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PROJECT FACT SHEET

EARLY GRADE LEARNING

This government-to-government activity focuses on early grade learning in support of the implementation of the Egyptian Ministry of Education’s reform agenda. It builds on previous USAID programming to ensure that Egyptian students are able to learn the fundamental core skills of reading, comprehension, writing, mathematics, and English language by grade 3, at the end of their early primary school experience. This activity also provides remedial learning for students in grades 4-9 who have difficulties reading at their grade level. More than 300,000 teaching manuals are being distributed, including scripted lesson plans for teachers. Overall, the activity will reach over 150,000 teachers and 7.2 million children in grades 1-9 in 17,000 schools nationwide. Through this activity, the Ministry of Education is strengthening its ability to provide demand-driven early grade teacher training and to implement decentralized planning and budgeting based on local needs and opportunities.

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Education; Life of Project: September 2017 – September 2021; Total Estimated Cost: \$15 million; Governorates: Nationwide

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Conduct professional development training for 150,000 teachers to improve their pedagogical content knowledge so they can more effectively convey their subject matter expertise in foundational literacy and numeracy skills to young Egyptian students.
- Develop digital and traditional teaching materials to support a nationwide program that enhances fundamental skills in early primary education.
- Support the Egyptian Ministry of Education’s policy assessment and reform of primary education, and assist in implementing its nationwide education reform plan.

RESULTS

- Trained 100,000 grade 1-3 teachers nationwide in the newly developed curriculum, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to transition from a focus on standardized testing to one that helps develop critical thinking and practical skills.
- Trained 50,000 teachers nationwide on teaching remedial reading to underperforming students in grades 4-9 nationwide.
- Produced and distributed more than 300,000 Early Grade Learning teaching manuals for teachers in all primary schools nationwide. The manuals include strategies for explicit classroom instruction that support the achievement of students learning outcomes.