



## Annex 1

# ITU Regional Development Forum for Arab Region (RDF-ARB)

Accelerating the digital development in Arab Region

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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-ARB P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

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**TITLE:** Decent Life

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:**

NTRA - Financial

NTRA Egypt will invest 1Billion and 750 Million EGY (100 Million USD\$\$) to deploy 1000+ mobile cell-sites for 20 million inhabitants, within the initiative of "Haya Karima" by providing enhanced 4G services including Mobile Broadband internet & Voice services with superior Qos through shared telecom towers infrastructure in 4500+ villages. First phase NTRA already deployed 1400+ villages for development in 52 governorates in 1 Year. "Decent Life" is a national initiative under the patronage of H.E. President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, Lunched in 2019. The Initiative aims at improving the quality of life in the poorest rural communities within the framework of the Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt Vision 2030 through the integration and unity of efforts among the state institutions, private sector entities, civil society and development partners in Egypt.

The initiative has 4 pillars:

1. Improving living-standards and investing in human capital,
2. Developing infrastructure services,
3. Raising the quality of human development services, and
4. Economic development. Specially, it provides poorest villages with increased access to the basic services such as: health, education, water and sanitation...etc.

The initiative comes as an affirmation of the state's willingness to implement the participatory planning approach through integrating citizens in the need's identification stage, along with the government and civil society's participation in the implementation and monitoring process. In January 2021, the first phase targeted 1400 villages, with the number of beneficiaries representing 20% of the overall Egyptian population. The National Telecom Regulatory Authority started playing a significant role in implementing ICT components of the initiative's pillars in 2021, including developing the telecommunications infrastructure, by providing enhanced 4G services with superior Qos through shared telecom towers infrastructure. Initiative's Objective: Developing infrastructure services to provide basic telecommunication access to help promote social, economic and environmental development to collaborate in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030).

Expected outcomes:

1. Egypt is developing services and facilities for 4,500 Egyptian villages. The buildings in these villages will be connected using a fiber-optic network within three years. More than 58 million citizens in more than 3 million households.
2. NTRA initiated deploying mobile cell-sites in 595 villages, within the initiative of "Haya Karima" at a cost of EGP 1.5 billion funded by Universal Service Fund.
3. A network of fiber-optic cables will be installed, aiming to connect 1,400 villages, including one million buildings within one year.
4. The infrastructure-sharing model is adopted; thus, service providers can share the towers, which reduces the investment costs and improves the level of service.
5. A 1000+ mobile towers are being built in the targeted villages and areas to improve voice and Internet services. 6. Incentivizing tower sharing industry.

**COUNTRIES in FOCUS:** Egypt

**YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026
- 2027
- 2028
- 2029
- 2030



**RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:**

- ARB1: Sustainable digital economy through digital transformation.
- ARB3: Developing digital infrastructure for smart sustainable cities and communities.
- ARB4: Building capacities and encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and future foresight.

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- Digital Transformation

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- Digital applications.
- Enabling environment.