

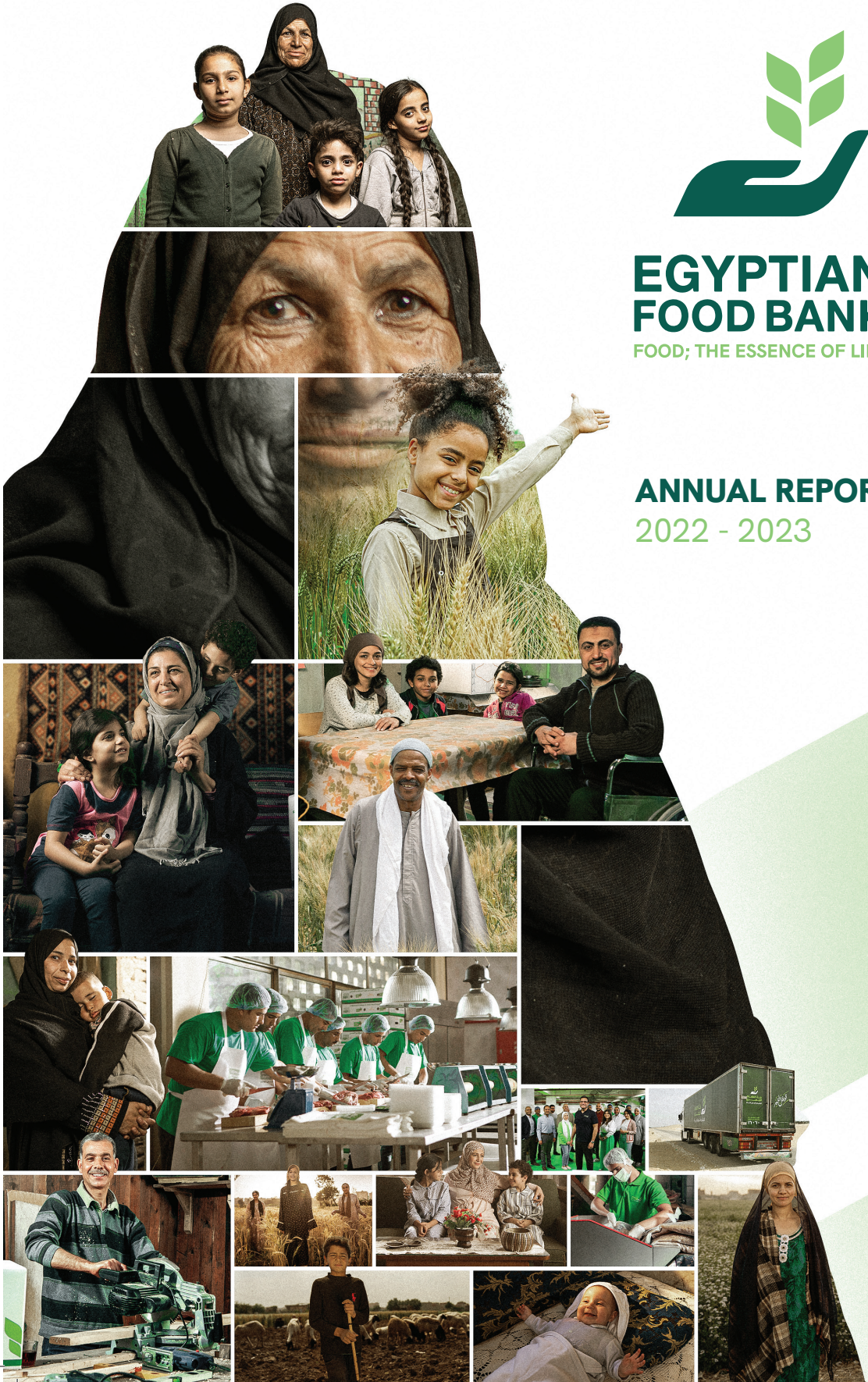


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Message from The Chairman

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Message from the chairman of board of directors To all our valued supporters

We, the co-founders and myself, took upon ourselves an oath in front of God the Almighty to commit honestly and sincerely to this benevolent work, and we shall keep this oath as long as we live.

We strongly believe that we have been chosen by God to help others and we hope to level up and fulfill this role, and I ask God to give us the required strength to serve this country and its people, and to always be able to serve the poor.

“Ever since the establishment of the Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) in 2004, we have set our intentions to work purely for the sake of God, and to best utilize our knowledge, experience, connections, and other gifted capabilities to serve this organization comprehensively and efficiently.

Although EFB’s journey has been a long one with a number of challenges, it has set a blueprint that is followed today in many countries across the world.

Today, the EFB’s impact with its know-how and experience provides support to similar organizations worldwide to serve their communities.

We at EFB, shall continue observing our oath and always be ready to strive and work harder with diligence, effective altruism, and pure sincerity, and I shall continue to ask God the Almighty to grant us success in every step of our work.

NIAZY SALLAM

Founder and Board Chair
of the Egyptian Food Bank



Message from The CEO

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Dear Friends and Partners,

As we turn the page on another year, I am filled with a deep sense of privilege and gratitude. The journey we have embarked upon, paved with challenges and triumphs, has been a testament to our resilience and commitment. It feels as if only yesterday I was given the honor of leading this remarkable institution, a responsibility I accepted four years ago. Yet, within that span of time, a myriad of memories has been etched into our shared history—memories of hard-fought victories, bonds forged, lessons learned, and a profound gratitude towards Allah for guiding our steps.

The vision that gave birth to the Egyptian Food Bank nearly two decades ago was ambitious, yet simple: to eradicate hunger. Today, we remain steadfast in our belief that this vision is possible. However, we have come to understand that achieving it is a marathon, not a sprint. Our journey towards the finish line will not be marked by the magnitude of any single action, but by our collective endurance, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to the cause.

Looking back on the past year, we have much to be proud of, and just as much to reflect upon. We navigated an inflationary wave in food prices, the likes of which our generation had never seen. We dealt with the fallout from military conflicts affecting two of our biggest food exporters, and we grappled with the relentless challenges posed by climate change, which threaten our food systems every day.

Yet, despite these difficulties, we persevered. We adapted. We found new paths within the unexpected, and we continued to serve those who needed us most. This year, we extended our reach to more than 2,000 villages across all Egyptian governorates, touching the lives of over 20 million people. We collaborated with over 3,000 community development associations on the ground, joined forces with some of Egypt's most prominent social contributors under the National Alliance for Development, and partnered with the best global minds to better comprehend the impact of our work.

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Through rigorous methodologies for impact evaluation, we are constantly striving to improve our understanding of how our efforts affect the communities we serve. Our mission is not just about ensuring food security, but about empowering lives, strengthening communities, and building a resilient nation.

As we look to the future, let us remember that every step we take brings us closer to our goal. Every challenge we overcome makes us stronger. And every life we touch brings us one step closer to a world free from hunger.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your love, support, partnership, and belief in our mission fuel our determination, and with your continued commitment, we will finish this marathon together, one step at a time.

MOHSEN SARHAN

CEO, Egyptian Food Bank



About us

01

Egyptian Food Bank

The Egyptian Food Bank (EFB), an impact-driven non-governmental organization (NGO), was founded in 2004 with a noble purpose: to combat food insecurity in Egypt.

For nearly two decades, EFB has remained steadfast in its commitment to support low-income and impoverished households grappling with food insecurity, making a direct and substantial contribution to the nationwide battle against hunger.

Today, EFB's mission has evolved far beyond its initial scope. The organization now operates holistically within interconnected food systems, responding to the pressing needs of the present while strategically adapting for the challenges of tomorrow.

EFB's efforts are thoughtfully guided by the Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2), underpinned by a deep-rooted appreciation for local nuances and a profound respect for the unique needs of both communities and individuals.

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Mission statement

Our mission is crystal clear: to secure healthy and nutritious food, thereby alleviating the suffering caused by hunger.

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EFB Values

a. Core Values



TRANSPARENCY

We operate with utmost transparency, ensuring that our actions and intentions are clearly visible to all



TEAM SPIRIT

Our collaborative spirit fuels our collective drive to make a meaningful impact.



PASSION

We approach our work with unwavering passion, fueled by our deep commitment to our mission.



INTEGRITY

Integrity is our foundation; we uphold the highest ethical standards in everything we do.



EXCELLENCE

Striving for excellence is not just a goal but a way of life at EFB.

03

EFB Values

b. Code of Conduct

- We pledge to uphold the professionalism of developmental work standards, guaranteeing the highest quality of service provision. We treat beneficiaries as valued clients who have the right to access customer care services, voice complaints, or request alternative services.
- We reject all forms of social stigma and discriminatory views that cast limiting circumstances as shortcomings, choosing instead to preserve the dignity of every individual.
- We are unwavering in our commitment to human rights, recognizing beneficiaries as rightful holders of these rights and our social workers as duty bearers.
- Our selection of beneficiaries is grounded in theory-based eligibility criteria, ensuring an unbiased selection process.
- Discriminatory views related to gender, age, race, or religion have no place in our work; our sole focus is on serving humanity.

c. Right to Know philosophy

At the Egyptian Food Bank, we wholeheartedly embrace the "right to know" philosophy.

This philosophy underscores the importance of providing individuals and communities with comprehensive information about our operations and the food they receive from us.

Our commitment to transparency and accountability is unwavering throughout the food distribution process, aimed at reducing waste and optimizing resource utilization.

By championing the "right to know" concept, we endeavor to foster trust and credibility within our communities.

Our dedication extends to ensuring access to information about our activities and the food we distribute, fostering openness and building trust among our beneficiaries, donors, and partners.

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Milestones

Milestones of the Egyptian Food Bank

2004 - Present

The Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) has been on an incredible journey since its inception in 2004, achieving significant milestones that have reshaped the landscape of food security and community support in Egypt. Here are some key moments in EFB's remarkable history:

Hunger Elevation Leader (2005)

EFB blazed a trail as the first institution in Egypt to officially take up the mantle in the fight against hunger. This pivotal step marked the beginning of a dedicated mission to alleviate food insecurity.

Food Waste Awareness (2006)

In 2006, EFB stepped into a pioneering role once again, this time as the first institution to actively raise awareness about the critical issue of food waste at the institutional level. This early recognition of food waste's impact on communities set the stage for a more sustainable approach to food distribution.

Innovative Eid Sacrifice "Sokkok El Odhya" (2006)

EFB introduced the "Sokkok El Odhya" program in 2006, revolutionizing the equitable distribution of Eid Sacrifice meat. This innovative approach ensured that the distribution was not only efficient but also certified, reinforcing trust among beneficiaries.

Global Impact (2008)

The United Nations (UN) recognized EFB's pioneering model in 2008, serving as a source of inspiration for food banks worldwide. EFB's dedication and innovative practices began to resonate globally, contributing to a broader understanding of effective hunger alleviation.

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Milestones

Evidence-Based Approach (2021)

In 2021, EFB embarked on a transformative journey by adopting an evidence-based approach exclusively in program creation. This strategic shift marked a commitment to designing programs grounded in solid evidence and research. It also saw the establishment of the Growth Lab, a tangible embodiment of EFB's evidence-based commitment.

Non-Profit Network (2023)

As of 2023, EFB has grown into an umbrella organization, fostering a robust network of 4000 partner Community Based Organizations (CBOs). This expansion not only showcases EFB's reach and influence but also underscores its commitment to collaborative efforts in the pursuit of food security and community well-being.

EFB's journey is a testament to its unwavering commitment to combat food insecurity, promote sustainability, and inspire positive change not only in Egypt but also on the global stage.

These milestones represent the organization's dedication to making a meaningful impact and improving the lives of countless individuals and communities.

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Strategic Objectives (CPV-CA&S-OE)

The Organizational Framework

The Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) operates within a strategic framework that focuses on three core pillars: Creating Public Value, Community Authorization and Support, and Operational Excellence.

This framework is chosen over traditional financial measures as it recognizes that true success for a non-profit organization like EFB lies in its ability to utilize resources effectively to generate a significant social impact.

Here's a breakdown of these strategic objectives:

a. Creating Public Value (CPV)

At the heart of EFB's mission is the creation of public value.

This objective revolves around the social impact EFB generates in the lives of its beneficiaries.

EFB's primary goal is to break the cycle of poverty by ensuring that the food security of its beneficiaries is not only met but that they are also empowered to improve their own lives.

This involves providing nutritious meals, raising awareness about food security, and creating pathways for self-improvement within the communities it serves.

b. Community Authorization and Support (CA&S)

Community authorization and support are essential components of EFB's strategy. Building strong relationships with the communities it serves and garnering support from various stakeholders are key to sustaining its image and reputation.

EFB engages with the public in various ways to ensure its work is widely recognized and appreciated.

This includes collaborating with local organizations, seeking community feedback, and involving the public in its initiatives, thereby fostering a sense of ownership and trust.

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Strategic Objectives (CPV-CA&S-OE)

c. Operational Excellence (OE)

Operational excellence is critical to EFB's ability to fulfill its mission effectively.

EFB leverages technology to optimize its processes, enhance productivity, and ensure cost-efficiency.

By embracing technology, EFB can operate with precision and attention to detail, ensuring that the right beneficiaries receive assistance at the right time.

This commitment to operational excellence enables EFB to maximize the impact of its resources and reach more people in need.

In summary, EFB's strategic framework prioritizes the creation of public value by empowering beneficiaries and addressing food insecurity, while also emphasizing community authorization and support to sustain its reputation and operational excellence to optimize its processes and resources.

This holistic approach aligns with EFB's mission to combat hunger, poverty, and food insecurity in Egypt, ultimately contributing to the well-being of communities and individuals across the country.



Achievements 2022-2023

01

EFB Digital Transformation achievements

Through a dynamic digital transformation journey, the Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) has successfully eliminated operational inefficiencies. Manual processes have been replaced with agile and responsive systems, and advanced Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems have streamlined workflows. Notably, this transformation has resulted in a %90 reduction in errors and a %70 increase in response times. EFB now benefits from an expanded operational perspective, bolstered by dual CRM systems for beneficiaries and donors. With an impressive %95 of our staff confidently navigating this new era, EFB stands as a shining example of efficient innovation.

Key Digital Achievements from 2022 to 2023

- Integration of SAP with CRM.
- Launching the donor's CRM "**Odoo**"
- Activation of the budget management system.
- Implementation of the E-Vouchers program.
- Launching the transparency portal "**RTK**" (Right to Know).
- Activation of the Kitchen management system "**Grubtech, Cloud kitchen**"
- Introduction of the employees' benefits program "**Mazaya**"
- Enhancement of the Data center and infrastructure.
- Addition of new features to beneficiaries' CRM, including "**Nursing homes, Tekkeya, Convoys&Relief, and Targeting forms automation**"

02

EFB in numbers



919M ^(EGP)

Total spending on charitable activities



27

Total governorates & villages



337

Municipal



667M

Total spending on food security programs "and includes monthly sponsorship, urgent relief, & feeding programs in the seasons of Ramadan & sacrifice."



121M

Total expenditure on mother and child protection programs, "which includes programs to combat stunting, and to feed children in private nurseries and public schools."



124M

Total spending on empowerment programs "This includes programs to provide decent income opportunities for small farmers and poultry productions to integrate them into the Egyptian food bank's supply chains."



7M ^(EGP)

Total spending on elevation programs



31M ^(EGP)

Total expenditure on administrative salaries



4,000 ^(EGP)

The minimum and average salaries in the EFB



34M ^(EGP)

Total expenditure on other administrative expenses necessary for the work: rent, shipping, unloading, electricity, gas, etc

03

EFB's theory of change

In the ever-evolving realm of global social impact and civic engagement, a profound transformation is underway—a metamorphosis that uplifts lifestyles, nurtures mindsets, and hones essential skills.

Here, the Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) emerges as a stalwart catalyst of change.

For 15 years, EFB has illumined lives by fulfilling basic sustenance needs.

Now, a monumental shift unfolds as EFB introduces evidence-based interventions, intricately tailored to address beneficiaries' needs with unparalleled precision.

Guided by our pioneering Growth Lab, an internal research hub, we delve into beneficiaries' essence to shape revolutionary interventions.

No longer confined to transient aid, these interventions herald empowerment.

Rooted in knowledge, forged with steadfast attitudes, and translated into practice, they transcend sustenance, birthing an enduring realm of transformation.

04

Our Achievements according to the four pillars (PEEP)

- a. Protection
- b. Prevention
- c. Empowerment
- d. Elevation



a . Protection

a.

Protection - Access to food

Protect the right of the most vulnerable to be free from hunger and food insecurity by providing access to sufficient, safe and nutritious foods that meet their dietary needs and preferences.

Why

Today, EFB is not only keen to provide access to sufficient food to its beneficiaries but also is keen to provide nutritious, dietary diverse and preferred food items.

The newly designed food packages aim at meeting the individual micro and macro nutrients including carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, etc.

In addition to providing food aid, the EFB seeks to empower people through education and skills training programs, allowing them to better themselves and their communities.

By promoting healthy eating habits and providing education on nutrition, the EFB strives to improve the health of the communities it serves.

The EFB also strives to raise public consciousness about poverty and food insecurity through advocacy efforts and community outreach. By collaborating with other organizations and engaging with policymakers and influencers, the EFB seeks to create sustainable solutions that address the underlying causes of poverty and food insecurity.

Ultimately, the EFB believes that everyone has the right to food security and dignity, and it works tirelessly to make this a reality for all. With compassion, dedication, and persistence, the EFB is committed to creating a more just and equitable society where all people have access to the basic necessities of life.



b . Prevention

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Prevention

Preventing the prevalence of malnutrition among children, from newborns to 12 years old, through shifting from curative policies to precautionary measures, that aim at reducing the possibility of food insecurity.

What

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Why

to prevent non-communicable diseases that are caused by malnutrition and food insecurity.

Where

Across Egypt governorates

Who

The program impacts a diverse range of beneficiaries, encompassing children aged 2 to 14 years.

This includes youngsters in nurseries, aged 2 to 5 years, as well as students benefiting from school feeding programs, spanning ages 6 to 14 years.

b.

Prevention

How

01. STUNTING PROGRAM “FORSA O’ULA”



The “FORSA O’ULA” program aims to provide food that meets the needs of pregnant and postpartum mothers and their children up to the age of two. This program promotes the health of both the mother and the fetus and protects children from fetal growth restriction, a consequence of chronic malnutrition.

It also addresses a range of issues related to growth restriction, including cognitive, physical, educational, and social problems.

EFB inaugurated the program on December 2022 ,18. It initially commenced in the governorates of Giza and Beni Sueif, focusing on women under the poverty line in the first trimester of their pregnancy, aged 18 to 49 years.

The program aims to reach 3,000 families during the 2022-2023 period.

b. Prevention

How

01. STUNTING PROGRAM “FORSA O’ULA”

While its components included:

- **Nutrition**
providing monthly food packages specifically designed to include essential nutrients for the health and nourishment of pregnant women and new mothers.

- **Awareness**
offering targeted groups awareness on healthy nutrition for both mother and child, as well as hygiene practices to prevent diseases related to malnutrition.
This includes informative flyers, text and voice messages with health tips, and guidelines for proper nutrition and pregnancy.
Awareness sessions and community kitchens facilitate practical nutrition education.

- **Health**
Offering pregnancy follow-ups and supports pregnant women and new mothers with food supplements.
Screening tests ensure their health status is monitored.

- **Safe Water & Hygiene**
promoting Proper hygiene practices within households.
Access to clean water, facilitated by EFB, is emphasized for reducing stunting rates.

b. Prevention

How

02. SCHOOL FEEDING "IBNY BOKRA"



This Program is a transformative initiative committed to providing underprivileged children with the nutrition they need to thrive.

This program is driven by a clear mission to enrich the lives of young learners in nurseries, early childhood centers, and primary schools through the provision of nutritious meals.

At its core, the program aims to promote good health, essential nutrition, and healthy eating habits among these children.

It operates on a dual front, benefiting 5,160 preschoolers across 7 governorates and embracing 35,000 school children from 10 governorates during the 2022 academic year.

b.

Prevention

How

02. SCHOOL FEEDING "IBNY BOKRA"

The program achieves its goals through several key strategies including:

- **Meal Delivery**
delivering hot meals infused with vital nutrients to the children on a daily basis, addressing nearly 30% of their nutritional needs. These meals not only provide sustenance but also contribute to cognitive development and physical well-being.
- **Community Involvement**
operating within EFB's community kitchens, where mothers actively participate in the meal preparation process. This involvement adds a layer of love and care to the meals, creating a sense of community
- **Educational Outreach**
extending the impact beyond nutrition by educating young minds and parents about the importance of balanced nutrition. This knowledge empowers families to make healthier food choices.
- **Quality Assurance**
ensuring the quality of the meals through rigorous supervision, and qualified mothers take on cooking roles, further expanding the program's reach and impact.

Through "IBNY BOKRA," the Egyptian Food Bank demonstrates its commitment to improving the well-being and future prospects of disadvantaged children by nourishing both their bodies and minds.



c . Empowerment

C.

Empowerment – Self sustainability

What

EFB is dedicated to developing resilient beneficiaries who can withstand life's challenges through increased economic stability and integration into inclusive agricultural and food-related livelihood opportunities.

This platform focuses on providing sustainable income to individuals caught in the cycle of poverty.

Why

Motivated by a commitment to social justice and human dignity, EFB aims to empower individuals and communities by providing them with the means to uplift themselves out of destitution.

By targeting economic stability and inclusive agricultural and food-related livelihood opportunities, EFB acknowledges that tackling poverty necessitates addressing its multidimensional nature.

The ultimate goal is to enable beneficiaries to withstand life's shocks, achieve self-sufficiency, and regain control over their lives.

Where

This initiative is active in Behira, Aswan, and Sinai.

Who

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,000 individuals, including smallholder farmers, smallholder poultry producers, small food vendors, and cooks (mothers of kids at schools or nurseries).

Indirect Beneficiaries: 45,000 individuals in el Wadi el Gedid.

C.

Empowerment – Self sustainability

How

EFB implements its vision through a multifaceted approach that combines economic empowerment, skill development, and holistic integration.

The strategy includes:

01. Food Secure Village

- This comprehensive intervention program addresses various aspects of food insecurity, malnutrition, child development, poverty, and food value chain empowerment in an underprivileged village.
- We've secured %80 of the total funds for two years through a partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

02. Small holder Farmers

In our unwavering commitment to support those with less than five fedans of farmland, EFB forged a pivotal partnership with "Mozare3," an esteemed agriculture enterprise.

This alliance serves as the cornerstone of our mission to bolster the agricultural prowess of small-scale farmers, providing them with both technical expertise and crucial financial services that encompass every facet of the agricultural journey.

This comprehensive approach begins at the initial stages of acquiring agricultural inputs, extends through the production phase, encompasses processing, and culminates in a strategic marketing strategy.

This concerted effort mirrors our dedication to advancing not only the economic standing but also the social status of these budding agriculturists, propelling them towards a realm of enhanced agribusiness prospects.

C.

Empowerment – Self sustainability

How

02. Small holder Farmers

Furthermore, EFB solidified groundbreaking agricultural agreements with smallholder farmers through collaboration with three distinguished NGOs in Aswan.

The "Local Community Development Association" in Al-Gaafra village, the "Future Association for Community Development" in Al-Salsala village, and "Ahl Balady," situated in the village of Gragos within the Qena governorate, are the driving forces behind these transformative partnerships.

These visionary collaborations, facilitated with the support of USAID and under the vigilant oversight of Feed the Future Egypt Agribusiness Strengthening, bore remarkable fruit:

the cultivation of 500 tons of dates on 170 Acre, collectively managed by 167 enterprising small farmers.



C.

Empowerment – Self sustainability

How

03. E-Wallet

Distinguished guests, allow me to introduce a revolutionary paradigm shift in our approach to aid.

The EFB, in lieu of the conventional monthly provision of a limited assortment of dried food items, presents an innovative initiative: the E-Wallet program.

This pioneering model grants beneficiaries access to funds equivalent to, or even surpassing, the cost of our traditional food assistance boxes.

These funds are at their disposal throughout the entire month and can be utilized at authorized small retail establishments.

The core objective of this program is to render the consumption of essential provisions a seamless experience for our beneficiaries, permitting them to allocate their resources in alignment with their dietary preferences and consumption needs.

Noteworthy is the dual impact of E-Wallets.

First, they serve as a potent antidote to the stigma often associated with welfare assistance, as beneficiaries are empowered to purchase their preferred food items with dignity.

Second, this transformative approach is hailed for its potential to enhance dietary diversity, offering individuals an array of choices that can significantly enrich their nutritional intake.

04. Poultry Farming

This visionary endeavor is dedicated to guiding families and individuals on the path to establishing small-scale poultry farms.

Participants in this program receive comprehensive support that encompasses poultry care, breeding techniques, management proficiency, provision of high-quality feed, access to veterinary services, and essential equipment.

This initiative, beyond the immediate economic opportunities it creates, plays a pivotal role in elevating food security and enhancing nutrition for our program participants.

We are staunch advocates for resilient, self-sufficient communities, and this project embodies our commitment to sustainable farming practices and responsible environmental stewardship.



C.

Empowerment – Self sustainability

How

05. Value Chain Integration

In our unrelenting pursuit of holistic agricultural empowerment, EFB has embarked on a transformative journey targeting small-scale farmers with land holdings of less than five Acres.

To materialize this vision, we joined forces with a cutting-edge Agri-Tech enterprise, "Mozare3." This strategic alliance is a beacon of hope for small farmers, as it not only equips them with the technical support required to elevate their agricultural productivity but also offers a comprehensive suite of financial services.

Our integrated approach traverses the entire agricultural spectrum, commencing with the procurement of agricultural inputs and extending seamlessly through the stages of production, processing, and ultimately reaching the critical juncture of marketing.

This multifaceted strategy is a testament to our commitment to enhancing the economic landscape and social standing of these aspiring young agriculturists.

Moreover, EFB inked pivotal contracts with smallholder farmers through the auspices of three distinguished NGOs operating in Aswan. These exceptional NGOs, namely the "Local Community Development Association" in Al-Gaafra village, the "Future Association for Community Development" in Al-Salsala village, and "Ahl Balady," nestled in the village of Gragos within the Qena governorate, are bolstered by the steadfast support of USAID.

Under the vigilant supervision of Feed, the Future Egypt Agribusiness Strengthening, these partnerships bore fruit in the form of a bountiful harvest, yielding 500 tons of dates across 170 Acres, tended to and cultivated by the industrious efforts of 167 enterprising small farmers.



d . Elevation

d.

Elevation

What

The Egyptian Food Bank (EFB) collaborates with esteemed research institutions, think tanks, and international experts to conduct rigorous impact assessments of their programs in real-world settings.

These empirical research findings are then published in research papers, disseminating valuable insights to various stakeholders in the field.

EFB actively disseminates knowledge through a range of channels, including expert reports, in-depth analyses, blog posts, and lessons learned from their fieldwork.

These efforts encompass diverse social and development issues, contributing to the enrichment of the knowledge base within Egypt's non-profit sector.

Why

- The primary motivation behind these initiatives is a commitment to thoroughly evaluate the real-world impact of EFB programs. This encompasses not only assessing the effects but also sharing valuable knowledge acquired through empirical research publications.
- The overarching goal is to establish a comprehensive knowledge repository that can be shared with stakeholders, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness and outreach of the non-profit sector.

Where

These initiatives are directed toward the development community, including researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and organizations dedicated to social and development causes.

Who

EFB forges partnerships with esteemed research institutions, policymakers, think tanks, and international experts, cultivating collaborations across these domains within Egypt's expansive non-profit sector landscape.

These partnerships foster deeper engagement and interaction.

d.

Elevation

How

01. Conducting rigorous impact evaluations

EFB's Growth Lab employs methodologies such as Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) and other evaluation techniques to measure program impacts on critical areas like food security and nutrition.

These assessments furnish valuable insights for program design and decision-making.

02. Data-driven program design and implementation

Data-driven decision-making is integral to the Growth Lab's approach.

It employs data to identify key challenges, opportunities, and to gauge progress toward its objectives.

Data pertaining to food security, nutrition, and related variables are systematically collected and analyzed to inform evidence-based decisions.

03. Partnering with academic institutions & research organizations

EFB's Growth Lab leverages its expertise and resources to conduct impact evaluations and generate evidence on effective food security and nutrition approaches.

These collaborations also facilitate the integration of cutting-edge research and best practices.

04. Building Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

EFB invests in enhancing the capacity of its staff and partners to undertake M&E activities effectively.

This includes providing training, technical assistance on M&E methodologies, and investing in data management infrastructure to support robust M&E practices.

d. Elevation

How

05. Continuous Learning and Improvement

The Growth Lab fosters a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

It relies on data and evidence to refine its strategies and adapt to changing circumstances. Regular reviews of program data, stakeholder feedback, and consultations are key components of this adaptive approach.



d.

Elevation

How

06. Impact Evaluation Studies

In 2022, EFB collaborated with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the outcomes resulting from EFB's general feeding program, with a specific focus on female-headed households in Egypt.

This study assessed the program's impact on vulnerable groups, including widows, divorced women, prisoners' wives, and abandoned individuals.

It compared the old and new boxes of the General Feeding Program (GFP), targeting ultra-poor households.

07. INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

EFB is dedicated to fostering knowledge sharing and collaboration among researchers, policymakers, food vendors, and farmers, with the aim of advancing the field of food security in Egypt through knowledge production.

08. SPECIAL INITIATIVES “Bringing Evidence to policy series”

The Growth Lab, an integral part of the Egyptian Food Bank, spearheads special initiatives and evidence-based discussions aimed at promoting sustainable and effective solutions to combat food insecurity.

These initiatives serve as a bridge between research findings and impactful policy formulation and implementation.

These initiatives are based on rigorous research and analysis and aim to create innovative and impactful interventions in the field of food security.



Testimonials

01

A LOOK INTO THE SATISFACTION OF OUR VALUED BENEFICIARIES



FATMA ISMAIL ABDO
Monthly Beneficiary

I receive a text message to get the monthly food box from the CBO (Community Based Organization) and the quality of the box ingredients are good and I use all the ingredients of the box for my house and the location of the CBO is appropriate for me.

I receive the food box on a monthly basis on the same schedule every month without any delay and I use my fingerprint instead of signature to receive the food box.



FATMA RAMADAN SAKR
Monthly Beneficiary

Collecting the food box from the CBO is hassle-free thanks to the timely messages I receive. The food box is always intact and contains high-quality items.

I am truly grateful to EFB for providing these boxes, as the contents are beneficial to my family and suffice for the entire month. However, I wish to collect the food box from a closer CBO, namely the 'Nour AlRahman' association. Nevertheless, I consistently receive the food box on the scheduled date each month.

02

HEARTFELT TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS



SHAIMAA MOHAMED
Volunteer at EFB

Since 2018, I've had the privilege of volunteering with EFB. Engaging in volunteer work and assisting those in need, particularly in hard-to-reach areas, holds significant importance to me.



FATMA MAHMOUD
Volunteer at EFB

I have a deep-seated desire to aid underprivileged individuals and contribute to providing them with food boxes and meals. I consider this a substantial contribution to those unable to afford food.

What I truly appreciate about EFB is their provision of specialized meals tailored for individuals in need.

03

VOICES FROM WITHIN TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR AMAZING TEAM



MOHAMED ELSAYED
Factory Worker (Packaging)

I operate the packaging machines for food ingredients that are included in the distributed food boxes. The quantity of packages varies based on production orders from the manager and can reach up to 5 tons per day. My responsibility is to ensure accurate and error-free packaging of ingredients, whether it's rice, pasta, or beans.



SAMIR MOHAMED
Factory Worker, Supplies Supervisor

My role involves organizing and distributing the packaged ingredients into labeled groups to ensure readiness for the production line of food boxes.



AHMED BESHEER
Factory Worker, Product Line

I'm responsible for folding the cardboard boxes used for packing food ingredients. Given the substantial number of cardboard boxes required, I collaborate with my colleagues to ensure we have them ready well in advance to meet the production line's demands.

04

TESTIMONIAL FROM EXPERT



KIBROM A. ABAY
Country Program Leader, IFPRI

It has been an absolute pleasure working with EFB over the past year, during which IFPRI and EFB embarked on a successful journey to evaluate EFB's General Feeding Program.

After careful planning and numerous insightful discussions, the study was co-designed and baseline data have been collected in 2022. IFPRI is currently analyzing these data.

IFPRI thus eagerly looks forward to working with EFB on the midline and end-line stages of this evaluation.

We at IFPRI are excited about this collaboration and we aim to scale up these collaborative efforts in ways that can improve the impact of EFB's programs. I am confident that such collaborative efforts will ultimately contribute to ensuring food and nutrition security in Egypt.



DR. WALID SALLAM
Chief of party at ERAS

I am delighted to be working with the Egyptian Food Bank in supporting Dates smallholder farmers in Qena and Aswan.

EFP procured dates at premium prices from our farmers and provided free packing and storage for dates during the production and post-harvest periods.

The EFB plays an important role in promoting community development, social mobilization and improving rural farmers' livelihoods. I look forward to working with the EFB on many more programs and activities in the future.

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RAWYA ELDABI

Communications Expert at FAO Egypt

EFB is a non-profit organization specialized in fighting hunger through diversity and innovation.

FAO's Communication Team had several opportunities to partner with EFB around awareness activities on food loss and waste. Over two years, we partnered with EFB on a social media awareness campaign about reducing food waste during the Holy Month of Ramadan which deemed very successful.

The EFB team is genuinely devoted to EFB's mission, they genuinely work as a team in a very professional and efficient way.

They project flexibility and great understanding of their mission; hence, working with EFB brings in great pleasure!

FAO will always seize the opportunity to jointly work with EFB knowing that such a partnership leads to positive impacts on communities in Egypt.

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APPRECIATED DONORS' TESTIMONIALS



OMAR ELSAHY
Amazon EG- General Manager

We take immense pride in our partnership with EFB, a collaborator that has positively transformed Egypt's food security landscape and nutrition narrative in recent years.

EFB's commitment to sustainability and impact aligns seamlessly with Amazon's mission as a force for good. We eagerly anticipate the continuation and further fruitful outcomes of our cooperation.



TALABAT

Talabat is proud to collaborate with EFB, an organization that has played a pivotal role in reshaping Egypt's food security landscape and nutrition discourse in recent years.

EFB's focus on sustainability and impact resonates with Talabat's tech4good efforts.

Since our collaboration commenced in July 2021, Talabat's customers have generously donated over EGP 5.8 million, funding more than 167,000 meals for Egyptian families and communities across the nation.

We highly value the impact we create alongside an esteemed organization like EFB and eagerly anticipate harnessing technology to further benefit the communities we serve.

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NAHED YOUSRY

Director of the Social Empowerment Sector, SFSD

EFB undertakes an awe-inspiring mission—ensuring human security, a multifaceted concept.

Beyond addressing food security and alleviating hunger for countless Egyptian families, we have witnessed a series of developmental strides in recent years.

These include the propagation of new food culture, tackling health issues stemming from inadequate nutrition, empowering small farmers, and adopting evidence-based policies.

Eradicating multidimensional poverty is an ambitious vision, and it can only be realized with strategic partners like the Food Bank.

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NAGLAA NOUSSIER

Head of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at WE Egypt

Egyptian Telecom Company “WE” seeks partnerships with effective organizations and institutions to support Egyptian society across various domains.

Initiatives such as these should reach as many citizens as possible, particularly in areas devoid of community services.

Our collaboration with the Egyptian Food Bank, a renowned expert on the global issue of combating food shortages and a driving force for human development, has brought forth initiatives aimed at providing food to those in need.

During the holy month of Ramadan, we distributed food boxes and meals across Egypt, easing the burden on our citizens amid challenging global conditions.

We take pride in this partnership and its profound impact on our communities.



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