

Egypt's Informal Settlements Development Fund — National Unsafe-Area Grading & Relocation Programme

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Established by decree in 2008, Egypt's ISDF graded unsafe informal areas by risk and by 2018 reported addressing 112 areas housing about 4 million Cairo residents, but independent research documents forced relocations and banned local commerce.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[Informal Settlements Development Fund \(ISDF\), now Urban Development Fund](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[TIMEP — How Egypt Deals with Informal Areas](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[Cairo Urban Initiatives Platform — ISDF directory entry](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[ScienceDirect — Redefining slums in Egypt: Unplanned versus unsafe areas](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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