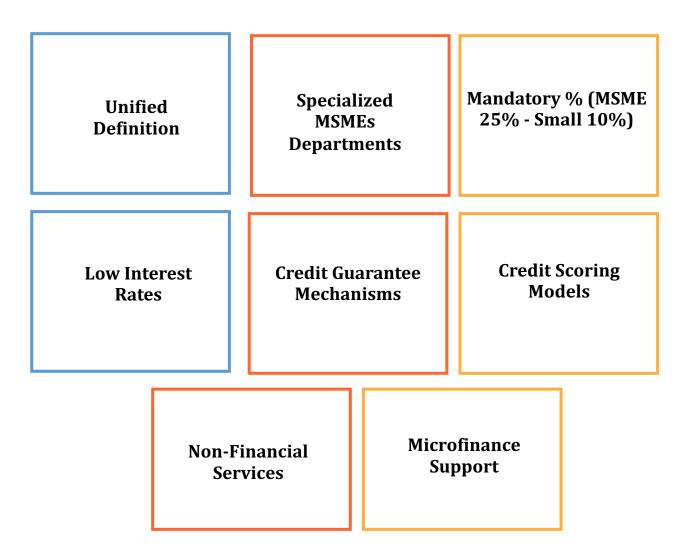


The Main Pillars of Supporting MSMEs to Promote Financial Inclusion





Access to Finance





Increase in MSMEs Portfolio

Dec.2015- June 2022



Sustainable Finance Progress

Sustainability and Sustainable Finance in the banking sector has become a priority for the Central Bank of Egypt. All CBE's initiatives taking into consideration the element of sustainable finance and SDGs (social, environmental, Governance)

Introducing Guiding Principles on Sustainable Finance & Conducting a gap analysis in banks

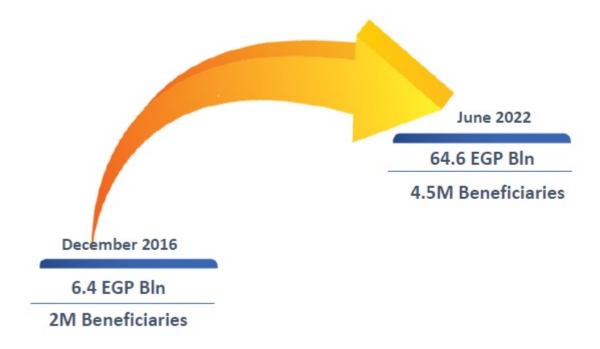
Issuing Sustainable Finance Regulations Building the Capacity of the Egyptian Banking Sector in Sustainable Finance (83% of Banks participated)

Introducing education papers on sustainable finance to Egyptian banks Finance Initiatives (MSMEs / Renewable Energy – Agriculture – Natural Gas)

Directing Egyptian banks to measure their Carbon footprint for their head offices (100% of banks completed the measurement process)

CBE Support to Microfinance

Including the Microfinance lending to the mandatory 25%





CBE Support to Microfinance



Institutional Upgrading Program

41 NGOs (Cat C)

Digital Transformation

Policies and Procedures

Governance

Staff Capacity Building

Facilitate Access to Finance

In Cooperation with IFC



Bottlenecks'/Key Challenges facing Microfinance in Egypt

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From Operational Perspective

- □ Challenging capabilities of CAT A and B NGOs (Governance Internal Control Risk Management)
- □ MFIs obliged to use Electronic payment tools
- Poor financial literacy and awareness of Microfinance clients Using electronic payment

From Regulatory Perspective

- Concentration of Banking Sector Finance to limited number of MFIs (10 entities are getting about 80% Banking sector Finance)
- □ Reporting issues of MFIs to Credit Bureau (I-Score)



Reforms Needed for the Development of the Microfinance Sector in Egypt

- □ Strengthening operational and management capabilities of CAT A , B and C NGOs;
- □ Improving MFI access to finance
- □ Innovative Microfinance lending tools
- Developing Behavioral scoring models
- Digitization of MFIs
- $\hfill\square$ Financial education and digital literacy



Support needed at Regional level through Exchange of Practice

Capacity Building and Training to NGOs

Digitization :

- □ Behavioral scoring models for lending
- □ Digitalization of MFIs payment
- □ Digital Supply chain finance platform

Education :

- Microfinance Curriculum and accredited Certification to staff
- Raising MF clients awareness & financial literacy



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