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Cairo, the capital of Egypt, is growing very quickly and it is one of the most crowded and polluted cities in the world. Cairo has a population of 9.6 million in the city center and over 23 million including its suburbs. In Cairo, the population has been increasing by 2% each year compared to the previous year for the last four years.

Fast increase in population affects housing, education, transportation and especially environment. It is too difficult for people to reach to good quality housing, education, and government services. Because of unplanned cities in Egypt, we come face to face with traffic problem as well. We spend lots of time on the road in daily life. It also causes to air pollution.

Many homes are built without good planning. About 40% of city areas are unplanned. It is hard for poor people to find good, cheap homes. We often live in areas without clean water or good roads.

Another big problem is that Egypt does not have enough water. This will get worse since population grows and the climate changes.

Because of all these problems, most of Egypt's cities are not developing well. This makes life harder for the people who live there.

We need to get good and affordable homes with the help of urban planning and we should expand public transportation like metro and bus systems and use smart traffic lights to reduce traffic. This will help to decrease air pollution as well. We can set up new filtering systems to get clean water.

When we provide urban planning and green public transportation and use technology for creating smart cities, we can get clean, safe and sustainable cities in our country. We need help from everyone, everywhere, right now. Join us now to overcome these urban challenges and build a better future for Egypt.

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