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"This year, we are starting a new development Plan till 2012, which is the most ambitious Plan in our history, going ahead in its implementation with an efficient economy that surpassed years of recession and regained its ability to attract investments, enhance development and increase job opportunities"

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INTRODUCTION

Egypt has accomplished tangible socio-economic development, yet reaching higher levels of economic prosperity and wider public participation remains an imperative challenge.

To meet such contest, the Sixth Five-Year Plan provides a comprehensive framework comprising socio-economic development goals, strategies and relevant policies.

The plan embraces both investment programs and projects aiming at expanding production capacities and improving social services and infrastructure, rendering the plan a manifestation of core public orientation towards:

- Creating employment through stimulating investments;*
- Enhancing economic reforms to foster development;*
- Promoting private sector participation in economic activity through allowing the private sector to carry on two-thirds of total investments.*

The Plan, furthermore, provides abundant information and data on aggregate demand structure and components, particularly on public projects whose investments are targeted to exceed LE 48 billion during the Plan's first year.

The Sixth Plan signifies a new economic phase of profound changes to Egypt's socio-economic structure by seeking to improve the living standards of all Egyptians through raising the economic growth to an annual average rate of 8%. Such an annual increase would, in turn, raise the average per capita income to LE 13 thousand by the end of the plan; provide job opportunities to around 3.8 million workers, enable the government to provide quality services and public utilities particularly in the health, education, potable water, sanitation and environment areas.





Achieving such ambitious targets requires serious commitment of all partners to development objectives and investment patterns. In addition, it requires prioritizing public policies and investments and channeling them into two venues:

The First venue embodies intensifying investments in infrastructure projects, where investments on potable water and sanitation would exceed a quarter of total investments, followed by transportation, education and health projects each assigned 15% of total public investments.

The Second venue focuses on achieving regional balance by allocating 42% of local public investments to fostering development in Upper Egypt governorates as part of the national project for the region's development.

This Plan, despite seeming over ambitious, is in fact realistic. It is ambitious enough to cope with our aspirations for a great country, and at the same time, it is realistic enough, given Egypt's potentials and capabilities that will ensure an earned, well-deserved prosperous future.

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