STEP Success Story: Creating a Market for Energy Efficient Motors in Egypt

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Key Milestones

- On September 23, 2020, the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI) issued Ministerial Decree 463/2020 to enforce the labelling of motors, mandating higher energy efficiency standards for select electric motors.

- The decree is the outcome of the Smart Technology and Energy Efficient Production Program (STEP), an engagement with MoTI aimed at reducing industrial energy consumption by encouraging the adoption of energy efficient motors and promoting the growth of local energy efficient manufacturing in Egypt.

Key Impacts Achieved:

- $150M+ created in private sector savings
- 1.1M+ metric tonnes saved in greenhouse gas emissions
- 2100+ GWh of energy savings generated
- $70M+ resulted private-sector led investments and mobilization of cross-border capital to create energy efficient technology manufacturing
Unpacking the Problems that Sparked the Creation of STEP?

- **Energy crisis**, including rapid fuel demand combined with falling production levels.
- **Pressure to maintain electricity production** to keep up with consumption.
- **Subsidized energy leading to distortions** in markets and private sector activity.
- **Removal of subsidies and rising energy prices** impacting the private sector’s competitiveness, given that industry’s cost structures and production systems were built based on access to subsidized energy.

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**Oil production and consumption trends (2003 - 2013)**

Source: Data extracted from BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2014

**Trend in total exports and imports of petroleum products (2001-2010)**

Source: Data extracted from BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2014

While these data capture pre-2014 consumption and production trends, the challenge continues today.
The Egyptian Motor Supply Market

- The majority of motors had no efficiency marking and/or were rewound and of significantly lower efficiency than class IE1.
- At least half of the motors were over 10 years old or far over the lifetime of the motor according to its size. Almost all of these motors (96 percent) were rewound – (rewinding further reduces efficiency).
- 70 percent of the motors surveyed were small (less than 10 HP (7.5 kW));
- 95 percent of motors were imported.
STEP Program Design: Objective and Components

Objective:
To support access to energy efficient motors through policies that encourage their use and enabling investment and manufacturing of relevant technologies.

I. Standards & Labelling (S&L) Program for Industrial Motors
To develop the regulatory framework and tools needed to strengthen and accelerate programs supporting energy efficiency and to improve the overall feasibility and attractiveness of industry specific energy efficiency solutions.

II. Clean Technology Manufacturing
To support the development of a local energy efficient motor market that can serve the developing demand of energy efficient motors as a result of adopting motor standards and labelling.

The program was implemented in partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry and its affiliates, including the Egyptian National Cleaner Production Center (ENCPC), the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC), the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS), and the Industrial Control Authority (ICA).
Ingredients for STEP’s Successful Roll-Out

Solid analytical underpinnings to support program design and implementation

- 14 analytical and technical reports were developed to build the case for the potential for energy savings, increased industry competitiveness, and greater resilience.

Dialogue: stakeholder ownership and consensus-building

- More than 40 stakeholder consultations and workshops with more than 950 industry stakeholders from the public and private sectors were held.
Ingredients for STEP’s successful roll-out

Developing and publishing decree, and preparation for market checks and enforcement:

• STEP played a key role in engaging with relevant private and public stakeholders to build consensus around the decree text, which was drafted in line with best practice.

• IFC facilitated discussions between MoTI and ABB International to procure and set up a testing lab at GOEIC in line with the technical recommendations provided by IFC, and which was inaugurated by H.E. the Minister of Trade and Industry in September 2022.

• Three other labs were procured in 2021 by the GoE and are now operational to check the minimum performance standard of motors as mandated by the decree’s second provision.
Ingredients for STEP’s successful roll-out

Leveraging global expertise for project design, implementation, and decree formulation

• Egyptian stakeholders traveled to Korea in 2014, 2015, and 2018 and completed a study tour to the Danish Technological Institute in 2017 to learn about policy reforms carried out in Korea and Denmark. The trips distilled lessons that could be applied to Egypt's advantage and built partnerships for future engagements.
Lessons Learned

Providing reliable and actionable information to all program participants is a necessary and critical first step for program success.

Developing trust among key players and incorporating the private sector at an early stage is the foremost condition for lasting success.

Government organizations have unique procedures and need to be brought together to ensure coordination and cooperation.

True success takes time
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