Newton-Mosharafa Fund - Project Brief

The Newton-Mosharafa Fund is £50 million, seven year science and innovation partnership between the UK and Egypt.

It aims to advance the capacity of the Egyptian science sector; increase the amount of quality scientific research and innovation being carried out in Egypt; and help mitigate social and economic challenges in Egypt through the development of new research and innovation. Through all of this work, we aim to establish and maintain sustainable, long term and mutual beneficial partnerships between the British and Egyptian science and innovation sectors.

The Fund will cover three areas of activity:

(i) **People**: building the skills and knowledge of British and Egyptian scientists through training and researcher mobility schemes

(ii) **Programmes**: supporting British and Egyptian scientists conduct joint research projects on development topics

(iii) **Translation**: ensuring that the research being done in universities and research centres can be commercialised or otherwise harnessed for the benefit of wider society

It will support activities through priority themes as suggested by the Egyptian government:

- Sustainable water management
- Renewable energy
- Sustainable food production
- Archaeology and cultural heritage
- Affordable and inclusive healthcare

**Funding**
The Newton-Mosharafa Fund in Egypt is financed jointly by the UK and Egyptian Government. The funding on the UK side comes from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. In Egypt, the funding is contributed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

**Partners**
The Newton Mosharafa fund is delivered by several delivery partners among them the British Council in partnership with the science and technology development fund and the Central department of Missions

**Global Newton Fund**
The Newton Fund builds research and innovation partnerships with 17 active partner countries to support their economic development and social welfare. It forms part of the UK’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment and its primary focus is to develop partner countries’ research and innovation capacity for long-term sustainable growth. It has a total UK Government investment of £735 million up until 2021, with matched resources from the partner countries.
The Newton Fund is managed by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and delivered through 7 UK delivery partners, which includes UK Research and Innovation (comprising the 7 research councils and Innovate UK), the UK Academies, the British Council and the Met Office.

For further information visit the Newton Fund website (www.newtonfund.ac.uk) and follow via Twitter: @NewtonFund. Tackling global challenges – such as extreme weather conditions, urbanisation, access to affordable health care, food and energy security, and meeting the social and economic needs of a growing population – requires an integrated research and innovation approach, bringing together communities from different disciplines, sectors, and countries in high-quality collaborations.