

# Your Guide to Industrial Investment in Egypt

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**Part I: Urban Governorates** 



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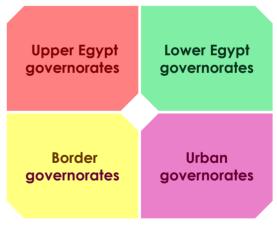
#### Purpose of the Guide

This guide provides basic information that any investor needs to invest in the various governorates of the Republic. It relies on several sources to provide this information (e.g., Ministry of Investment (General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI)), Industrial Development Authority (IDA), Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade).

#### The guide contains three sections:

- 1. General information
- 2. Special information about the region
- 3. Detailed information about the governorates of the region

#### The guide has been categorized by region:



#### Map of Egypt and Its Four Regions

1 Urban Governorates

Cairo
Alexandria
Suez
Port Said

2 Lower Egypt Governorates

Damietta
Sharqeya
Dakahlia
Qalyubia
Kafr El-Sheikh
Gharbiya
Menoufia
Beheira
Ismailia

3 Upper Egypt Governorates

Giza
Bani Suef
Fayoum
Minya
Assiut
Sohag
Qena
Luxor
Aswan

4
Border
Governorates

The Red Sea New Valley Matrouh North Sinai South Sinai

<sup>\*</sup> The four regions are divided according to the Human Development Report, 2010.

#### **Guide Sections**

- 1. General information
- 2. Special information about the region
- 3. Detailed information about the governorates of the region

- Procedures for starting a business in Egypt
- 2. Utility and energy prices
- 3. Laws and rules governing investment
- 4. Investment incentives
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### Procedures for Starting a Business in Egypt



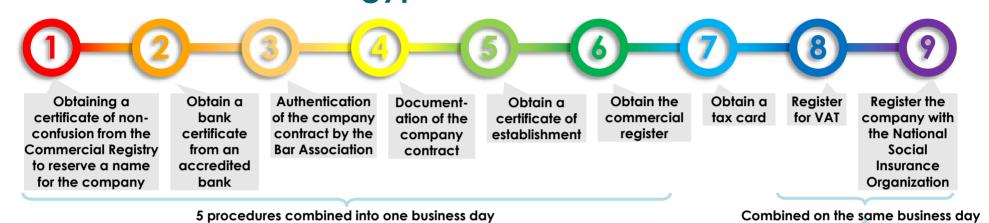


### Types of Companies



 The establishment, fees and required documents vary according to the type of company, but companies are similar in terms of the sequence of procedures

## Summary of the Time, Costs, and Procedures Needed to Start a Business in Egypt



Ġ	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes		20 minutes	20 minutes
(5)	EGP 100	EGP 100, Optional bank certificate	For companies whose capital exceeds EGP 20 thousand	0.025 percent of the company's capital with a maximum of EGP 1,000		EGP 110	No fees	No fees	No fees
2	Commercial Register	Commercial Bank	Bar	Notarization and documenting office	The General Authority for Investment and Free Zones	Commercial Register	Egyptian Tax Authority	Value Added Tax Authority	The National Authority for Social Insurance

Source: GAFL

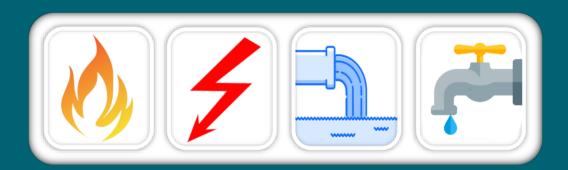
#### **Incorporation Fees**



Fees vary by company type

Source: GAFI.

### 2. Utility and Energy Prices



# Drinking Water and Wastewater Tariff during FY 2022/2023 (EGP/m<sup>3</sup>)



Consumption	Service	Commercial	Industrial	Touristic	Sports clubs	Other
1:50 51:100 More than 100	4	4.5 5 6	4.5 5 6	4.5 5 6	3	12
Percentage of wastewater/water			80%			
Price per meter for wastewater	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	1.13	4.5

These prices are applied to all governorates except for the governorates of Sinai - Red Sea - Matrouh. For more information, please see Part 4. Border Governorates.

Source: The Holding Company for Drinking Water and Wastewater (HCWW)

# Tariff for Processing the Waste of Industrial Establishments during FY 2022/2023 (EGP/m<sup>3</sup>)



Contaminants	Absorbed bio-oxygen (BoD)			Absorbed Chemical Oxygen (CoD)		
Concentrations (g/m³)	More than 600 and less than 660	660 or more and less than 2000	2000 or more	More than 1100 and less than 2000	2000 or more and less than 5000	5000 or more
Cost of purification (EGP/m³)	3	9	18	6	18	30

# Electricity Tariff Applied during FY 2022/2023



Purpose of Use/Voltage	Cost of capacity (EGP/kW Month)	Off-peak (Piaster/kWh)	Within peak (Piaster/kWh)	Average energy price (Piaster/kWh)	How to apply
Super Voltage (220,132 kV)	40	96.9	145.4	105	The capacity is applied on the basis of the subscriber's maximum load every three months
High Voltage (66.33 kV)	50	101.5	152.3	110	The time of use tariff is applied according to the smart meters program, and the peak period is 4
Medium Voltage (22.11 kV)	60	106.2	159.2	115	hours, the start of which is determined by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy
Low Voltage (380v)				125	In case of unavailability, the energy price will be applied

# Tariffs for Electricity Consumption Segments Applied during FY 2022/2023



Purpose of Use/Voltage (kVM)	Cost of capacity (Piaster/kW- Month)	Off-peak (Piaster/kWh- Month)	Within Peak (Piaster/kWh- Month)	Average Energy Price (Piaster/kWh-Month)	How to apply
Segment 0 - 100			65.0		The capacity is applied on the basis of the subscriber's maximum load every three months
Segment 0 - 250			The time of use tariff is applied according to the smart meters		
Segment 0 - 600			140.0		program, and the peak period is 4 hours, the start of which is determined by the Ministry of
Segment 601 - 1000			155.0		Electricity and Energy
Segment (from 0 to more than 1000 kVM)			160.0		In case of unavailability, the energy price will be applied

## Prices of Petroleum Products during the Second Quarter of 2023



Commercial Butane	Diesel	Kerosene	Petrol 80		etrol Petrol 92 95
150 Pounds/cylinder	8.25	0.25 11.50			
(With fixed price	Automotive gas				
6000 Pounds/Ton					4.50 Pounds/m³

## A decree regarding quarterly pricing equation of fuel and petroleum products



The committee formed by Prime Minister's decree no. 2764/2018, whose members are determined by the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources' decree no. 505/2019, referred to above, shall undertake the following:

Apply automatic pricing mechanism to petroleum products delivered to the
consumer inclusive of value-added tax, with the exception of butane and
petroleum products used by the electricity and bakery sectors, as of the end of
June 2019, after reaching cost coverage. The selling price of these products in
the local market will be reviewed as stated in Article 1 of this decree, provided
that the percentage change in the consumer selling price, upwards or
downwards, does not exceed (10%) of the selling price.

# 3. Laws and Rules Governing Investment

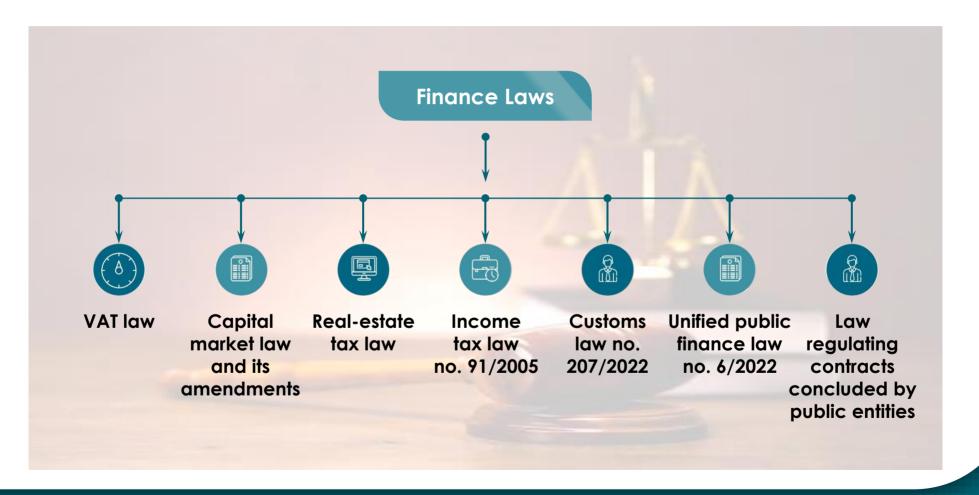
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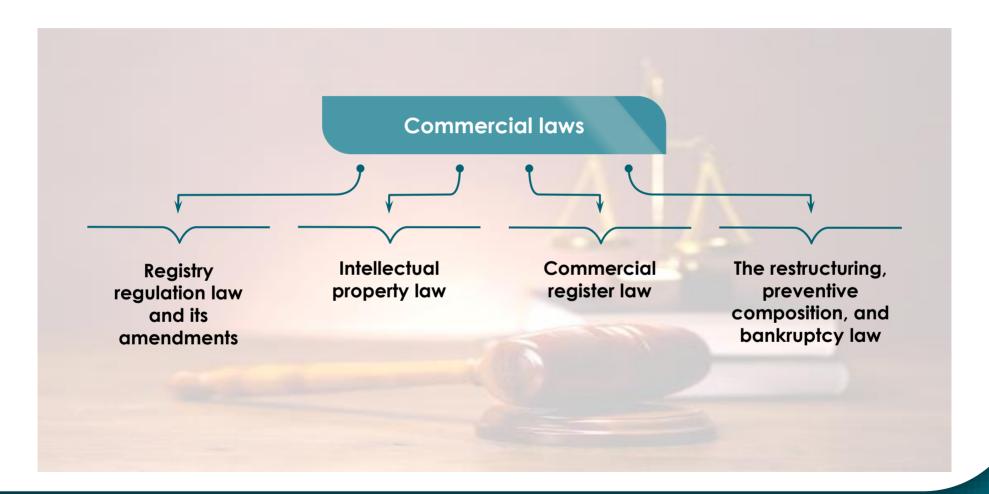
### I. Incorporation Laws



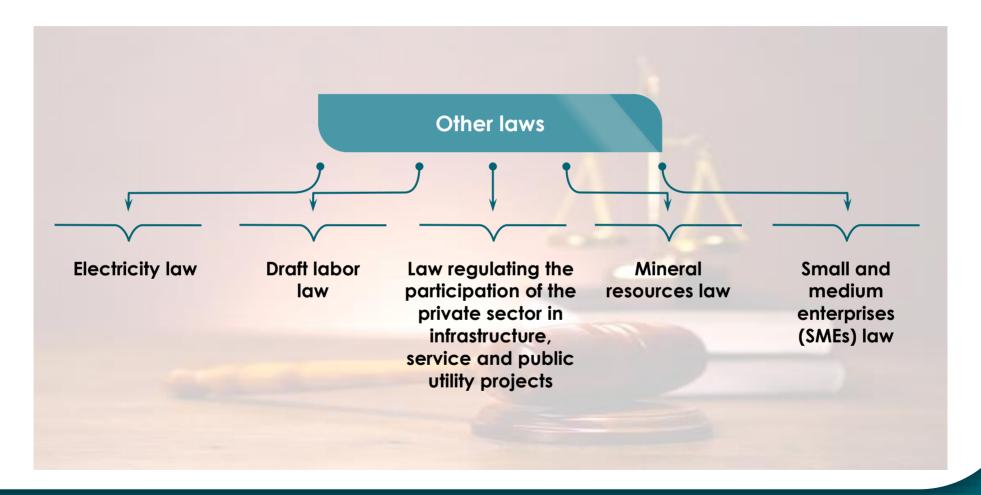
#### II. Finance Laws



#### III. Commercial Laws



#### IV. Other Laws



### **Exceptional Law (Golden License)**

#### Prime minister decree no. 56/2022

The decree specifies the criteria and conditions upon which an investment project can be considered national or strategic as per article 20 of the investment law no. 72/2017

The **Higher Council for Investment has issued** new decrees expanding granting of the golden license. It is now being considered not to limit granting the license to companies establishing strategic or national projects, and amend articles nos. (40), (41) and (42) regulating the golden license to ensure that companies established prior to the promulgation of the investment law no. 72/2017 may be granted the Golden License.

Click here for the full text of the decree

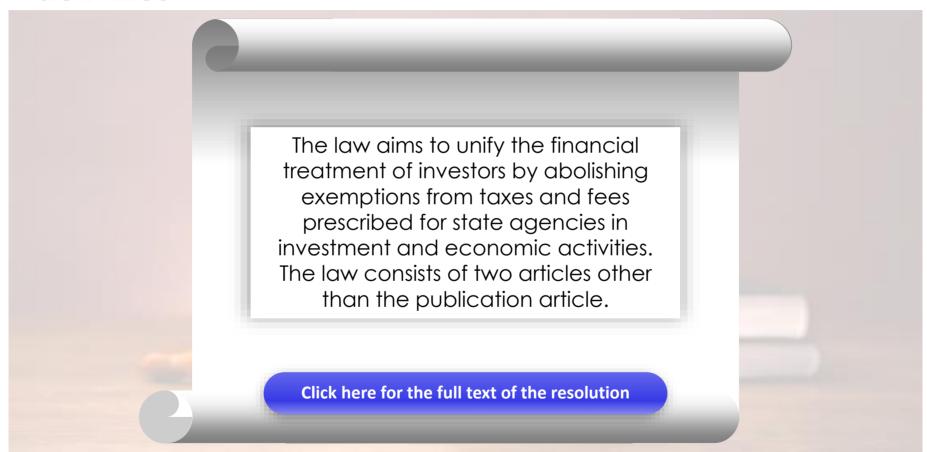


## Amendments issued on July 5, 2023 to certain provisions of the investment law no. 72/2017





# A draft law abolishing the exemption of state agencies from taxes and fees in investment and economic activities



# 4. Investment Incentives

\* Investment Law no. 72/2017



#### Investment incentives: General incentives

All projects subject to the provisions of this law shall enjoy the general incentives mentioned in this chapter, with the exception of projects established under the free zones system. These incentives include:

- Establishment of companies and enterprises, contracts of credit facilities and related mortgages shall be exempted from the stamp tax, and authentication and notarization fees for a period of five years from the date of their registration in the commercial register.
- Land registration contracts necessary for the establishment of companies and enterprises are also exempted from the aforementioned tax and fees.
- Companies and enterprises subject to the provisions of this law shall be subject to the provisions of Article (4) of the customs law promulgated by law no. 186/1986 regarding the collection of a unified customs tax of two percent (2%) of the value of all imported machinery, equipment and devices necessary for the establishment thereof.
- This unified tariff also applies to all imports by companies and enterprises operating in public utility projects, such as machinery, equipment, and devices necessary for their construction or completion.
- Without prejudice to the provisions of the temporary release stipulated in the customs law promulgated by law no. 66/1963, investment projects of industrial nature subject to the provisions of this law may import molds and other production requirements of a similar nature without paying customs duties, for use for a temporary period in the manufacture of their products, and then re-exporting thereof.
- The release and re-export shall be according to the arrival documents, provided that the entry and reshipping
  documents are registered in records prepared for this purpose in the Authority, in coordination with the Ministry
  of Finance.

#### Investment incentives: Special incentives

Investment projects established after the enforcement of this law, in accordance with the investment map, shall be granted the investment incentive of a deduction from the net taxable profits as follows:

- 1. A 50% discount on the investment costs of sector (A), which includes the geographical areas most in need of development according to the investment map, and based on CAPMAS statistics, and according to the distribution of investment activities as indicated by the executive directives of this law.
- 2. A 30% discount on the investment costs of sector (B), which includes the rest of the Republic, according to the distribution of investment activities, for the following investment projects:
  - Labor-intensive projects in accordance with the criteria stipulated in the executive directives of this law
  - Medium and small enterprises
  - Enterprises that depend on or produce new and renewable energy
  - National and strategic projects determined by a decree of the Higher Council
  - Tourism projects specified by a decree of the Higher Council
  - Electricity production and distribution projects that are determined by a prime minister decree based on a joint proposal from the concerned minister, the minister concerned with electricity affairs, and the Minister of Finance.
  - Projects which exports their production
  - Automotive industry and its feeding industries
  - Wood industries, furniture, printing and packaging, and chemical industries
  - Manufacture of antibiotics, oncology drugs and cosmetics
  - Food industries, agricultural crops and agricultural waste recycling
  - Engineering, metallurgical, textile and leather industries

#### Investment incentives: Special incentives

- As per the provisions of the income tax law no. 91/2005, in all cases, the investment incentive shall not exceed 80% of the paid-up capital until the date of starting the activity.
- The deduction period shall not exceed seven years from the date of commencement of activity.
- The Prime Minister shall issue a decree upon a joint proposal by the concerned minister, the Minister of Finance and the minister with the relevant jurisdiction to determine the distribution of the sub-sectors of investment activities in the aforementioned sectors (A) and (B).
- The executive directives of this law shall clarify the concept of investment cost, the geographical scope of sectors (A) and (B), and the conditions and qualifying criteria for granting special incentives. The sub-investment activities included in the aforementioned Prime Minister decree shall be included therein immediately after its issuance.
- New activities may be added to enjoy special incentives by a decree of the Higher Council.

## Conditions for obtaining special investment incentives

In order for investment projects to enjoy special incentives under this law, the following conditions must be met:

- 1. Establishment of a new company or facility to start the investment project.
- 2. The company or enterprise should be established within a maximum period of three years from the date of enforcement of the executive directives of this law. This period may be extended for one time by a decree of the Council of Ministers and based on the proposal of the concerned minister.
- 3. The company or enterprise shall maintain regular accounts; if the company or establishment operates in more than one region, it may benefit from the percentage determined for each region, provided that each region has separate accounts.
- 4. None of the shareholders, partners, or establishment owners have provided, contributed, or used any of the tangible assets of an existing company or enterprise in the establishment or incorporation of the investment project that benefits from the incentive at the time of the enforcement of the provisions of this law, or liquidated that company or enterprise within the period indicated in item (2) of this Article for the purpose of establishing a new investment project to benefit from the special incentives referred to. Violation of this shall result in the forfeiture of the aforementioned incentive and the company or enterprise shall be obliged to pay all tax dues.
- 5. Expansions of already existing investment projects may enjoy the incentives stipulated in Articles (11) and (13) of this law. Under this provision, expansions mean increasing the used capital by adding new assets that lead to an increase in the production capacity of the project, all in accordance with the rules and conditions determined by a decree of the Council of Ministers.

#### Investment incentives: Additional incentives

- Without prejudice to the incentives, privileges and exemptions stipulated in this chapter, and by a decree of the Council of Ministers, additional incentives may be granted to the projects stipulated in Article (11) of this law, as follows:
  - 1. Allowing the establishment of special customs outlets for the investment project's exports or imports, in agreement with the Minister of Finance.
  - 2. The state shall bear the cost incurred by the investor to connect the utilities to the real estate designated for the investment project or part thereof; after operating the project.
  - 3. The state shall bear part of the cost of technical training provided for workers.
  - 4. Refund half of the value of the land allocated for industrial projects in the event that production begins within two years from the date of handing over the land.
  - 5. Allocating land free of charge for some strategic activities in accordance with the controls prescribed by law in this regard.
- It is also permissible, by a decree of the Council of Ministers based on the proposal of the concerned minister, to introduce other non-tax incentives whenever the need arises.
- The executive directives shall indicate the rules for granting the additional incentives stipulated in this Article, as well as its qualifying criteria and conditions.

#### Conditions related to machinery and equipment

#### **Equipment import**

- Investment projects subject to the provisions of this law have the right to import on their own or through third party what they need for their establishment, expansion or operation, including raw materials, production requirements, machinery, spare parts, and means of transportation appropriate to the nature of their activity without the need to register them in the importers' registry.
- These projects are also entitled to export their products directly or through mediators without a license and without the need to be registered in the importers' registry.
- Investment projects that import and export in accordance with the provisions of this Article, whether on their own or through third parties, shall notify the Authority with a quarterly report on the quantities and types imported or exported, as the case may be.

#### Local equipment

The link to local machinery and equipment production plants:



Source: Investment law no. 72/2017.

#### Special conditions for employing foreign labor

- Investment projects may employ foreign labor (maximum 10% of the total number of workers in the project, and
  this percentage may be increased to no more than 20% of the total number of workers in the project, in the
  event that it is not possible to employ national workers who have the necessary qualifications and in
  accordance with the conditions and rules set forth in the executive directives of this law.
- In some strategic projects of special importance that are determined by a decree of the Higher Council, an
  exception may be made from the aforementioned percentages, provided that the training of national
  manpower is taken into consideration.



Source: Investment law no. 72/2017.



## The facilities granted as part of the response to the global crisis caused by the Russian-Ukrainian war

#### Providing support to the most affected groups and sectors as follows:

- Allocating EGP 7 billion to raise the personal tax exemption limit from EGP 9000 to EGP 15000, and the total from EGP 24000 to EGP 30000, an increase of 25%
- The Treasury bears the value of the real estate tax for the industrial sector for three years (EGP 3.75 billion)
- Deduction of 50% of the capital gains upon the initial public offering in the stock exchange for two years
- Tax exemption of investment funds and instruments invested in the stock exchange
- Exemption of investment funds in debt instruments, shares, and venture capital funds and companies
- Reactivate the law to end tax disputes until December 31

# 5. Tax Structure and Customs System



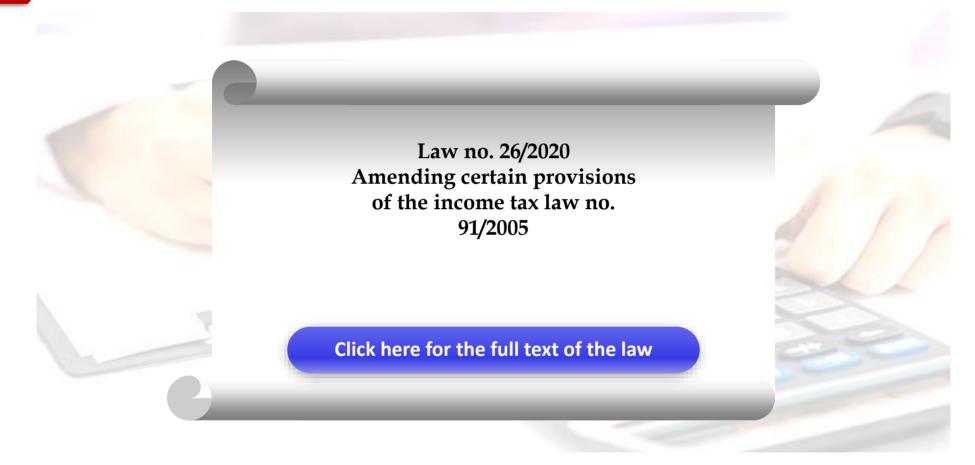
#### New 2023

#### Tax Structure

- Corporate taxes do not exceed 25%.
- The state conducts an audit on random samples.

Free zones	Investment in the country	Item
Exempt	<ul> <li>25% flat rate</li> <li>A ten-year exemption for agricultural activities and animal production</li> </ul>	Income tax
N/A	<ul> <li>2-32%, depending on the product</li> <li>A fixed rate of 2% of the value of imported machinery and equipment</li> </ul>	Import duties
N/A	N/A	Minimum exports

### Income Tax Amendment Law



## Value Added Tax (VAT)

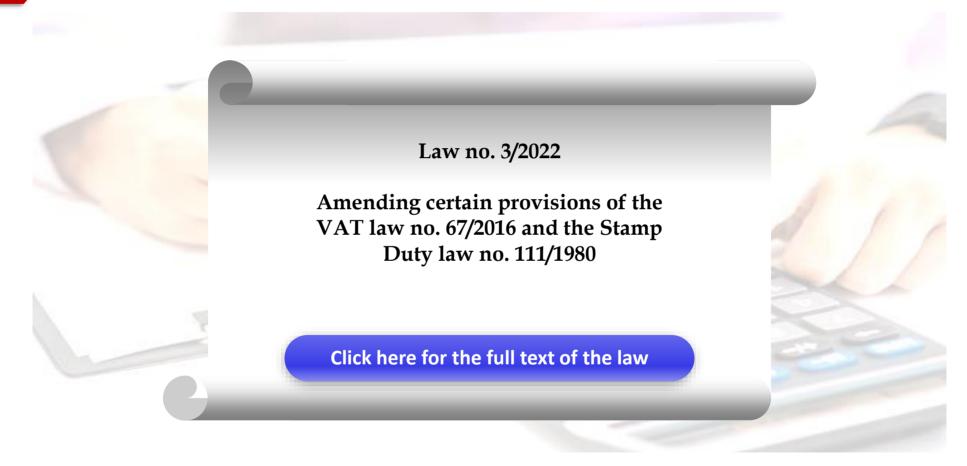
- The value-added tax (VAT) was promulgated by law no. 67/2016. It consists of ten articles that clarify the
  obligations of those subject to it.
- The law sets the general rate of tax on goods and services at 13% for FY 2016/2017, and 14% as of FY 2017/2018, with the exception of the tax rate on machinery and equipment used in the production of a commodity or the provision of a service, which is set by the law at 5%, with the exception of buses and passenger cars.

You can view the Value Added Tax Law via the following link: www.eta.gov.eg/images/salestax/lownew/1.pdf



Source: Egyptian Tax Authority.

## **Amendments to the VAT Law**



## Amendments to the VAT Law

Ministry of Finance Decree no. 24/2023 amending certain provisions of the executive directives no. 66/2017 of the VAT law.

Click here for the full text of the decision

## Real-estate Tax

- The real estate tax was imposed under law no. 196/2008, which specified the taxable types of real estate, and included a list of those exempted from the tax, as well as procedures for inventory, estimation, appeal, collection, and penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of this law.
- Unified tax rate: 10% of the annual rental value after deducting 30% and 32% as expenses for residential real
  estate and non-residential real estate respectively, from the total expenses incurred by the taxpayer, including
  maintenance expenses.

You can view the real estate tax law via the following link: <a href="https://www.rta.gov.eg/Home/BuildingTaxType?Length=4">www.rta.gov.eg/Home/BuildingTaxType?Length=4</a>



Source: Real Estate Taxation Authority.

At the time of preparing this guide, it was announced that the real estate tax would be revisited. Therefore, it is possible that there will be amendments.



## The Ministry of Finance bears the realestate tax for a period of 3 years

## Decree of the Council of Ministers no. 61/2022

#### The Council of Ministers,

after reviewing the constitution, real-estate tax law no. 196/2008; based on what the Minister of Finance has provided; and after approval of the Council of Ministers, **Decreed:** 

#### (Article I)

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) shall bear the entire real-estate tax imposed on buildings used in the following activities, effective January 1, 2022 for 3 years.

Click here for the full text of the decision



## Issuance of law no. 207/ 2020 promulgating the customs law

Law no. 207/2020 promulgating the Customs Law

In the Name of the People, President of the Republic,

The parliament has passed this law, and we promulgated it:

Click here for the full text of the law

## **Customs System**

• The presidential decree no. 218/2022 amending customs tariff was issued. Below are some of the key amendments to the customs tariff according to the decree:

ltem	Customs tariff
Specialized laboratory devices in the field of tissue culture, tumors, vaccine and blood research	5%
Human and veterinary vaccine related items	Exempted from customs tax
Miscellaneous materials (copper - tin - zinc)	Exempted instead of 2%
Electric cars	Exempted to promote clean energy
Machines for harvesting crops	2% instead of 5%
Equipping vehicle fueling stations with electricity or natural gas and components for converting vehicles to work with electricity only or with natural gas	2%
Clothes made of cotton or wool	Fall under the customs tariff 40%

You can view the tariff via the following link:

https://assets.mof.gov.eg/files/ 2022-06/1a73a060-e7cd-11eca1aa-057c35eb392e.pdf



Source: Egyptian Customs Authority.

## 6. Trade Agreements



## Trade Agreements

Egyptian policies seek to make Egypt a global and regional hub for services, production and re-export, which creates job opportunities and achieves economic growth by opening new markets for Egyptian products and at the same time attracts foreign direct investment from companies looking to benefit from Egypt's set of preferential trade agreements, highly competitive labor, utility costs, skilled labor and proximity to major global markets. Together, these advantages make Egypt an ideal center to export to Europe, the Arab world, the United States and Africa.



For further information, contact the Trade Agreements Sector tas.gov.eg

# 7. Defining the Different Types of Zones



Zones are divided by governorates into several types, each of which has a definition, affiliation, and special conditions, and therefore projects that can be established differ in each of them.



#### 1. Industrial zones

(Source: IDA.)

Zones that include specific plots of lands located inside or outside the control of the governorates, and the coordinates of their external borders are indicated on cadastral maps. They are allocated for industrial projects and service activities in accordance with the provisions of laws and decrees regulating the industry.

\*Note: Industrial zones do not enjoy any special incentives other than the general incentives granted within the framework of the Investment law.

2. Free Zones

(Source: GAFI.)

#### 2.1. Public Free Zone:

It is a zone subject to the sovereignty of the state and is located in most cases on one of the country's sea, land or air ports, and it is defined by walls to separate it from the rest of the state's territory. The public zone includes a group of investment projects that are established to take advantage of the incentives and advantages of investment in this zone, and the state provides the necessary infrastructure for carrying out activity within this zone.

#### 2.2. Special Free Zone:

It is a single entity that represents one independent project (or more than one project in similar activities) as especially required. It must be located outside the scope of Public Free Zones according to the economics of the project and the nature of its activity that necessitates its presence in certain locations to capitalize on the advantages offered by this site in terms of proximity to sources of raw materials and production requirements, export markets, necessary labor, integration with nearby projects, or the need for proximity to a specific port or land road. The site of the special free zone is either owned or rented by the investor

## Amendments to the executive directives of the investment law regarding special free zones

- The Council of Ministers may approve the establishment of special free zone projects, based on the proposal of the concerned minister, and after study and evaluation by the GAFI, in accordance with a number of conditions and criteria:
- The project shall take the form of a joint stock company or a limited liability company
- The proportion of the local content shall not be less than 30% within a maximum period of three years from the start of operation
- The percentage of exports shall not be less than 80%, and an exception may be made from this percentage in the case of strategic projects of special importance.
- The projects of free zones shall adhere to the conditions of industrial security, civil defense and firefighting, in accordance with the Egyptian code followed in this regard.
- The Authority shall monitor the activities of special free zone projects to ensure proper performance of their work and soundness of the procedures followed for carrying out such activities, in accordance with the mechanisms established by the Authority's board of directors and approved by the Council of Ministers.

#### Amendments also include:

The Council of Ministers may, based on a proposal of the concerned minister, and after study and evaluation by the Authority, approve the establishment of a special service free zone comprising a main service project for the establishment, development, management and provision of space for some subsidiary service projects that engage in similar activities, falling under any of the sectors mentioned in Article 1 of the directives, according to the special free zones system, and a number of conditions and criteria.

## Advantages, guarantees and exemptions for free zones

#### Advantages, guarantees and exemptions:

- 1. Freedom to repatriate invested capital and project profits.
- 2. Freedom to choose the field of investment and the legal form of projects.
- 3. Freedom to set product prices and profit margins.
- 4. No minimum or maximum limits for the invested capital (for Public Free Zone projects only).
- 5. No limits on the nationality of the capital, as the foreign investor may be alone or contribute any percentage of the investment (with the exception of projects established in Sinai).
- 6. The possibility of operating on account of others to exploit the capacities of the project (according to the rules approved by the Authority in this regard).
- 7. Granting foreign investors residency facilities.
- 8. Granting foreign workers residence permits at the request of the project
- 9. It is not permissible to file a lawsuits against projects operating under the free zones system except after referring to the Authority
- 10. It is not permissible to nationalize or confiscate projects and establishments.
- 11. It is not permissible through administrative means to impose receivership on projects, seize or freeze their funds, or confiscate them by any means other than through the judicial route.

## Advantages, guarantees and exemptions for free zones

- 12. Exempting all capital assets and production requirements necessary to carry out the project activity (except for passenger cars) from any customs duties, sales taxes or other taxes throughout the period of carrying on the activity, even if the nature of the activity required its presence temporarily outside the free zone.
- 13. Exempting the project's exports and imports from the applicable customs, taxes or fees.
- 14. The project and its profits are not subject to the tax law, customs laws, or legislation in force in the country throughout the period of practicing the activity.
- 15. The imports and exports of the project are not subject to any customs procedures or normal import rules that are in force in the country.
- 16. Exempting project imports from the local market from value-added taxes
- 17. Exempting transit goods with a specified destination from paying any fees on incoming and outgoing goods in accordance with the following conditions:
  - a. The project must be within the customs zone
  - b. The final destination should be specified in the bill of lading and invoice
- 18. Exempting all local components of goods produced by free zone projects from customs duties in case of selling to the local market

#### 3. Investment Zones

(Source: GAFI.)

Investment zones are geographical zones with specific areas and borders that are designated for the establishment of one or more specialized investment activities and other complementary activities. A zone developer undertakes its promotion and development of its infrastructure.

The developer is every legal person licensed to establish, manage, develop or promote an investment zone.

#### Advantages, guarantees and exemptions:

- 1. Harmonization of investment activities in the one zone, which allows the investor competitive costs of operating and marketing economies as a result of industrial integration.
- 2. Exemption from stamp tax, notarization, and authentication fees for 5 years from the date of registration of projects in the commercial registry. Land registration contracts necessary for the establishment of companies and establishments are also exempted from said tax and fees.
- 3. Companies and establishments may not be nationalized or confiscated.
- 4. It is not permissible, by administrative means, to impose receivership on companies and establishments, seize or freeze their funds, or confiscate them.

- 5. It is not permissible for any administrative body to interfere in the pricing of the products of companies and establishments or in determining their profits.
- 6. It is not permissible for any administrative body to cancel or suspend the license to use the real estate that has been licensed for the use of all or part of the company or the establishment, except in the case of violation of the license conditions.
- 7. The board of directors of the investment zone is concerned with approving projects within it and issuing all necessary licenses for them in accordance with simplified procedures and nominal fees.

#### 4. Economic Zones

(Source: GAFI.)

The North-West Suez Economic Zone is the first economic zone established in Egypt under law no. 83/2002 on economic zones of a special nature. The first objective of its establishment is to benefit from foreign investment, develop industries, and export to obtain foreign currency, as well as to develop new industries with advanced technology. It is an experimental zone for operating new projects, and establishing and improving the structure of the market economy in Egypt.

#### Incentives:

Companies operating in the Suez Canal Economic Zone have the right to:

- 1. 100% foreign ownership of companies
- 2. 100% foreign ownership of export and import activities
- Exemption of imports from customs duties and sales tax
- 4. Customs duties on Egyptian imports imposed on imported components only and not on the final product
- 5. Express visa services

#### 5. Logistics Zones

(Source: Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade.)

Logistics zones are integrated service zones that serve storage and other complementary activities to ensure the safety of products and their delivery to consumers with high quality. They include closed warehouses, open and equipped storage yards, cold stores (freezing), sorting and packaging activities, wholesale and semi-wholesale trade activities, and a center for sales outlets for neighboring factories.

#### **Types of Logistics Zones:**

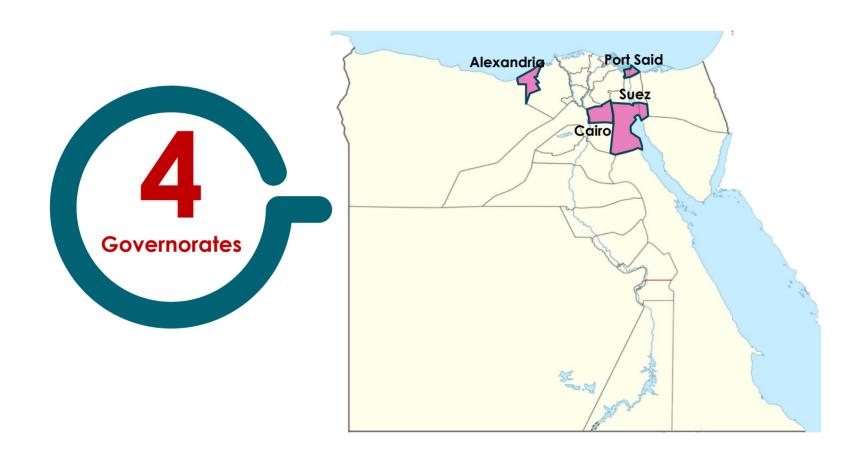
External logistics     zones	2. International logistics zones	3. Border logistics zones	4. Focal logistics zones	5. Regional logistics zones

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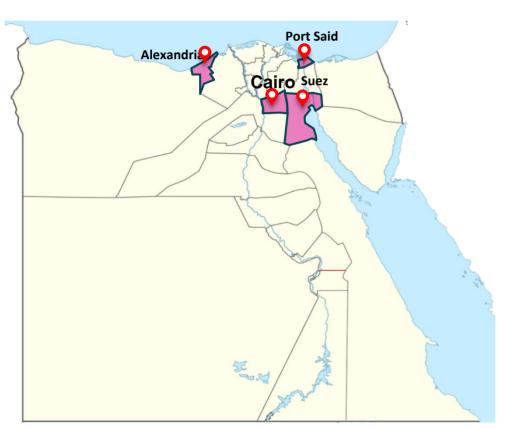
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## 1. Map of the Urban Governorates and their Locations

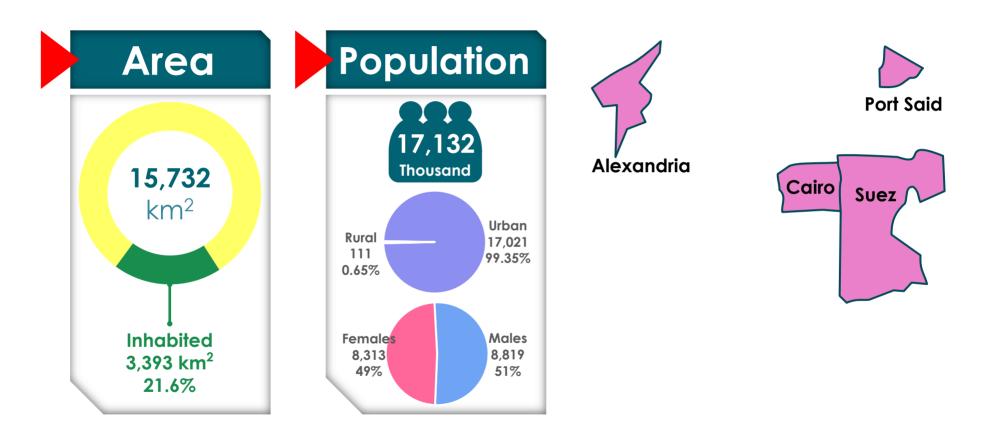


## 2. Guide to distances between Cairo and Urban Governorate Cities



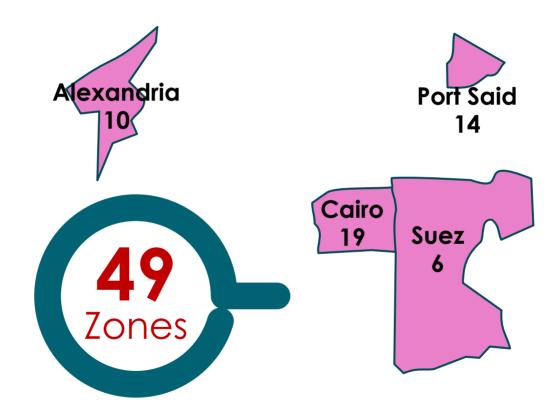
Kilometer				
Port Said	220			
Alexandria	211			
Suez	134			
Cairo	0			

## 3. Total Area and Population Characteristics



Source: Egypt in Figures 2022; Statistical Yearbook 2022, CAPMAS.

## 4. Total Industrial Zones in the territory of Urban Governorates



Source: Industrial Development Authority (IDA).

### For more information on industrial zones

For more information about the industrial zones in the region, you can contact:\*

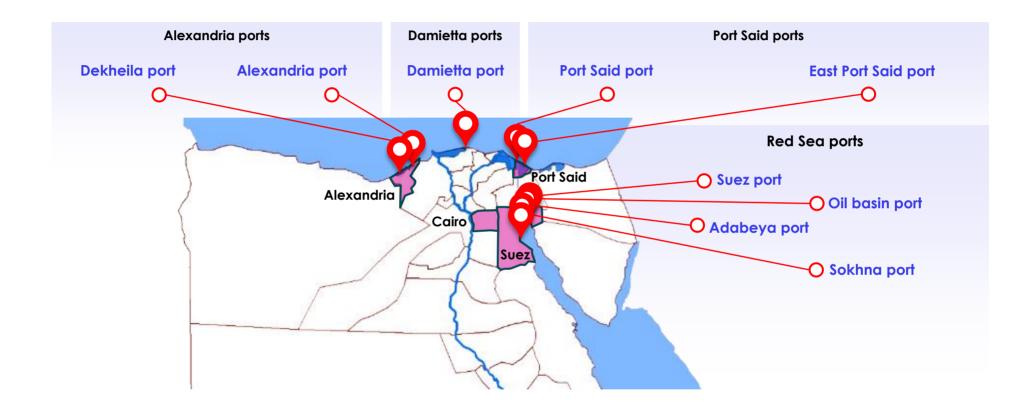






<sup>\*</sup> To find out which entity is responsible for any industrial zone, please see the zones table for each governorate.

## 5. Commercial Ports near Urban Governorates



Source: Ministry of Transportation.

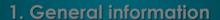
## Distances between governorates and commercial ports (km)\*

Governorate -	Commercial ports					
	Dekheila	Alexandria	Damietta	Port Said	Suez	Sokhna
Cairo	260	256	222	170	115	129
Alexandria	22	16	274	326	337	321
Suez	335	326	246	171	4	51
Port Said	344	335	119	72	162	206

Furthest distance Closest distance

<sup>\*</sup> Distances are approximate. Source: Google Maps.

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## Cairo Governorate

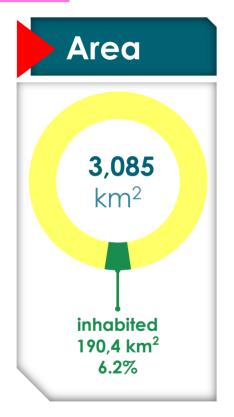


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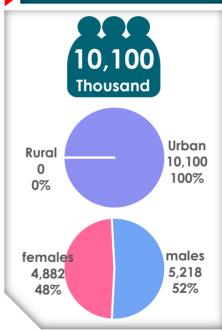




## **Area and Population**







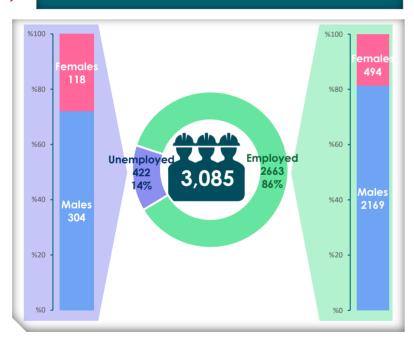


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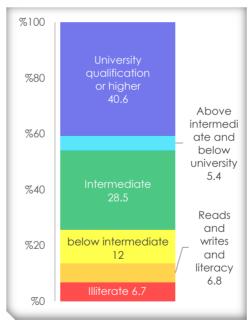


### **Labor Force Indicators**

## Total Work Force (thousands)



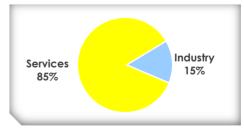
Distribution of the unemployed according to educational status (%)



Unemployment Rate (%)



Distribution of employment by sectors\*



Source: Egypt in figures 2022; Statistical Yearbook 2022, CAPMAS.



## **Cairo Governorate Zones in Cairo Governorate**

S	Zone name	Affiliation
1	The industrial zone in the fifth section, Zahraa El Maadi Governor Decision No. 186 of 1979 The amendment: Governor's Decision No. 44 of 1990	Governorate
2	Industrial zone in Emad Nasr land at Km 18 Governor's Decision No. 199 of 1989	Governorate
3	Industrial zone in Al-Marj district Governor Decision No. 1781 of 2005 Governor Decision No. 10464 of 2018	Governorate
4	The industrial zone in the replacement and renewal area, which is confined between Joseph Tito St. and the Suez Railway - Al-Nozha District Governor's Decision 242 of 1989	Governorate
5	The industrial zone at Kilo 19 between Gesr El Suez Railway and Gesr El Suez St El Nozha District Governor's Decision 1292 of 1975	Governorate
6	Industrial Kilo zone at kilo 6.5, Al-Salam City, Al- Nozha District Governor's Decision 1292 of 1975	Governorate
7	The industrial zone of Shaq Al-Thoban, in Torah Governor's Decision No. 672 of 1999	Governorate

S	Zone name	Affiliation
8	The industrial zone in southern Helwan Governor's Decision No. 718 of 1998 Governor's Decision No. 742 of 2002	Governorate
9	Al Kattameya Industrial zone, Al Basateen District Governor's Decision No. 668 of 1999	Governorate
10	Al-Basateen main street - Al-Basateen District Governor's Decision No. 388 of 2001	Governorate
11	Industrial Zone, Kilo 17, Al-Salam I District Governor's Decision 129 of 1975	Governorate
12	The industrial zone next to the Obour Market Republican Decree No. 312 of 1993 Governor's Decision No. 1508 of 2000	Governorate
13	Abbasiya Industrial Zone, Al-Waili district Decision No. 836 of 1957	Governorate
14	Al-Tebbin Industrial Zone (Bodra Land - Kafr Al-Alo) Governor's Decision No. 347 of 1967 Governor's Decision 505 of 2000	Governorate

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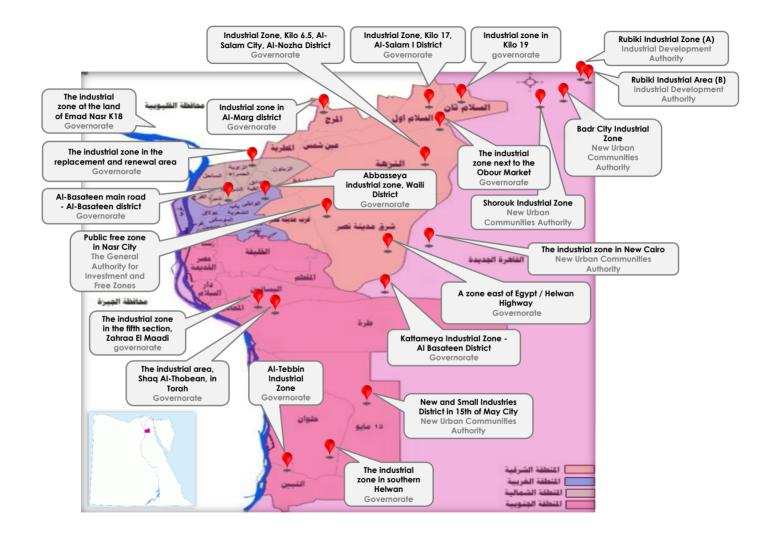
## **Cairo Governorate Zones in Cairo Governorate**

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16	Public Free Zor Republican Decre		The General Authority for Investment and Free Zones
17	Badr City Industrial Zone	The Industrial Complex Prime Ministerial Decision No. 335 of 1982	New Urban Communities Authority
18		Industrial Zone Prime Ministerial Decision No. 335 of 1982	New Urban Communities Authority
19	New and Small In 15th of A Republican Decre	May City	New Urban Communities Authority
20	The industrial zoo Republican Dec	New Urban Communities Authority	

S		Affiliation	
21	El-Shorouk Industrial Zone		New Urban Communities Authority
22		Phase I Governor's Decision 161 of 1995 Amendment: Republican Decree No. 184 of 2014 Amendment: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1662 of 2015 Amendment: Republican Decree No. 115 of 2018 Amendment: Republican Decree No. 617 of 2019 Amendment: Republican Decree No. 61 of the year 2022	Industrial Development Authority
23	Rubiki Industrial Area (A)	Phase II  Governor's Decision 161 of 1995  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 184 of 2014  Amendment: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1662 of 2015  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 115 of 2018  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 617 of 2019  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 61 of the year 2022	Industrial Development Authority
24		Phase III  Governor's Decision 161 of 1995  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 184 of 2014  Amendment: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1662 of 2015  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 115 of 2018  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 617 of 2019  Amendment: Republican Decree No. 61 of the year 2022	Industrial Development Authority
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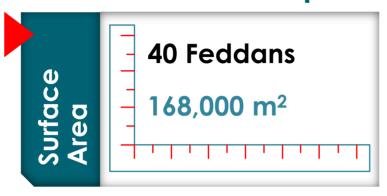


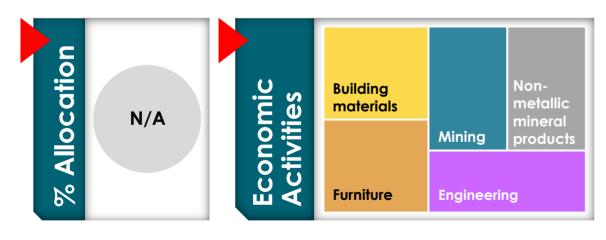


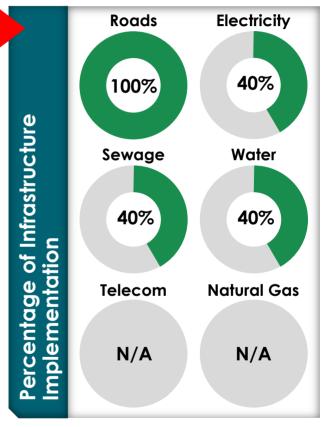


### The industrial zone of Shaq El-Thobaan in Torah









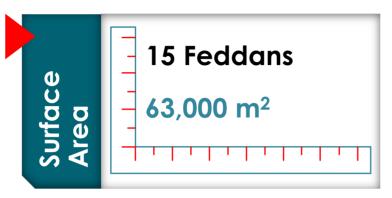
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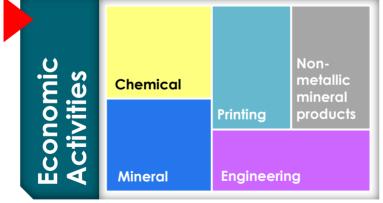


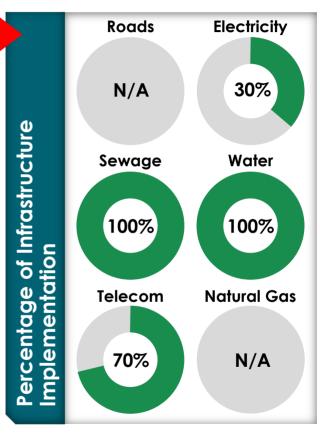
### The industrial zone in Southern Helwan











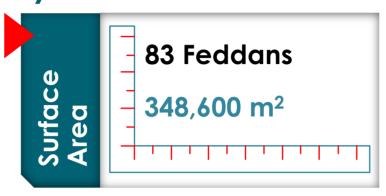
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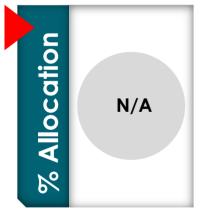
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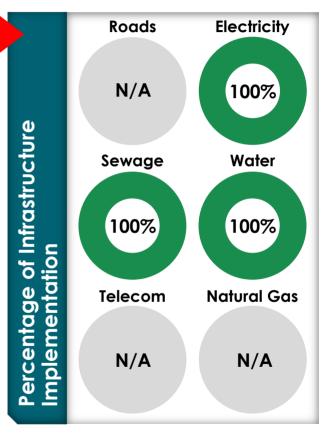
### Kattameya Industrial Zone - Al Basateen District











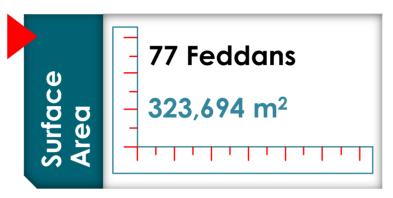
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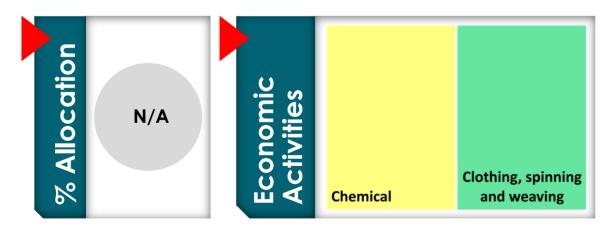
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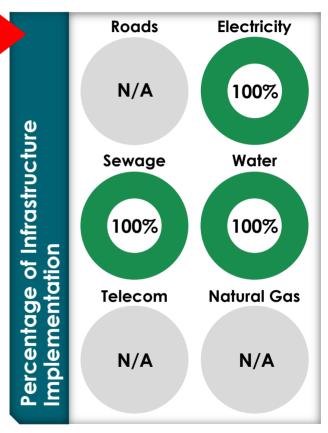


### The industrial zone next to the Obour Market







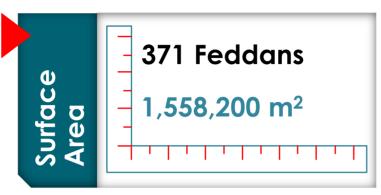


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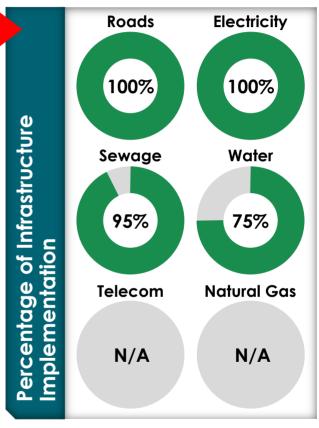
## New and Small Industries District in 15th of May City









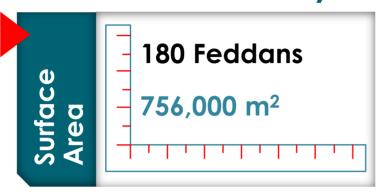


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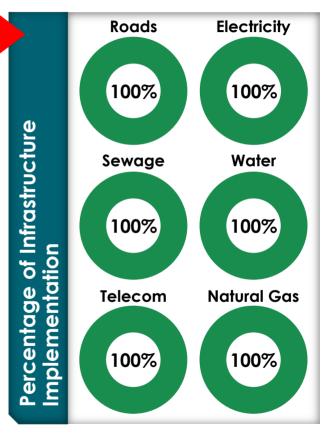
### Public free zone in Nasr City









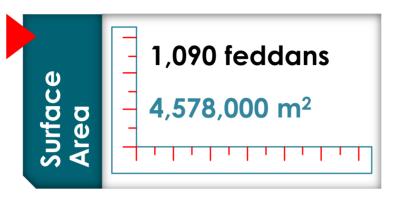


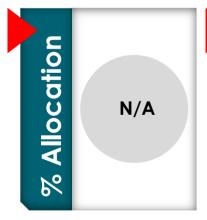
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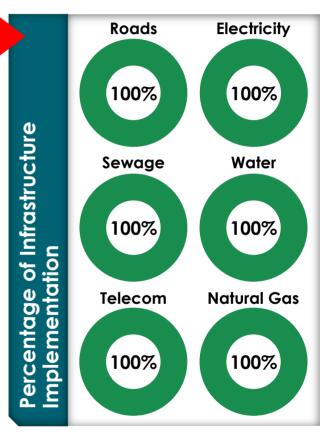
#### The industrial zone in New Cairo









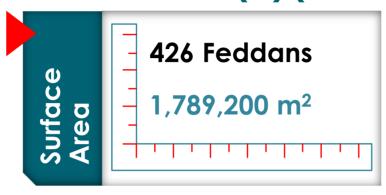


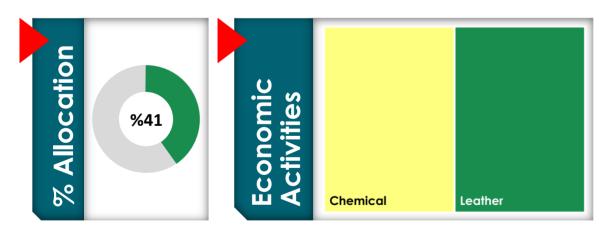
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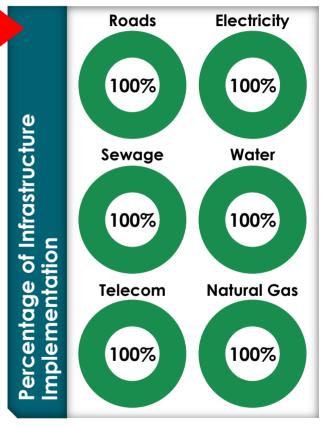


# Rubiki Industrial Zone (A) (Phase I, II and III)







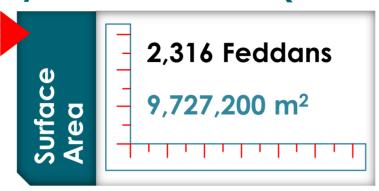


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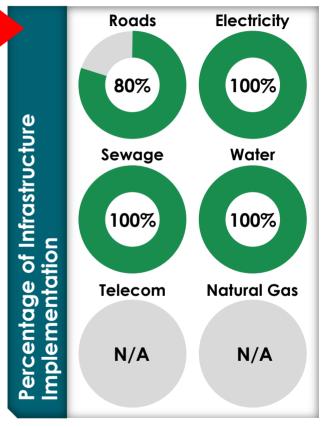


# **Badr City Industrial Zone (Industrial Complex)**







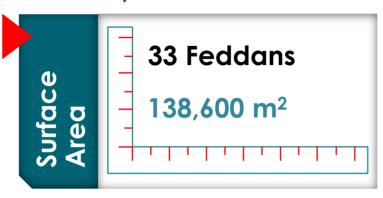


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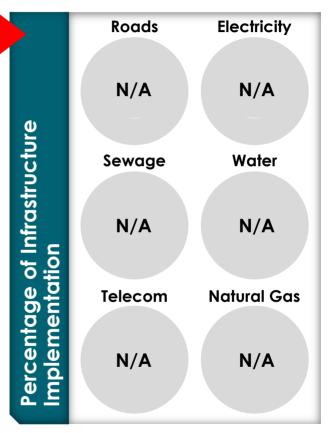


## Industrial Zone, Emad Nasr land, km 18









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# **Governorate Challenges**

- The spread of slums in 112 regions.
- Unsafe areas.
- Traffic jams.
- Not taking advantage of the recycling of garbage waste.



# Alexandria Governorate



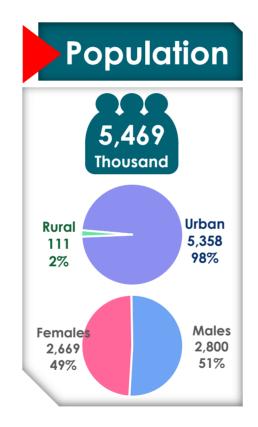
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# **Area and Population**





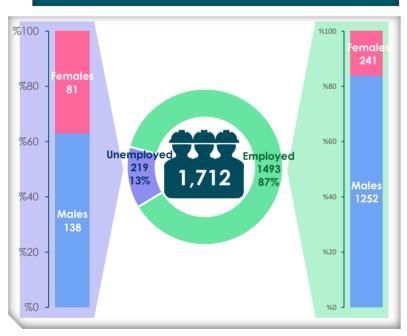


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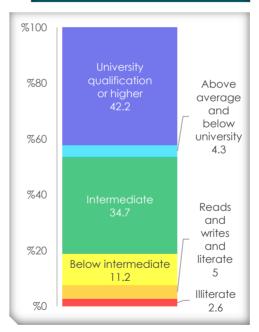


### **Labor Force Indicators**

# Total Work Force (thousands)



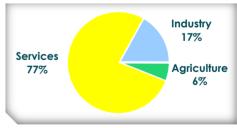
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Unemployment Rate (%)





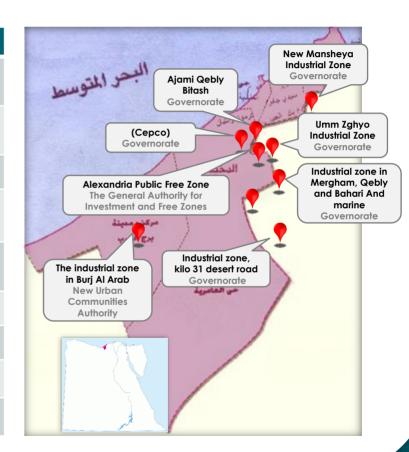


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# Alexandria Governorate Zones in Alexandria Governorate

S	Zone name		Affiliation
1	New Mansheya Industrial Zone Ministerial Decision No. 523 of 1990 Ministerial Decision No. 336 of 1998		Governorate
2	Industrial zone in Mergham, Qebly and Bahari	Industrial zone in Mergham Bahari Ministerial Decision No. 523 of 1990 Ministerial Decision No. 185 of 1996	Governorate
3		Mergham Qebly Industrial Zone Ministerial Decision 523 of 1990	Governorate
4	Industrial Zone, kilo 31 Desert Road - (Seven Up Area) Ministerial Decision No. 523 of 1990		Governorate
5	(Cepco) Establishment: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 240 of 2002 Amendment" Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1360 of 2002		Governorate
6	Ajami Qebly Bitash Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1828 of 2002		Governorate
7	Umm Zghyo Industrial Zone Governor's Decision 906 of 1997		Governorate
8	Alexandria Public Free Zone Republic Decision No. 2038 of 1973		The General Authority for Investment and Free Zones
9	The industrial zone in Burj Al Arab Republican Decree No. 506 of 1979		New Urban Communities Authority



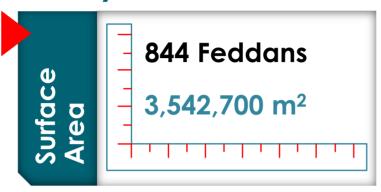
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### New Mansheya Industrial Zone

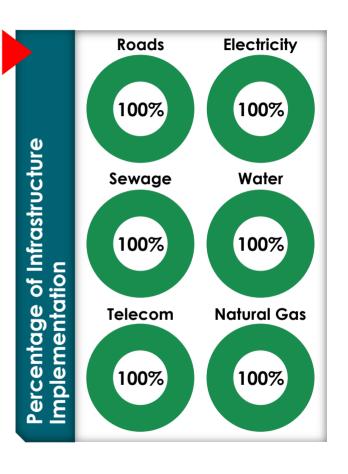


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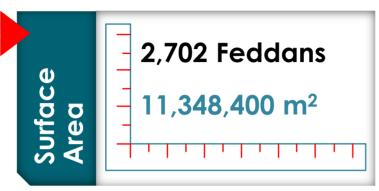




## Merghem Bahari Industrial Zone

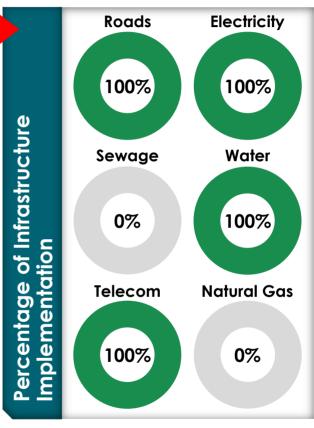


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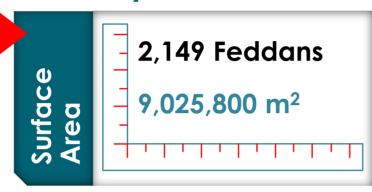


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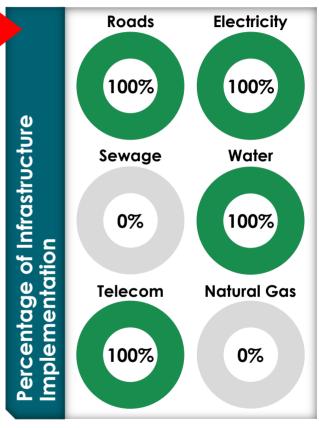
## Mergham Qebly Industrial Zone









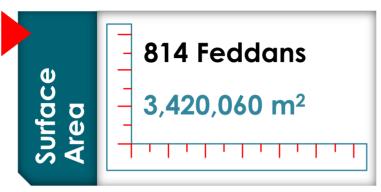


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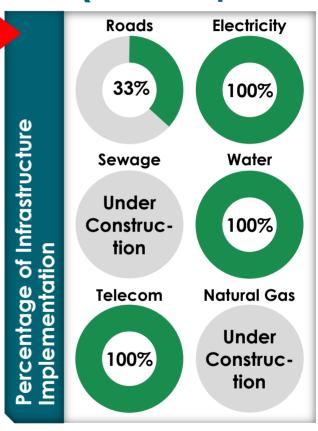
# Industrial zone at kilo 31 desert road - (Seven Up area)









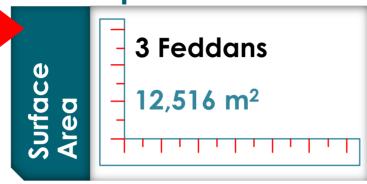


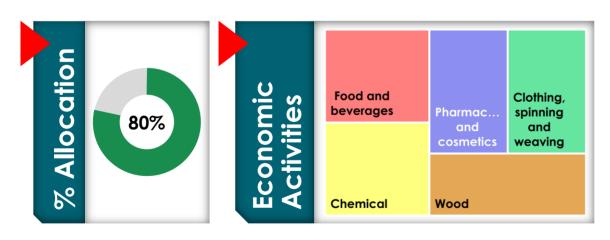
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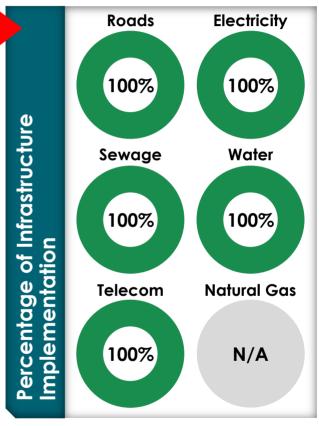


The industrial zone in Al-Agami, Qebly Bitash - Small Industries Complex





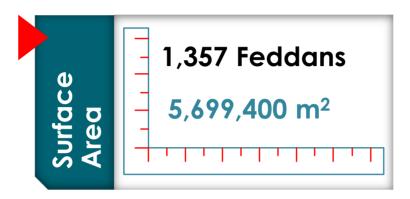




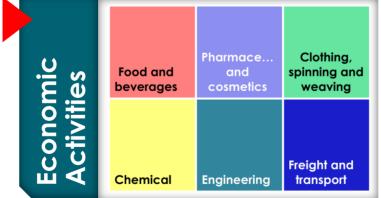


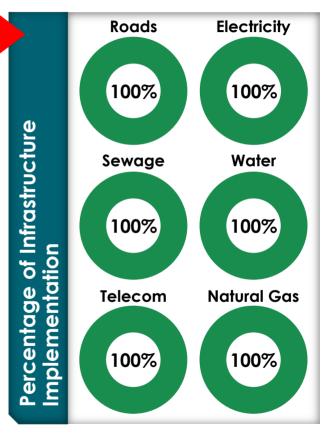
### Alexandria Public Free Zone











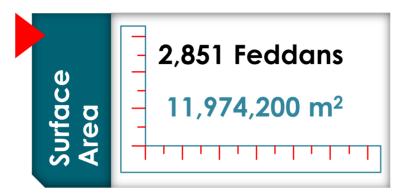
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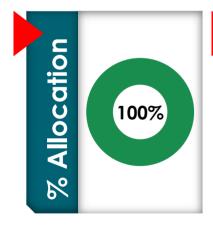


### **Umm Zeghyo Industrial Zone**

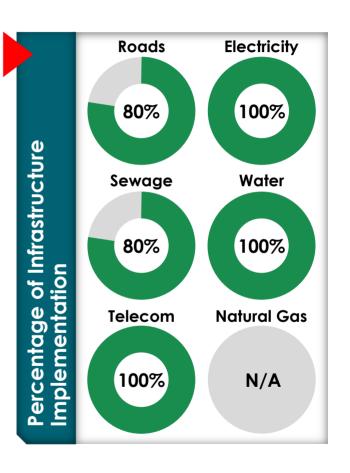


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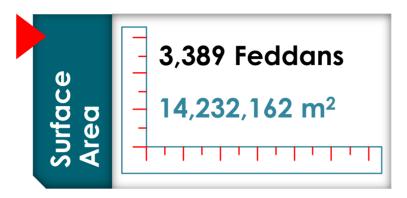




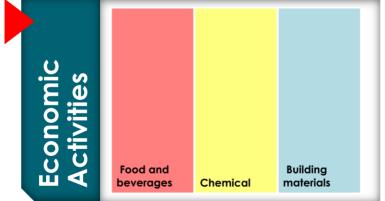


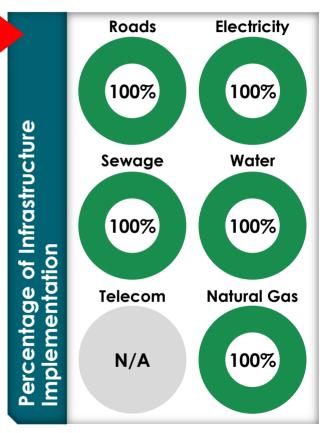
## New Borg El Arab Industrial Zone











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# **Governorate Challenges**

- Pollution of some surface water sources, especially Lake Mariout, as a result of industrial drainage.
- Low efficiency of some irrigation and drainage facilities, and non-compliance with the use of modern irrigation methods.
- Non-exploitation of agricultural waste and residues.
- Not taking advantage of industrial growth opportunities in the direct urban hinterland.



Source: Strategies for development of governorates of the Republic in light of the new demarcation, 2014.

# **Port Said Governorate**

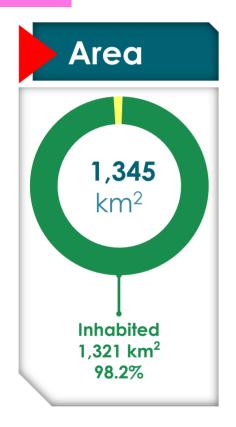


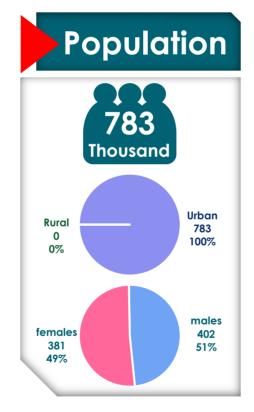
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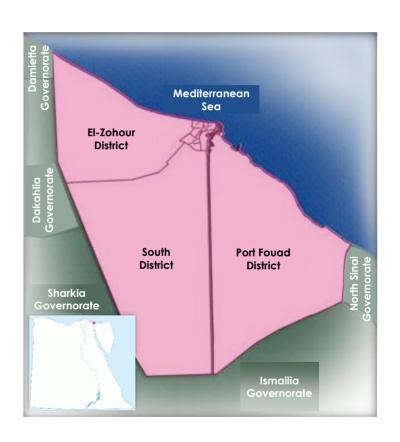




# **Port Said Governorate**Area and Population





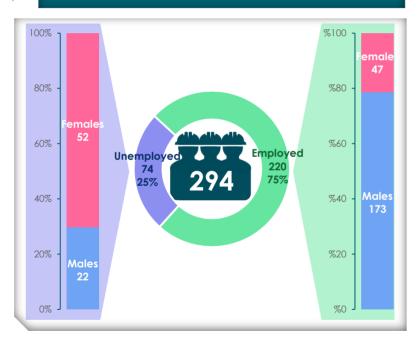


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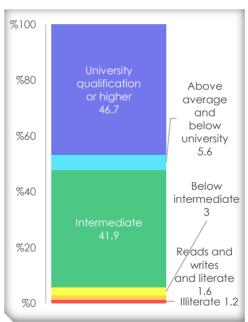


#### **Labor Force Indicators**





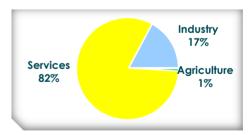
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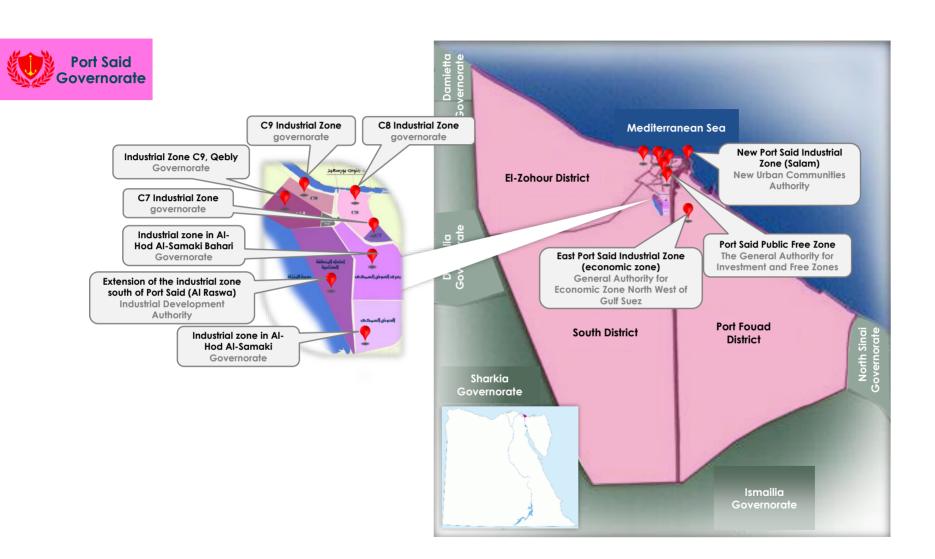


# **Port Said Zone in Port Said Governorate**

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1	South Port Said (Al Raswa)	Industrial zone in Al-Hod Al-Samaki Establishment: Prime Ministerial Decision 542 of 1994	Governorate
2		Industrial zone in Al-Hod Al-Samaki Bahari Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision 350 of 2004	Governorate
3		C7 Industrial Zone Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 478 of 1997	Governorate
4		C9 Industrial Zone Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision 900 of 2002 Port Said Governor Decree No. 153 of 2002	Governorate
5		C8 Industrial Zone Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision 350 of 2004	Governorate
6		Industrial Zone, C9, Qebly Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision 350 of 2004	Governorate
7	Industrial Area New Port Said (Salam)		New Urban Communities Authority

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9	East Port S (eco Republican I	General Authority for Economic Zone North-West of Gulf Suez	
10	Extension of the industrial zone South Port Said (Al Raswa)	Industrial complex Establishment: Republican Decree No. 91 of 2009 Amendment: Republican Decree No. 577 of 2022	Industrial Development Authority
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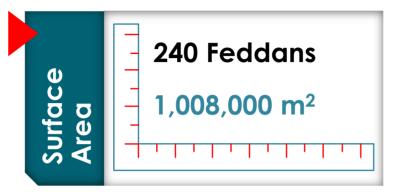




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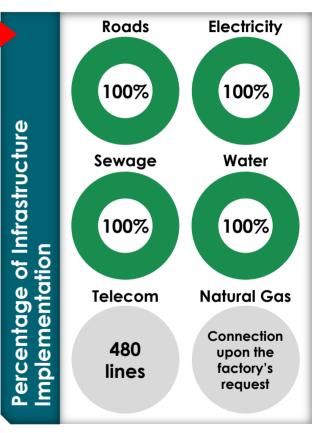


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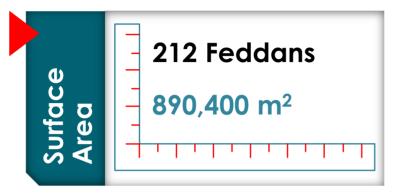
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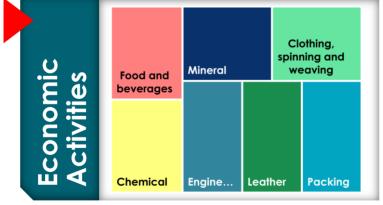
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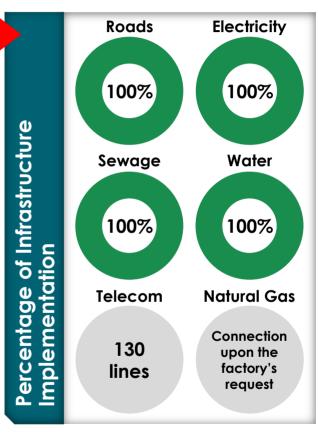


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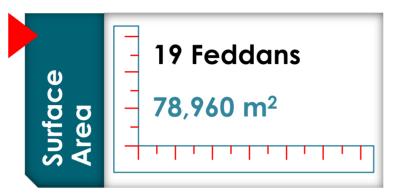
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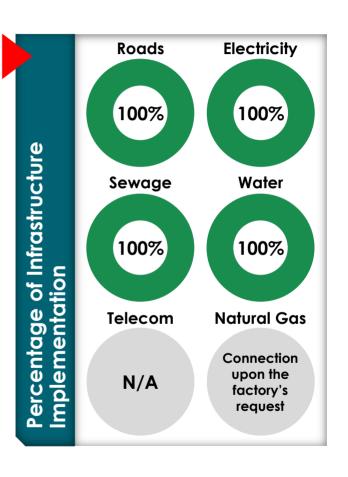


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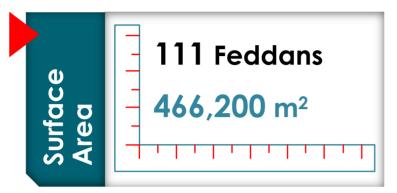




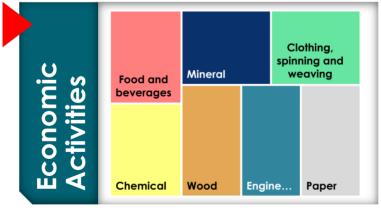
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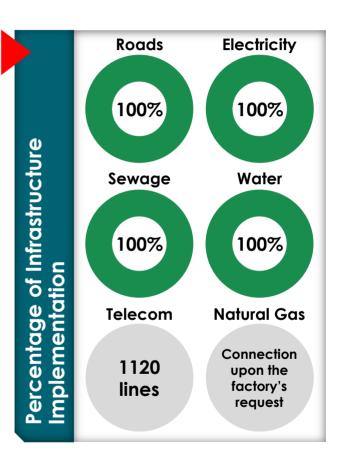


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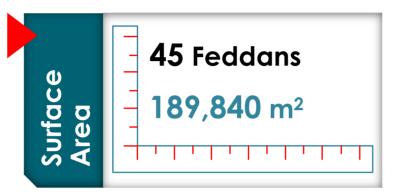




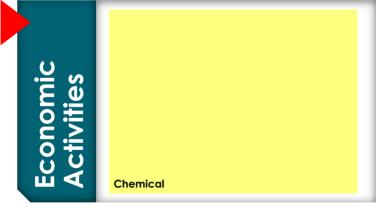
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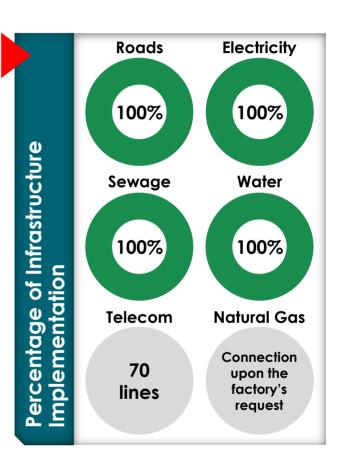


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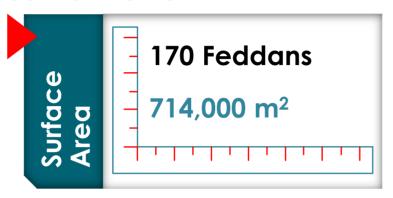




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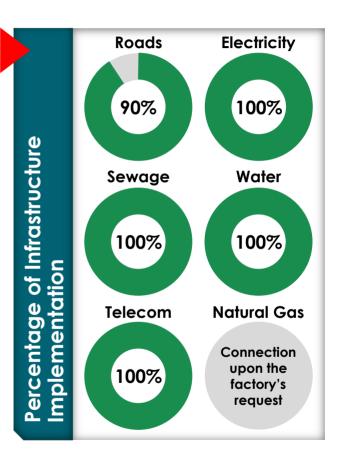


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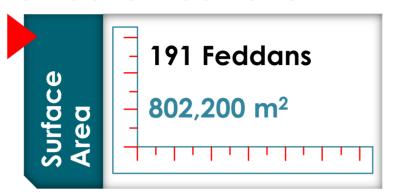


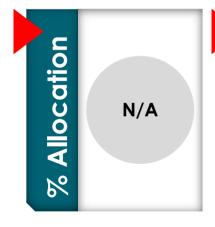


# Port Said Public Free Zone

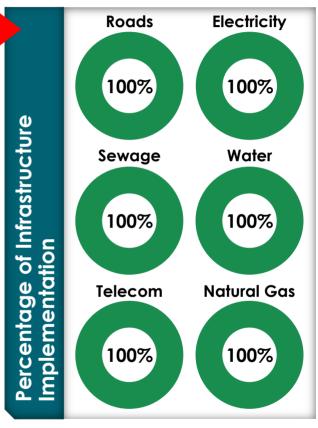


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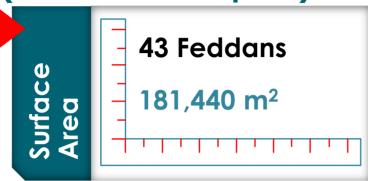


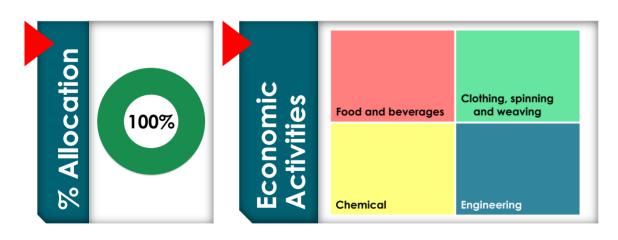
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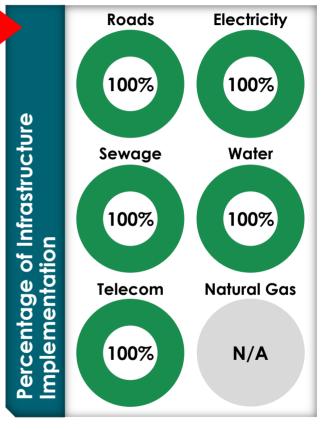


Extension of the industrial zone south of Port Said Al-Governorate Raswa (industrial complex)







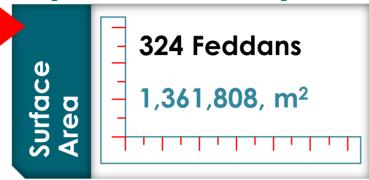




# Extension of the industrial zone south of Port Said Governorate Al-Raswa (industrial zone)

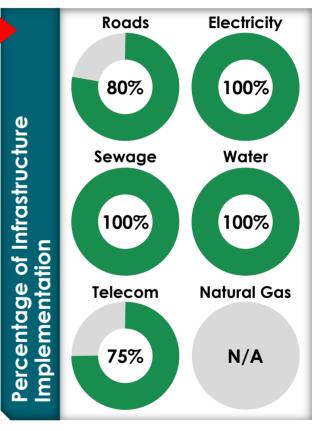


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# **Governorate Challenges**

#### Water scarcity

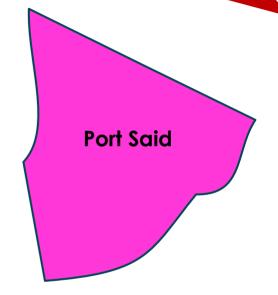
- Poor drinking water supply.
- High costs of desalinating Mediterranean water.
- Scarce underground water resources.

#### Human development challenges

- Lack of skilled and trained workers.
- High current unemployment rates in the Governorate.

#### Poor communication capabilities between East and West

- Absence of new roads and transport lines linking East and West.
- Failure to expedite the implementation of road projects.
- Decrease in the number of international/domestic airports to serve the governorate's transport and tourism activities.



Source: Strategies for development of governorates of the Republic in light of the new demarcation, 2014.

### **Suez Governorate**



**Area and Population Characteristics** 

**Labor Force Indicators** 

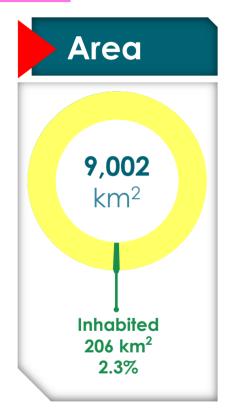
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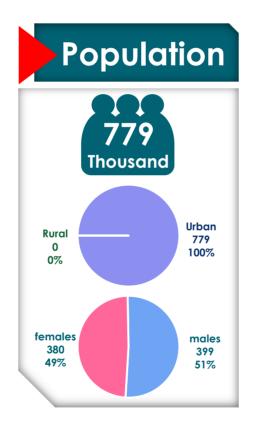
Governorate Challenges





### **Suez Governorate**Area and Population







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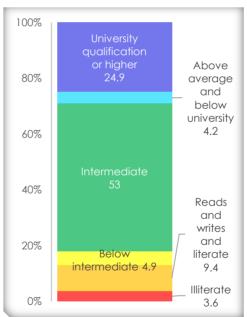


### Suez Labor Force Indicators

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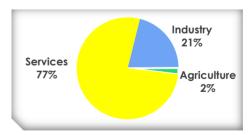
Distribution of the unemployed according to educational status (%)



Unemployment Rate (%)





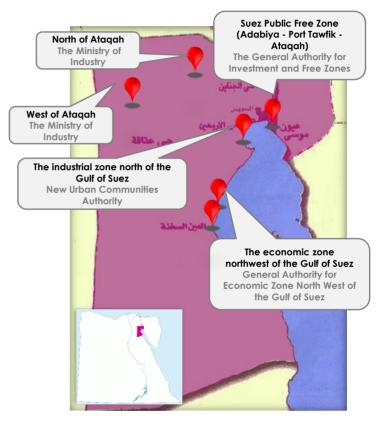


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### **Suez Governorate Zones in Suez Governorate**

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2	Public Free Zone (Adabeya) Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1688 of 1993	The General Authority for Investment and Free Zones
3	Public Free Zone (Ataqa) Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1962 of the year 1995	The General Authority for Investment and Free Zones
4	The economic zone northwest of the Gulf of Suez Establishment: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 3757 of 1999 Extension: Prime Ministerial Decision No. 1775 of 2000	General Authority for Economic Zone North West of Gulf Suez
5	North of Ataqah Republican Decree No. 538 of 2008	The Ministry of Industry
6	West of Ataqah Republican Decree No. 538 of 2008	The Ministry of Industry
7	The industrial zone north of the Gulf of Suez	New Urban Communities Authority

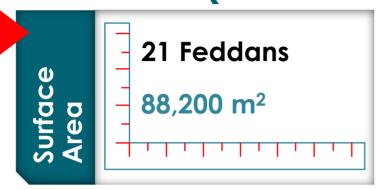


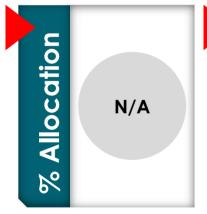
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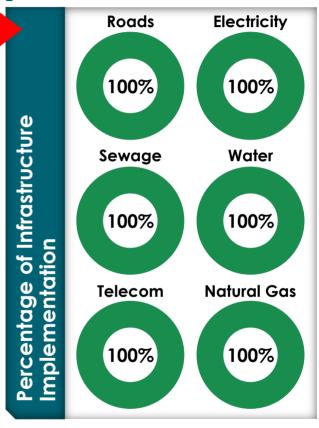
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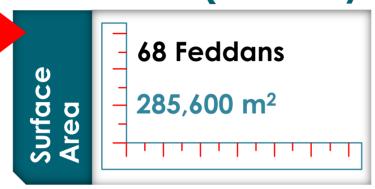


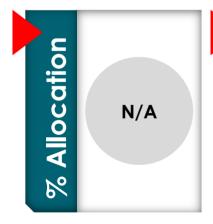
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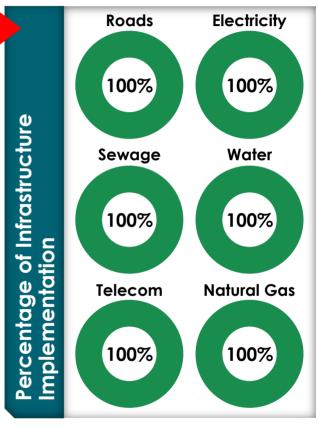
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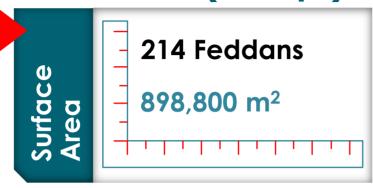


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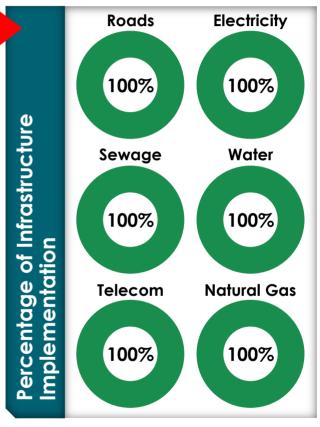
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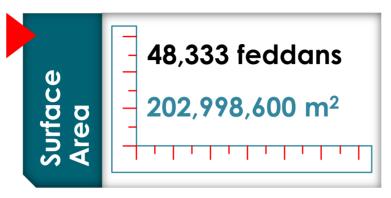


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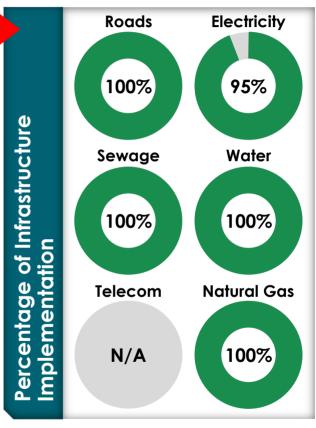
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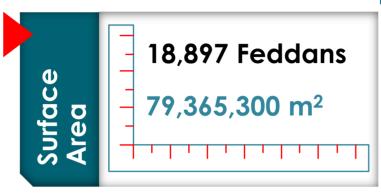


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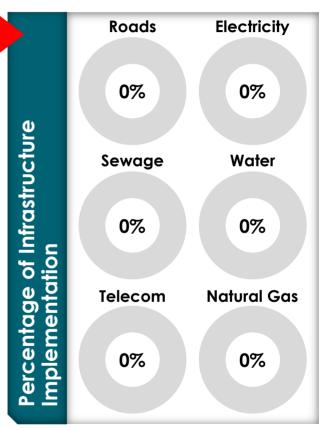


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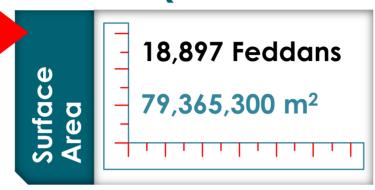


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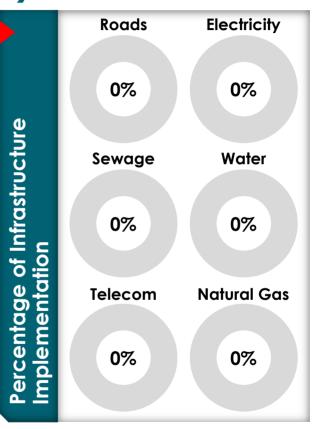


### Suez Governorate Industrial areas (west of Ataqah)











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Population doubling, and related needs.

#### Human development challenges

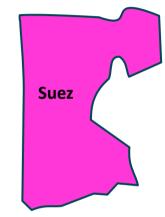
- High current unemployment rates in the Governorate.
- Decrease in the numbers of technical cadres and trained workers.

#### Limited water resources

- Low per capita water resources available.
- The need to develop alternative water resources for agriculture and industry.
- Low efficiency of the irrigation system for meeting the needs of the agricultural area expansion plan.

#### Energy challenges

- Low public reserves of electric power and gas, despite availability of many sources of renewable energy.
- Low energy efficiency.
- Not exploiting the potentials of the Gulf of Suez region and eastwest of the Nile to establish wind farm projects.



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