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Freedom of Movement & Safe Transport



Why promote safe transport?



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- **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



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- 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



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- 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.



Photo Source: UNWOMEN 2013

Nile River Buses PPP (Egypt)



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- **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

- 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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<http://blog.ricecracker.net/2011/04/08/egypt-the-train-from-cairo-to-alexandria/>

CASE: gender & public transport in Kazakhstan



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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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