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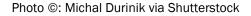


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## Freedom of Movement & Safe Transport



### Why promote safe transport?



- Safe & secure transport means:
  - Greater freedom of movement and choice
  - Better access to economic opportunities
  - Increased participation and retention in the labour force



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#### **International best practices**



- Various tools to enhance safety
- Frequency, routes & timing
- Training for staff
- Gender-sensitive carriage design
- Women-only carriages/buses
- Safety coordination 'beyond the bus'





#### **CASE: gender & public transport in Egypt**



- Increased sexual harassment on public transport since 2011 (UN Women 2013):
  - **86.5%** of Egyptian women feel unsafe using public transport
  - **81.8%** of women in Cairo experience frequent harassment
  - **93.4%** of victims surveyed don't request help from security forces.



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### Nile River Buses PPP (Egypt)



- Nile River Buses:
  - Services residents, tourists, leasing services.
  - Connects 14 Nile River floating piers through 10 lines, with approx. 2m passengers/year.
  - Only 14/27 active boats b/c of poor maintenance services, lack of security & safety standards.



- EBRD gender action:
  - Support to Cairo Transport Authority (CTA)
  - Potential study on gendered transport needs/uses

#### **National Rail Services (Egypt)**



- EBRD gender action for ENR:
  - Ensure passenger service responds to needs of both men & women
  - Operational changes (e.g. better timetabling)
  - Physical changes (e.g. lighting)
  - Awareness, capacity-bldg. training for staff



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### CASE: gender & public transport in Kazakhstan



#### Almaty bus project:

• Due diligence discovery: women in tram and trolleybus jobs, but not bus operations.

#### EBRD gender action:

• Equal opportunities (EO) programme to promote women's access to bus driving jobs.

#### **Expected results:**

- Increase women's access to traditionally 'masculine' jobs.
- Improve women's perception of safety and security of public transport.



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# **Questions**?

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