



Executive Summary

Visit of NCHR's Economic Committee to the Red Sea Governorate

February 18-20, 2025

As part of NCHR's Economic Committee work plan to monitor economic conditions and follow up on government sector plans aimed at promoting human rights, ensuring sustainable development, and improving citizens' standard of living, the Committee conducted a field visit to the Red Sea Governorate from February 18-20th, 2025.

Details of the Field Visit:

1. Meeting with Dr. Magda Hanna, Deputy Governor of the Red Sea Governorate: The meeting addressed learning about the governorate's experience in establishing and promoting the values and concepts of human rights, achieving comprehensive development, and economic empowerment. The governorate's development plan and efforts, which have contributed to improving standards of living and providing job opportunities, were also reviewed.

2. Meeting with Major General Mamdouh Nadim, Chairman of Ras Ghareb City Council: in the presence of a group of executive leaders from the city, the meeting included a detailed presentation of development and service projects aimed at promoting human rights.

3. A meeting with Professor Dr. Mahfouz Abdel Satar, President of the Red Sea University: In the presence of a group of deans and faculty members, the meeting reviewed the university's efforts to develop the educational process to serve the region's economic development. The university's developmental role in preparing youth for the demands of the labor market was also discussed.

Inspection Visits:

- A visit to the University Center for Professional Development at Hurghada University.

- Inspection visits to Ras Gharib City, which included the following:

1. The Technology Center for Citizen Service.

2. The Comprehensive Development Caravan organized by Cairo University in cooperation with the Gulf of Suez Petroleum Company (GUPCO).

3. The 28-Building Project.

4. The "Rawda Housing" Project: This project comes within the framework of efforts to develop unplanned informal areas.

5. El-Mina Primary School: This school was developed with community participation provided by Ras Gharib Wind Energy Company.



6. Ras Ghareb Official Language School of Excellence: Implemented with community participation from the Ministry of Petroleum and the General Petroleum Corporation, in cooperation with the Orman Association.

7. Crisis and Emergency Relief Center.

8. Wind Power Plant.

Meetings and Workshops:

1. A meeting with 30 participants from the governorate's executive leadership, including heads of directorates and a number of leaders from the governorate's general office. The meeting discussed mechanisms for promoting human rights concepts in the government sector. The executive bodies' plans to support citizens' rights through disseminating a culture of human rights were also reviewed.

2. A workshop entitled **"Mechanisms for Promoting Human Rights Concepts in the Government Sector: The National Human Rights Strategy 2021-2026"** was held for 103 participants from the Ministry of Finance's leadership and employees from the governorates of the Red Sea, Qena, and Luxor. The workshop addressed promoting human rights concepts in the government sector to improve the quality of services provided to citizens.

3. A workshop was held, including 121 participants from Heads and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), entities, and youth organizations in the governorate, which addressed the definition and the means of promoting human rights. NCHR also discussed ways for youth and CSOs to participate in this field. Moreover, the workshop discussed their role in supporting economic rights and promoting comprehensive development efforts.

Conclusion, Findings, and Recommendations:

During its field visit to the Red Sea Governorate, NCHR was able to observe the efforts made to improve the standard of living and guarantee human rights. NCHR expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the governorate's executive leadership and calls for intensifying these efforts to ensure a decent life for all citizens. NCHR commends the interest in renewable energy projects produced by converting wind energy into electrical power, as these projects represent an important step towards enhancing environmental sustainability and reducing reliance on traditional energy sources that are harmful to health and the environment. They also contribute to promoting sustainable economic development by providing new job opportunities and stimulating growth in many economic sectors. The prominent role of the private sector and CSOs in supporting the right to education and the right to health in the governorate is also emphasized, through effective community participation that contributes to improving access to basic services.

Recommendations and Suggestions:

- Continued cooperation with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Unit at the Ministry of Finance through holding workshops and seminars in Cairo and the agreed-upon governorates, in implementation of the cooperation protocol signed between NCHR and the Ministry of Finance.



- Sign a cooperation protocol between NCHR and Hurghada University to promote a culture of human rights.
- Establish of a branch of NCHR in the Red Sea governorate (which the governorate welcomes).
- Expedite completion of the fourth phase of the Rawda Housing Project in Ras Gharib.
- Remove all obstacles and provide environmental accessibility for persons with disabilities by designing goods, services, and buildings in a way that allows all members of society to use them without discrimination based on gender, age, or social status.
- Establish a medical committee in the governorate's cities or facilitate transportation for persons with disabilities to them, to ensure that they receive the necessary healthcare easily and smoothly, and provide them with all medical services without any obstacles.

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