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HARASSMAP

HarassMap—an International Development Research Centre (IDRC)-supported non-profit network that has created crowdsourcing tools and social campaigns to confront sexual harassment—has made waves in Egypt since its founding in 2010. Last year, HarassMap's ground-breaking work helped Cairo University adopt an anti-sexual harassment policy—the first public university in the Middle East to do so. The network has inspired and trained a host of other campaigns to end abuse, and produced myth-busting research

on harassers and their victims. By testing and promoting harassment-free “safe areas,” it has helped to shift social norms so that bystanders confront and report abuse. With support from IDRC, the Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research is learning from HarassMap's experience with crowdsourcing information to tackle other challenges, such as petty corruption in Egypt. HarassMap, meanwhile, is exploring how its model can be used to fight sexual harassment in other countries.