

NEW CITIES

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EGYPT'S NEW CITIES: AN OVERVIEW

The Egyptian populace has long clustered together with a large majority residing on only 4% of the country's territory. The resulting congestion amid the rapidly growing population has fueled the government's decentralization scheme via the building of new cities. The New Cities initiative was launched in 1977, codified under Law 59/1979 and implemented by the New Urban Communities Authority (NUCA). Since then, a number of cities were built across Egypt and are grouped by the period in which they were completed.

Almost one third of all the new cities are in the Greater Cairo region. There are 31 new cities spread across Egypt, a total of 2.54 mn acres of land. More than 0.5 mn residential units have been constructed in those cities, and 217,706 more units are being developed. About 32 water plants, 77 sewage plants, and 27 electrical plants have been developed to cater to the new cities needs with more planned for the future.

The first generation cities were launched between 1977-1982 and include: 10th of Ramadan; New Borg El Arab; 15th of May; New Damietta; 6th of October City; New Salhiya; Sadat and Tourist Villages.

Second generation cities were built between 1982 and 2000, and include: New Cairo, Sheikh Zayed, Badr, Obour, New Beni Suef, New Minya, New Nubaria, Shorouk and Suez Gulf.

Third generation cities are those completed between 2000 to the present day and include New Assiut; New Tiba; New Sohag; New Aswan; New Qena; New Fayoum and New Akhmeim.

FIRST GENERATION

10th of Ramadan City

10th of Ramadan City covers an area of 94,761 acres with the urban developed area constituting 80,368 acres. Located about 55 km from Cairo, the city has a water network of 1,282 km, two completed water plants, and one water plant under construction. The sewage network is 712 km in area with four completed sewage plants and two plants currently underway, and a 113.5 kilometer irrigation network.

New Borg El Arab

New Borg El Arab City sprawls over an area of 475,000 acres and lies on the 28th kilometer of the Alexandria-Cairo Desert Road. The city has a total of 25,430 residential units, while 27,654 units are under construction. With a water network of 655,913 square km and a sewage network of 425,127 km, the city has one water plant and seven sewage plants. New Borg El Arab has an electrical network of 2,292 square km in area, with three electrical plants completed and one plant under construction. The completed road network spans across an area of 578 km.

15th of May City

Located 35 km from Cairo, 15th of May City is close in proximity to the industrial district southwest of Helwan. Spread over an area of 12,232 acres, of which 4,853 acres are urban developed land, the city has 34,353 completed residential units. The city has two water plants currently in place and one water plant under construction, bringing the total area of the water network up to 251 km. One irrigation plant is presently being constructed, to bring the total area of the irrigation network up to 97 km. There are two sewage plants under construction sprawling over an area of 212 square km. The electrical network covers an area of 1,648 square km with one electrical plant executed and work is underway to complete another plant. The total area of completed roads is 221 km and the total area of the communications network is 375 km.

New Damietta

Located in the north Delta along the Mediterranean Sea and 4.5 km west of Damietta Port, New Damietta City sprawls over an area of 29,535 acres with 6,500 acres of urban developed land. The city has 44,648 residential units. The city has one water plant, 24 sewage plants, and three electrical plants covering an area of 696 square km, 546 square km, and 2,529 square km, respectively. There's 574 square kms of road completed, and 199 square km of communication lines.

6th of October City

Home to 1.5 mn residents, 6th of October City is located 28 km from the heart of Cairo. The city covers an area of 119,000 acres with 71,453 residential units completed and 103,274 units currently under construction. As part of the Giza governorate, the city has three water plants, one irrigation plant, and one water plant in the works. There are two sewage plants in the city over an area of four square km.

New Salheya

New Salheya city sprawls over an area of 1,617 acres in Sharqia governorate, about 110 km from Cairo and 90 from the Suez Port. The city has one water plant and three sewage plants on an area of 190 square km and 172 square km, respectively. New Salheya's road network is 100 km in length, and its communication network is 222 square km.

Sadat City

Sadat City sprawls over 121,000 acres northwest of Cairo, on the 84th km of the Cairo-Alexandria Desert Road, with 74,067 acres of urban developed area. There is a total of 32,000 residential units in the city, while approximately 9,060 residential units and two electrical plants currently under construction. The city has 96 square km of completed roads.

SECOND GENERATION

New Cairo

Located on the southeastern edge of the Cairo governorate, New Cairo sprawls over an area of 70,580 acres and contains 71,671 residential units. The city has one water plant, three sewage plants and four electrical plants all under construction. The city has four sewage plants and electrical plants each.

Sheikh Zayed

With an area of 10,386 acres, Sheikh Zayed City has about 1,608 residential units, three water plants, three sewage plants, and two electrical plants. One electrical plant is currently under construction.

Obour City

Obour City lies on the 26th km of the Cairo-Ismailia Road, and has an area of 32,625 acres, with 12,944 acres in urban developed land. The city has 39,557 constructed residential units and 6,736 units under construction. The water network covers an area of 723 square km with five existing water plants, one completed irrigation plant, and one water plant in progress. Sewage network takes up an area of 768 square km with four sewage plants in place. The total area of the electrical network is 5,957 square km with three electrical plants. Obour City has 706 square km in completed roads.

New Beni Suef

New Beni Suef City covers an area of 37,900 acres, of which 8,686 acres are urban developed land. To date, there are 21,211 residential units in place, and an estimated 1,224 units are in progress. The total area of the sewage network is 295 km, with two water plants and two sewage plants in place. The city's electrical network is 1,481 square km in area, with one electrical plant. New Beni Suef's has 211 km in completed roads and a 5,265 kilometer communication network.

New Minya

New Minya is approximately 24,639 acres in area, with 8,272 constructed residential units and 21,880 units in progress. The total area of the water network is 236 square km, the sewage network is 190 square km in area, and the electrical network is 1,299 square km in area. New Minya has three water plants and one under construction, four sewage plants and another underway, and one completed electrical plant. The road network in the city is 177 km, with the total area of the communication network at 397 km.

New Nubaria

New Nubaria City is 1,816 acres in area and is located in the Beheira governorate, approximately 80 km from Alexandria. An estimated 1,790 residential units have been built in the city. The city's water network is 128 square km in area, with a 65 square kilometer sewage network and a 312 square kilometer electrical network. The city has one water plant, two irrigation plants and four sewage plants. The city has 60 km of completed roads.

Shorouk City

Shorouk City is a city of 16,110 acres that lies on the 37th km of the Cairo-Ismailia Desert Road, and currently has 27,784 residential units in place. The water network is 1,227 square km, the sewage network is 577 square km, and the electrical network is 3,310 km in area. There are four sewage plants executed, and one electrical plant executed. The completed road network in Shorouk City is 426 square km, whereas the total area of the communication network recordz 600 square km.

Suez Gulf

Suez Gulf city is 1,057,142 acres in area, with an urban developed area of 9,120 acres.

Badr City

Badr City spans 18,545 acres and has one sewage plant in place.

THIRD GENERATION

New Assiut

New Assiut City lies on the Cairo-Sohag Desert road, about 18 km from Assiut City, and has an area of 30,300 acres, with 9,000 acres of urban developed land. About 5,152 residential units are constructed in the city, with 7,584 more units to be built. The city has one water plant, one electrical plant, and four sewage plants planned for construction. The water network is 282 km in area, with a 198 kilometer sewage network, and a 932 kilometer electrical network. New Assiut has 304 km of completed roads.

New Tiba

Located 14 km northeast of the Luxor governorate, New Tiba sprawls over an area of 9,464 acres, with an urban area of 2,431 acres. The city has 2,302 residential units in place and 6,912 units under construction.

New Sohag

The city of New Sohag is located about 8.3 km from Sohag, and 7.5 km from Sohag's international airport. With an area of 29,516 acres, the city has three water plants, three sewage plants and one electrical plant. The total area of the sewage network is 90 km, with 110 km of completed roads.

New Aswan

A city of 22,390 acres in size, New Aswan has 280 residential units built and 4,020 more units in the pipeline. The combined total area of the water network and the irrigation network is 123.3 km, with two water plants. The sewage network spans 11 km and there are four sewage plants currently in place. New Aswan has one electrical plant, and one under construction, with the total area of the electrical network at 635 km. The city has 58 km in roads and a 111 km communication network.

New Qena

New Qena, located east of the Nile and 8 km away from Qena City, is about 24,200 acres in size with 7,618 acres of urban developed land. The city has 1,884 residential units and 3,713 units under construction. The total area of the water network is 16.5 km, with 9.1 square km of irrigation, a sewage network of 25.8 square km, a communication network of 3 square km, an electrical network of 58 square km, in addition to an electrical plant. A water and sewage plant is currently under construction, in addition to the city's existing sewage plant. An estimated 28 km of roads have been completed

New Fayoum

New Fayoum is located in Fayoum governorate on the 120th km of the Cairo-Assiut Desert Road and covers an area of 13,500 acres, of which 1,669.19 acres is urban developed area. The city has one water plant, three sewage plants, and two electrical plants.



New Akhmeim

A new city of 9,930 acres, and 3,032 acres of urban developed land, New Akhmeim lies southeast of Akhmeim city, east of the Nile.

New Luxor

New Luxor was established by presidential decree in 2010 and is 8,976.75 acres in size, with 3,684.32 acres of urban developed land.

New Toshka

Located 1 km southeast of Aswan and Abu Simbel road, and 55 km from the High Dam, New Toshka City will spread over an area of 2,973 acres and is expected to house 80,000 people. Construction began in November 2014, with the city expected to service the larger Toshka area's agriculture activity.

East Owainat

East Owainat is about 365 km south of Cairo and is 1,073 acres in area. East Owainat is expected to house a population of 45,000 people.

East Port Said

East Port Said City, established by presidential decree, covers a total area of 19,106 acres. The city has 158,550 residential units.

New Alamein City

New Alamein City was established by Presidential Decree in 2014, and is set to cover an area of 47,933 acres. Construction in the new city has been underway since October 9, 2015. New Alamein City is expected to house 30,000 residents.

New Farafra

Construction on New Farafra began in 2015, spanning 20,000 acres in area with 2,480 residential units in place. New Farafra has one water plant and one electrical plant.

New Administrative Capital

The New Administrative Capital is being built at an estimated cost of EGP 400 bn, and is set to span 700 square km and house 5 mn people. The new capital will feature around 10,000 km of avenues and streets, 40,000 hotel rooms, and retail malls with upscale amenities and facilities.



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