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Strengthening IHR Core Capacities at Points of Entry in Egypt

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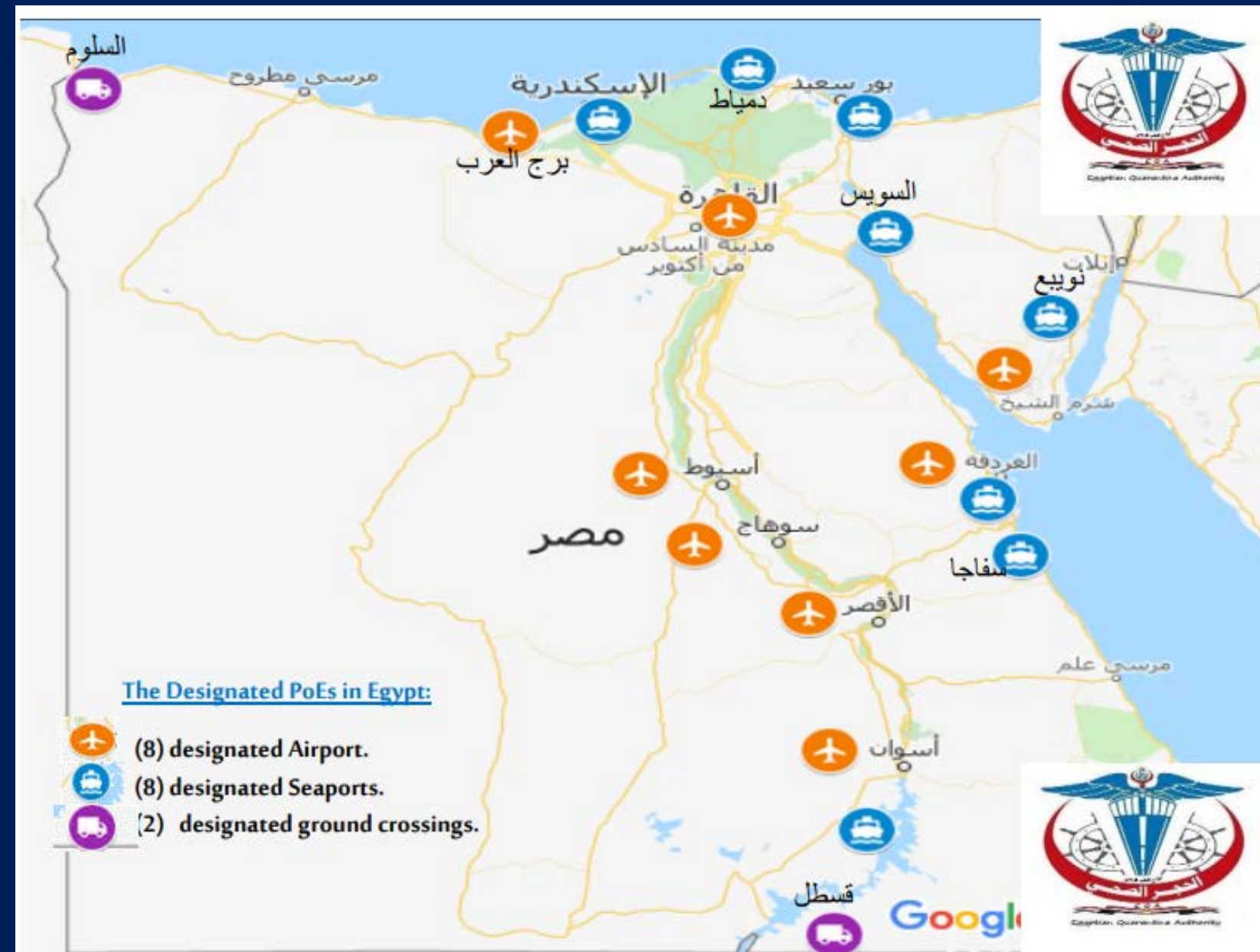
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Ministry of Health and Population
Preventive Sector - Quarantine Health Department



Understanding Egypt's PoE Landscape

In Egypt we have a total of 39 Points of Entry, from which only 19 PoE are designated



Airport 8



Seaports 8



Ground Crossings 3

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Egypt has 14 international airports, strategically distributed across the country to support tourism, trade, and emergency response.



Cairo International Airport is the largest and busiest

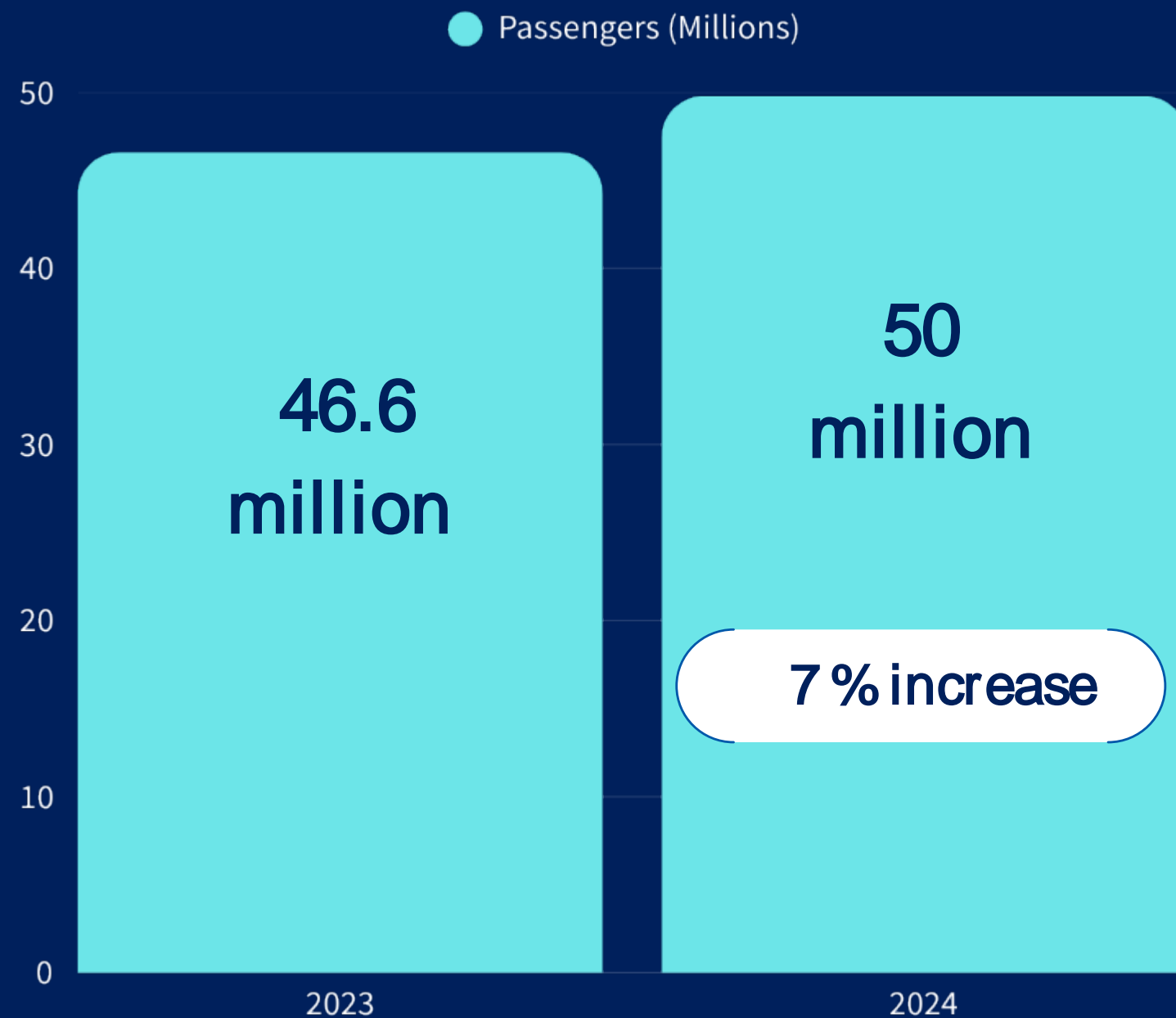
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Cairo International
Airport accounted
for approximately
55% of all flights in
2024.



Understanding Egypt's Airport Landscape

Number of Passengers

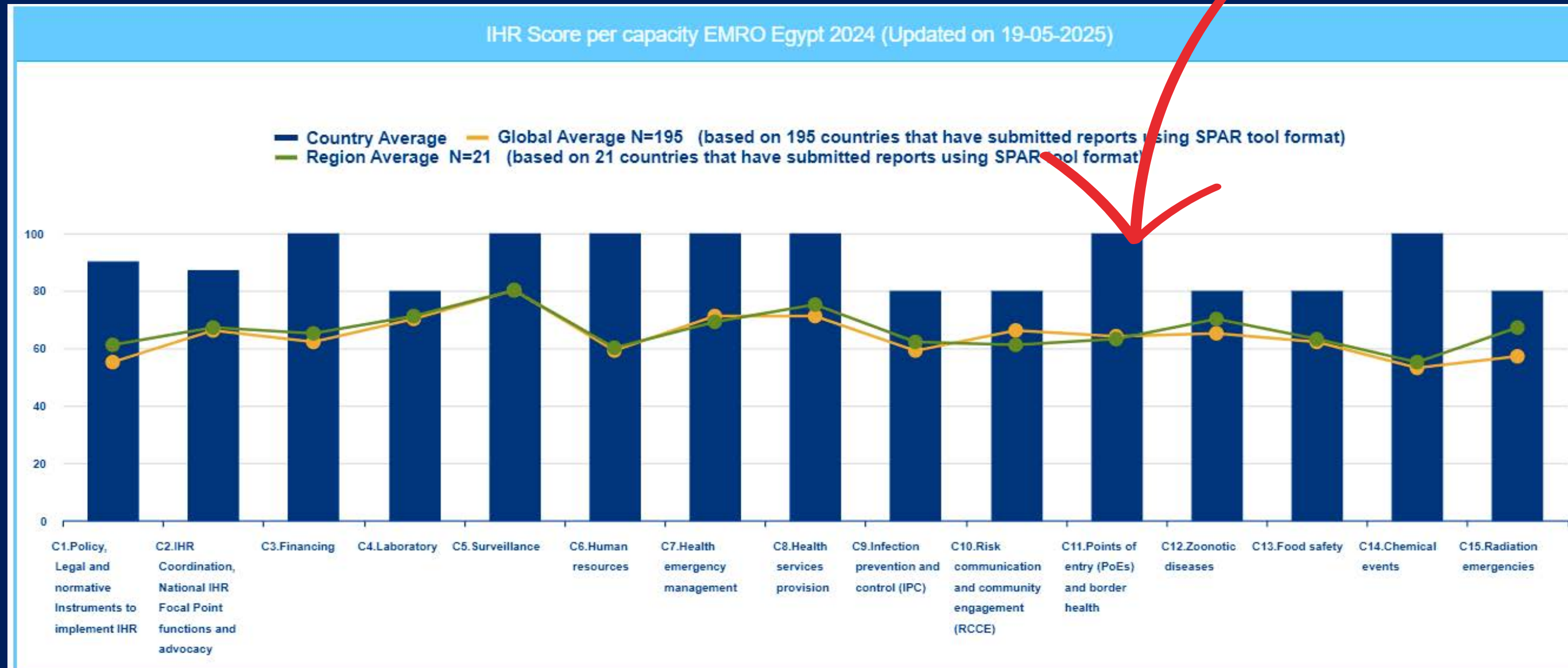


Number of Flights



IHR Core Capacities Assessment

SPAR 2024



C11.1 Core capacity requirements at all times for PoEs (airports, ports and ground crossings)

Level C11.2. Public health response at points of entry

Level C11.3. Risk-based approach to international travel-related measures

In 2024, Egypt scored 100% in PoE capacity on the WHO SPAR report, showing full compliance with IHR (2005) and effective public health response at all designated points of entry.

Efforts of Egypt's Quarantine Department at Airports – Key Areas:

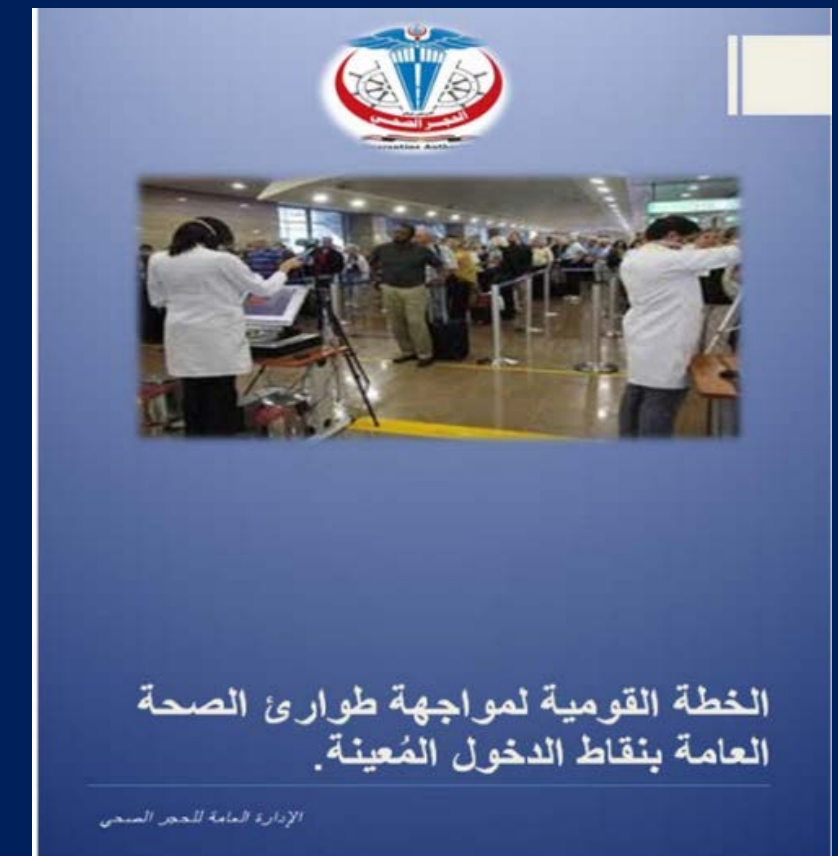
24/7 Medical Oversight and Airport Clinics

Enhanced Health Screening and Thermal Scanning

Rapid Response and Isolation Protocols

Data Collection and Traveler Monitoring

Compliance with IHR and Global Health Standards



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Goal

- Strengthen and sustain IHR capacities at PoEs to ensure Egypt's readiness for public health emergencies.

2022 Objectives:

Assess and improve	Train and empower	Enhance	Boost
Assess and improve existing public health infrastructure at POEs.	Train and empower frontline quarantine personnel.	Enhance intersectoral coordination and emergency planning.	Boost visibility, communication, through modern tools and technologies.

Project Key Interventions

- POE Assessments
Visits to evaluate
IHR capacities



- Capacity-Building
Workshops



- Annual National Meeting



- Enhance Operational
Readiness



- Response to Regional
Health Emergencies –
Gaza & Sudan



- Strengthen Infection
Prevention and Control
(IPC) measures.



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Assessment Visits



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Capacity Building



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Case Study

Qoustol Border Sudan Conflict Response

The Sudan conflict caused mass displacement towards Egypt through Qoustol land crossing.

Increased risks involved the potential spread of communicable diseases across borders and placed significant pressure on PoE infrastructure and personnel.



Response and Outcomes at Qoustol Border

Swift Emergency Response

Mobilized quarantine officers and health units with updated SOPs activated.

Real-Time Surveillance

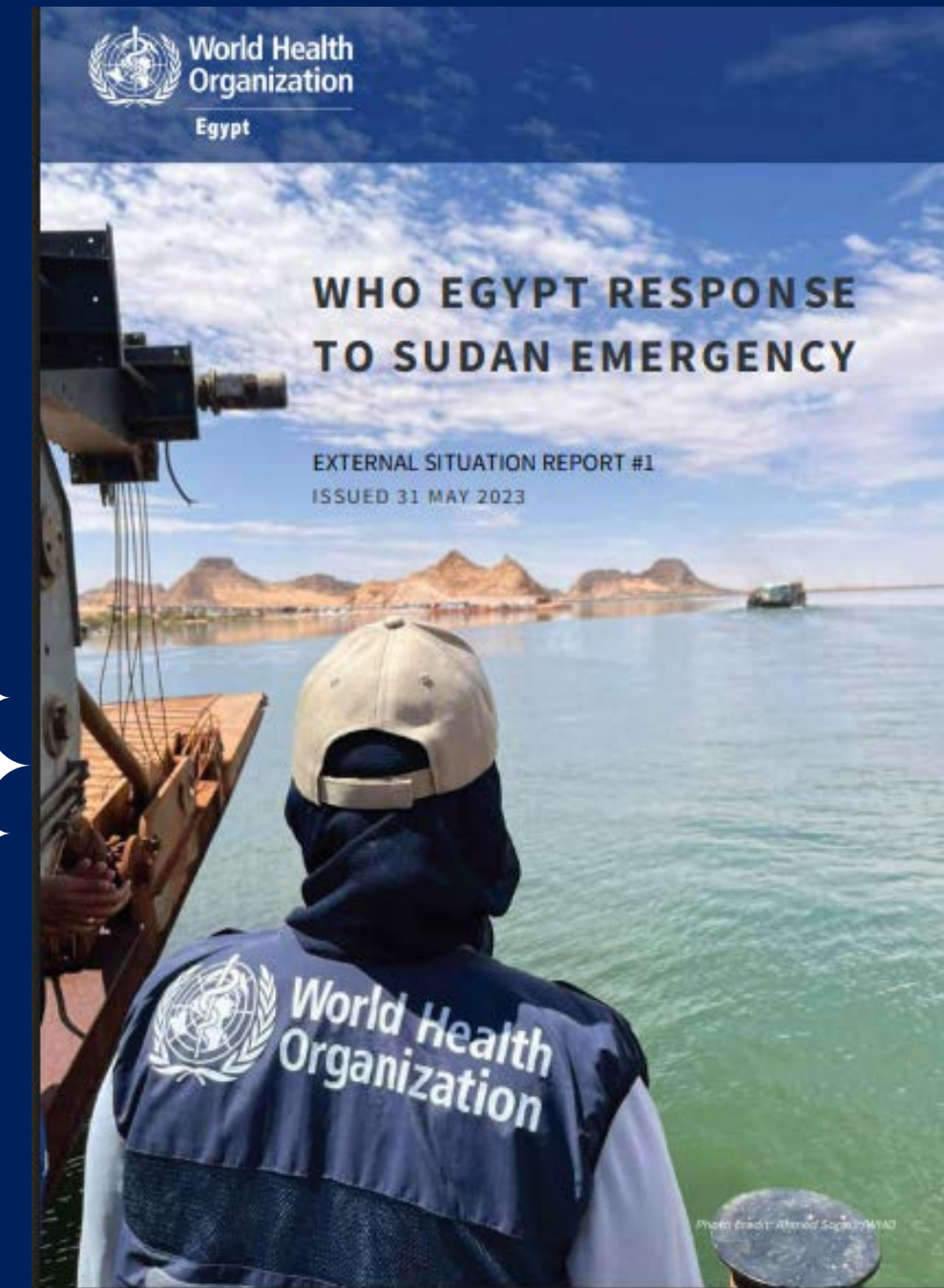
Mobile tools enabled disease screening, isolation, and risk profiling.

Strong Partnerships

Collaboration with border security, WHO, and Egyptian Red Crescent strengthened response.

Effective Outcomes

No major public health events; improved preparedness and containment capacity.



Recommendations & Way Forward



Expand and sustain periodic training programs &
Conduct regular simulation exercises



Institutionalize the Annual POE Meeting for
Continuous Learning



Scale up digital transformation efforts at PoEs



Strengthen multisectoral coordination
mechanisms involving health, customs, border
security, transport, and international partners



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