

Summary of Field Visit

Ismailia Governorate

May 28-29, 2024

The National Council for Human Rights in Egypt (NCHR), through its Economic Rights Committee, conducted a field visit to Ismailia Governorate on May 28–29, 2024. The mission aimed to assess the impact of current economic conditions on citizens' economic rights and to monitor efforts to protect vulnerable populations, while promoting integration of human rights principles across public institutions.

Day 1 – May 28:

The delegation met with Major General Mohamed Anis, Secretary-General of the Governorate, to review local development plans. This was followed by a workshop with Ministry of Finance representatives from various departments, discussing:

- NCHR's mandate and mechanisms
- The National Human Rights Strategy (NHRS) (2021–2026)
- Human rights culture in public administration
- Coordination efforts to overcome challenges to rights implementation

Day 2 – May 29:

Workshops were held with executive leaders and representatives from health, education, social solidarity, agriculture, labor, youth, and other sectors, along with national councils and trade unions.

Key outcomes and recommendations:

- Strengthen capacity-building for local human rights units
- Expand public awareness campaigns on economic rights
- Involve more target groups in future sessions
- Recognize the pivotal role of NGOs in poverty reduction, particularly in Upper Egypt
- Prioritize agricultural development and support small farmers and women in agriculture
- Establish local agricultural councils across governorates to promote rural rights
- Increase oversight to prevent monopolistic practices and protect consumer safety