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Social science researcher with over 15 years with experience in qualitative research on gender, vulnerability, Refugees, employment, digital economy and climate change in developing countries with a focus on the MENA region.

EXPERIENCE

2015 – present

SENIOR RESEARCHER, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN

- Assisting in developing the state international reports on monitoring and reviewing the progress of implementing the ratified declarations and conventions on gender mainstreaming, such as CEDAW, AU (African Union), COMESA (The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa), SDGEA (Solemn declaration on gender equality), as well as participating in designing the National Surveys and research papers on women's rights in Egypt.

2021 –2024

SENIOR RESEARCHER, SUPREME STANDING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- Developing reports on the National Strategy for Human Rights and assessing government achievement based on indicators related to human rights.

2016- 2019

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, POPULATION COUNCIL

- Successfully spearheaded the design and management of two significant projects, namely "Creating Safer Spaces for Young Women in Cairo Slums," funded by IDRC, and "Socio-economic Mobility Across Genders and Generations in Egypt: The Role of Jobs and Resilience," funded by the World Bank.
- Demonstrated expertise in project intervention planning and implementation, ensuring the effective execution of the designed projects.
- Contributed actively to the development of the National Survey of Young People in Informal Urban Areas of Greater Cairo in Egypt (SYPE Slums) and played a pivotal role in the impact assessment of the "Neqdar Nesharek" Program.

2007- 2014

SENIOR RESEARCHER, NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The Egyptian Feminist Union (EFU)
- HarassMap
- Forum for Women in Development
- The Egyptian center for women rights

Developing and designing surveys and research papers on violence against woman and women economic and political empowerment in Egypt.

CONSULTANTATIONS

2023- 2024

UCCD- LMI CONSULTANT, THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO (AUC)

- *Participate in the design document of the LMI program and the material developed for the training delivery.*
- *participate in developing the concept notes (s) required for the design of LMI studies from both supply and demand perspective.*
- *participate in developing data collection protocols and procedures for the UCCD LMI studies.*
- *participate in developing data analysis model and frameworks (particularly qualitative) for the UCCD LMI studies.*
- *participate in developing the technical report of the UCCD LMI studies*
- *participate in the capacity development intervention of the UCCD staff and partner universities (particularly those related to qualitative data analysis)*
- *participate in the facilitating of policy dialogues with MOHESR, USAID, AUC, partner universities and other stakeholders.*
- *Participate in developing the key UCCD LMI research outputs including policy papers and/or reports.*

2023- 2024

SENIOR RESEARCH CONSULTANT- ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM

The Role of MSMEs in Fostering Inclusive and Equitable Sustainable Economic Growth in the Context of the Clean Energy Transition in MENA.

- *Designing the qualitative guidelines.*
- *Guiding and supervising the field work including data collection, transcribing and coding of IDIs and FGDs.*
- *Data analysis and writing the final qualitative report.*

2020- 2024

QUALITATIVE SENIOR EXPERT: THE EGYPTIAN CENTER FOR PUBLIC OPINIONS

Conducting in-depth qualitative research on various critical topics, including developing guides, data coding and analysis:

- *Assessment the situation of Sudanese refugees following their moving to Egypt as a result of conflicts in Sudan.*
- *COVID-19 vaccination among refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt*
- *Understanding the situation of school feeding programs in Egypt.*
- *Divorce in Egypt*

2022- 2023

SENIOR RESEARCH CONSULTANT- IDRC

Gender and Skills in the Digital Economy”, funded by IDRC through the JustJobs Network.

- *Conducting a comprehensive regional study on gender and skills in the digital economy in the MENA region, incorporating the results of the entire investigation.*
- *Preparing and composing the final report, presenting the study's key findings and recommendations.*
- *Crafting two compelling blog posts or op-eds to communicate the study's insights to a broader audience.*

2021- 2024

QUALITATIVE SENIOR EXPERT, SYNERIJIES FOR INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

- *Responsible for the qualitative component of a project on CAPMAS statistical system assessment.*

2021- 2022

QUALITATIVE SENIOR EXPERT: GIZ AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM.

- *Working on Implementation of Demand Oriented Labour Market Analysis Instruments/Indicators and Provide Technical Support to the Concept Development and Implementation of The National Forum on The Future of Work in Egypt.*

2020- 2023

QUALITATIVE TRAINER,

- *GIZ and Track 3 Consulting: Delivering a Thematic Trainings on Labour Market Information to Selected Staff of The Central and Regional Transition to Employment Administration of The Ministry of Education and Technical Education.*
- *The American University in Cairo: Delivering a Qualitative Research Methods Training.*
- *GIZ: Delivering a Qualitative training on Population indicators and Cinema.*
- *The National Council for women (NCW): Delivering a training on Data Analysis and Report Writing.*
- *Faculty of Economic and political science, Cairo University (FEPS): Delivering a training on Qualitative Analysis Using Dedoose (A qualitative program for research analysis)*

2014-2016

MEAL ADVISOR

- *Egypt Free of Virus C project funded By Misr El Kheer foundation (2016)*
- *End line evaluation for the project of Neqdar Nesharek Program: Successful Transition to Work for Young Women in Upper Egypt, Population Council, Egypt Office (June 2014).*

2021- 2022

SENIOR NATIONAL EXPERT – GIZ- ERF

- *Led the conceptual framework and structural design efforts for a multi-stakeholder national forum on the future of work in the capacity of a Senior National Expert at GIZ-ERF.*
- *Played a crucial role in the technical implementation of the mentioned national forum, overseeing both its development and execution.*
- *Successfully delivered two comprehensive reports. The first report focused on Work Arrangements in the Informal Sector and the Gig Economy/Digital Platform Economy in Egypt. The second report delved into the dynamics of Growing and Shrinking Occupations and the Demand for Skills in Egypt.*

EDUCATION

MAY 2023

PHD, IN SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, FACULTY OF ARTS, CAIRO UNIVERSITY

Thesis: Informal Practices Roles for Empowering Women to Attain Their Rights in Personal Status Field.

FEBREUARY 2010

M.A, IN SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, FACULTY OF ARTS, CAIRO UNIVERSITY

Thesis: Social Transformation and Non-Traditional Female Occupation: Field Study on the informal sector

MAY 2002

B.A, IN SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, FACULTY OF ARTS, CAIRO UNIVERSITY

2019- 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

FELLOWSHIP ON UNDERSTANDING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN THE ARAB WORLD.

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers and Reports

- Rasha Hassan, *Work Arrangements in the Informal Sector and Gig Economy/Digital Platform Economy in Egypt*, ERF Special Policy Research Report, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, 2023. [Work Arrangements in the Informal Sector and Gig Economy/Digital Platform Economy in Egypt - Economic Research Forum \(ERF\)](#)
- Rana Hendy Rasha Hassan, *Growing and Shrinking Occupations and the Demand for Skills in Egypt*
- ERF Special Policy Research Report, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, [Growing and Shrinking Occupations and the Demand for Skills in Egypt - Economic Research Forum \(ERF\)](#).
- Rasha Hassan, *Formal Litigation or Informal Mediation?! Egyptian Women's Struggle to Attain Their Personal Status Rights*, Herms Journal, Egypt, 2022(Forthcoming)
- Rasha Hassan, *The Role of Mediation in Family Dispute Resolutions*, Herms Journal, Egypt, 2022. (Forthcoming).
- Rasha Hassan, Rania Roushdy, Maia Sieverding, *An application of the ecological model to sexual harassment in informal areas of Cairo, Egypt*, Health Promotion International, 2021. daab175, <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daab175>
- Salma Nasser, Rasha Hassan, *Gendered Public Spaces and the Geography of Fear in Greater Cairo Slums*. *Global Social Welfare* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-021-00216-5>
- Maia Sieverding and Rasha Hassan. 2019. "Associations between economic vulnerability and health and wellbeing in Egypt." *Economic Research Forum Working Paper*, No. 1364. Cairo: Economic Research Forum.
- Maia Sieverding, Rania Roushdy, Rasha Hassan and Ahmed Ali. 2019. "Perceptions of service access in a context of marginalization: The case of young people in informal Greater Cairo." *Economic Research Forum Working Paper*, No. 1289. Cairo: Economic Research Forum
- Maia Sieverding and Rasha Hassan. 2016. "Her Future is Marriage: Young People's Attitudes towards

Gender Roles and the Gender Gap in Egypt” Cairo: Population Council

- *Rania Roushdy, Maia Sieverding, May Gadallah, Ali Rashed and Rasha Hassan. 2016 Survey of Young People in Informal Urban Areas of Greater Cairo (SYPE - IGC) 2016. “Cairo: Population Council” .*
- *Rasha Hassan and Manal Zakaria. 2012, “Youth Attitudes towards Social Justice: A Case Study of ‘We Are all Khalid Saeed’ Facebook page,” published in AUC conference “Social Justice: Theory, Research and Practice”.*
- *Rasha Hassan. 2008, “Clouds in Egypt's Sky - Sexual Harassment: from Verbal Harassment to Rape,” Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights.*
- *Nehad Abou El Komsan, Rasha Hassan. 2007, “The Impact of Election Violence on Democratic Transition and Women Participation,” Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights.*

Policy Briefs

- *Rasha Hassan, Maia Severding and Ahmed Ali, Youth Access to Services in informal settlements, policy brief, The Economic Research Forum (ERF), April 2020.*
- *Rasha Hassan, 2020, Disability and Employment policies in Egypt, policy brief, Alternative policy solutions, April 2020*
- *Rasha Hassan, 2020, Egypt’s Sexual Harassment Problem: Encouraging Reporting as a Possible Remedy, policy brief, Arab Barometer, March 2020.*

Books

- *Maia Sieverding and Rasha Hassan, Associations between Economic Vulnerability and Health and Wellbeing in Egypt (2022), The Egyptian Labor Market: A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability, Edited by Caroline Krafft and Ragui Assaad, Oxford University press.*