



Executive Summary

The Inspection Visit of the Committee of Sustainable Development and Climate Justice

El Dakahlia Governorate – January 18–21, 2025

1. Introduction:

In light of the executive plan for the year 2025 and the strategic work plan of NCHR, and as part of the Council's oversight of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and inclusion of environmental dimensions in development plans and programs, a program of inspection visits to a number of governorates was implemented.

General objective:

To enhance the role played by NCHR in addressing various human rights issues and challenges, particularly developmental and environmental issues, within the framework of achieving the SDGs. This contributes to the coordination between NCHR and relevant institutions and supports efforts to achieve these targets.

Members of the Mission's Team:

The mission's team was headed by NCHR Member Mr. Abdel-Gawad Ahmed, Head of the Committee of Sustainable Development and Climate Justice, with participation of NCHR personnel from the Committee.

Mission Action Plan and Work Axes:

The action plan included meetings with executive officials, inquiry and hearing sessions with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and visits to projects that are relevant to development and environmental issues. The objective of these endeavors is to observe efforts made to reduce negative behavioral phenomena and support sustainable development, in line with national strategies and the SDGs.



The visit's targets were implemented through three axes:

- **First Axis:** Meetings with executives.
 - **Second Axis:** Meetings with CSOs.
 - **Third Axis:** Inspection visits.
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First Axis – Meetings with Executives:

- **Meeting with Major General Tarek Marzouk, Governor of El Dakahlia, and a number of executive leaders:** The mission held a meeting with His Excellency the Governor, where discussion revolved around sustainable development, emphasizing that humans are the center of development and highlighting the importance of combating negative phenomena and the vital role of CSOs.
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Second Axis – Meetings with CSOs:

Meetings with several charitable organizations were held, including:

- Resala Charity Association.
 - Al-Islah Foundation.
 - The Legitimate Association in El Dakahlia governorate.
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Third Axis – Inspection Visits:

The mission visited the headquarters of the aforementioned associations and met with their visitors and staff. It also inspected several projects implemented under their supervision, including:

- Al-Ra'ace Al-Saleh Charitable Hospital.
- Al-Islah Medical Complex.
- Elderly Care Homes.

Also inspected were development projects within the governorate:



- Al-Rajaa Al-Saleh Charitable Hospital in El Mansoura City.
- Integrated Rehabilitation Center in Sherbin Center.
- Projects for youth and productive families.
- Municipal waste recycling plant in Sandoub.
- Family Health Unit in Al-Hisas Village which is affiliated to Sherbin Center.
- Citizen Services Complex in Al-Hisas Village, Sherbin Center.

Recommendations:

This visit reflects the importance of joint efforts to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development in El Dakahlia Governorate and confirms the importance of cooperation between the state and civil society to ensure improved quality of life and achievement of desired goals. The final recommendations of the mission are:

- Increase support for development projects targeting the most vulnerable groups.
- Improve quality control mechanisms in visited facilities.
- Focus on vocational education to meet labor market demands.
- Expand programs in order to raise youth awareness about the importance of small enterprises.
- Establish training and employment programs for youth, especially craftsmen, to support local industries.
- Highlight state efforts in environmental protection.
- Consolidate media coverage to show the role of state efforts in environmental fields, including agriculture and industry.
- Emphasize the need to establish branches of specialized industrial schools in El Dakahlia governorate (e.g., Toshiba El-Araby, Al-Nassajoun, Railway schools), since such schools currently only exist in Greater Cairo, making it difficult for provincial students to enroll.
- Hold regular meetings between the governor and civil society to identify challenges and support initiatives, particularly those serving people with special needs.
- NCHR to implement training, qualification, and awareness workshops for service providers in El Dakahlia governorate, focusing on environmental development and relevant SDGs.