

Hoda El-Enbaby

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I am a public health economist and a final year PhD student in Health Economics and Policy at Lancaster University. My professional background spans more than 12 years in regional and international research organizations. I have extensive experience in conducting economic research and applying quantitative econometric techniques, using STATA software. My expertise includes carrying out impact evaluation studies, focusing on the impact of social protection policies on health outcomes. I have publications in distinguished peer-reviewed journals. I am particularly drawn to roles that leverage rigorous research to serve evidence-based policymaking.

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Health Economics and Policy, Lancaster University

Sept. 2020 – Present

The first thesis chapter explores the impact of Egypt's flagship conditional cash transfer (CCT) programme "Takaful" on female beneficiaries' anxiety levels, using a regression discontinuity design. The chapter has been published in Economics and Human Biology. The second chapter exploits a natural experiment from the pilot of Egypt's newly introduced Universal Health Coverage (UHC) programme, to assess its impact on out-of-pocket health spending.

MSc in Economics, The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Sept. 2012 – June 2013

Specialization course: Public Economics. The MSc dissertation estimated the contribution of circumstances compared to efforts (i.e. inequality of opportunity) in asset ownership in Egypt using household data. The dissertation has been extended to cover earnings and was published as a co-authored paper in Applied Economics.

BA in Economics, The American University in Cairo (AUC)

Sept. 2007 – Feb. 2011

*Cumulative GPA: 3.97/ 4.0 – Summa Cum Laude (Highest honors)
Minor in Business Administration*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant

Sept. 2020 – May 2024

Development Strategies and Governance Division, The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

- Contributed to the design of a quasi-experimental study for the follow-up evaluation of Egypt's conditional cash transfer (CCT) programme "Takaful and Karama."
- Co-authored the Takaful evaluation study report, working papers and peer-reviewed journals publications.
- Analyzed household survey datasets using STATA, for reports and papers.
- Led and supported a team of two research assistants in conducting data analysis and preparing tables and figures necessary for the Takaful impact evaluation report.
- Documented, cleaned and prepared Egypt's CCT "Takaful and Karama" Baseline Household Survey dataset, for publication on IFPRI's website.

Senior Researcher

May 2024 – Dec. 2024

Research Assistant

May 2021 – Jul. 2021

Department of Health Research and Department of Economics, Lancaster University

- Independently drafted a report chapter on non-farm household enterprises in Vietnam, based on analysis conducted using Vietnam Access to Resources Household Survey.
- Conducted a literature review on the impact of opioid replacement therapies on crime rates to guide public policy on the potential of using a new treatment in enhancing community well-being.

Research Associate**Apr. 2017 – Jul. 2020****Senior Research Assistant****Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2017****Egypt Strategy Support Program, The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

- Co-authored and led drafting research papers, policy notes and reports on a variety of topics.
- Conducted econometric analysis using STATA, and qualitative analysis using NVivo.
- Presented IFPRI's research in conferences, seminars, workshops and policy-level policy events.
- Acted as the liaison between IFPRI and implementing partners, donors, sister international organizations and government bodies.
- Managed multiple research projects simultaneously, including a nationwide impact evaluation study, overseeing all steps from evaluation design, proposal writing, survey design, enumerators' training, data collection, data analysis and report writing.
- Led and participated in pilot-testing surveys, carrying out field visits, and conducting interviews and focus group discussions for nationwide quantitative and qualitative evaluation studies.
- Supported, delegated work and provided technical guidance to research assistants within the team.
- Organized seminar series, which is a platform inviting academics and policymakers to discuss IFPRI's research findings.

Researcher**June 2013 – Nov. 2015****Research Department, The Economic Research Forum (ERF)**

- Contributed to writing research papers and reports, some of which as a research assistant and others as a co-author.
- Conducted econometric analysis using both macro- and microdata.
- Coordinated calls for proposals, managed contractual agreements, payments and project deliverables.
- Participated in the organization of ERF's conferences, workshops and national policy dialogues.
- Handled ERF's online data portal and responded to data users' queries.

Economist**Sept. 2012 – May 2013****Research Department, Beltone Financial**

- Prepared daily briefs on macroeconomic developments in Egypt and Gulf countries.
- Tracked policy changes and performance of economic indicators in countries under coverage.
- Assisted senior economists in formulating and updating economic models for analysis and forecasting.
- Drafted economic reports and conference notes on macroeconomic variables in countries under study.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Teaching Assistant, Introduction and Intermediate Macroeconomics****Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009****Economics Department, The American University in Cairo, Egypt**

- Tutored students during office hours to strengthen their understanding of macroeconomic concepts.
- Delivered problem sessions to students and evaluated assignments and exams.

COURSES

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) 2017
- Evaluating Social Programs, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) 2015
- Training Workshop on Measurements of Inequality of Opportunity and Inequality of Outcomes 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 35th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) Jan. 2015
- 2nd Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS) Conference Mar. 2015
- 21st Economic Research Forum (ERF) Annual Conference Mar. 2015
- 22nd Economic Research Forum (ERF) Annual Conference Mar. 2016

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient use of STATA and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote).
- Working knowledge of NVivo
- Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), and French (intermediate).

AWARDS

- Winner of Ibn Khaldun Award for 2015, presented by Middle East Economic Association, for the paper “Do SPS Measures Matter for Trade Margins? Evidence from Firm-Level Data”.
- Dean’s List of Honor, Honor Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship, AUC (2007 – 2011).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publications

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Daniel O. Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Yumna Kassim, and Sikandra Kurdi. “Cash Transfers, Gender Norms, and Women’s Control over Decision-Making in Egypt.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1086/732909>.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Bruce Hollingsworth, Jean-Francois Maystadt, and Saurabh Singhal. “Cash Transfers and Mental Health in Egypt.” *Economics and Human Biology*, vol. 54, 2024, p. 101396. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2024.101396>.

Abay, Kibrom A., Lina Abdelfattah, Hoda El-Enbaby, Mai Mahmoud, and Clemens Breisinger. “Plot Size and Sustainable Input Intensification in Smallholder Irrigated Agriculture: Evidence from Egypt.” *Agricultural Economics*, vol. 53, 2022, pp. 792–810. <https://doi.org/10.1111/agec.12736>.

Galal, Rami, and Hoda El-Enbaby. “Inequality of Opportunity in Earnings and Assets in Egypt.” *Applied Economics*, vol. 52, no. 38, 2020, pp. 4146–4161. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2020.1731409>.

Breisinger, Clemens, Hagar ElDidi, Hoda El-Enbaby, Daniel Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Yumna Kassim, Sikandra Kurdi, Amir Hamza Jilani, and Giang Thai. *Egypt’s Takaful and Karama Cash Transfer Program: Evaluation of Program Impacts and Recommendations*. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Oct. 2018. <https://doi.org/10.2499/9780896295964>.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Rana Hendy, and Chahir Zaki. “Do SPS Measures Matter for Margins of Trade? Evidence from Firm-Level Data.” *Applied Economics*, vol. 48, no. 21, 2016, pp. 1949–1964. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2015.1111987>.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Rana Hendy, and Chahir Zaki. “The Impact of Standards on Egyptian Trade: Evidence from SPS Measures.” *Topics in Middle Eastern and African Economies*, vol. 17, no. 2, May 2015. <http://meeasites.luc.edu/volume17/pdfs/Enbaby-Hendy-Zaki.pdf>.

Chapters in Edited Books

El-Enbaby, Hoda, and Hoda Selim. "Fiscal Outcomes in Bahrain: Resource Volatility, Fiscal Institutions or Politics?" *Institutions and Macroeconomic Policies in Resource-Rich Arab Economies*, edited by Kamiar Mohaddes, Jeffrey B. Nugent, and Hoda Selim, Oxford UP, 2019. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/institutions-and-macroeconomic-policies-in-resource-rich-arab-economies-9780198822226>.

Policy Briefs

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Olivier Ecker, Jose Luis Figueroa, Jef L. Leroy, and Clemens Breisinger. *Leveraging Agricultural Interventions for Improving Nutrition in Egypt*. MENA Policy Note 1, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2019. <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.133272>.

Reports

Singhal, Saurabh, Smriti Sharma, Finn Tarp, Alessandra Hidalgo Arestegui, Ariana De Cross, Hoda El-Enbaby, and Timothy Kell-Fien, *Characteristics of the Vietnamese Rural Economy: Evidence from a 2020 Rural Household Survey in 12 Provinces of Vietnam*, 2022, DERG, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, and Clemens Breisinger. "Social Protection Responses to COVID in the Middle East and North Africa: The Case of Egypt." *Leveraging Food Systems to Reduce Poverty and Malnutrition*, edited by A. Raza and F. Soares, *Policy in Focus*, vol. 18, no. 1, Dec. 2020, FAO and International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG). <https://doi.org/10.4060/cb2498en>

Kurdi, Sikandra, Clemens Breisinger, Hagar ElDidi, Hoda El-Enbaby, Daniel Gilligan, and Naureen Karachiwalla. "Targeting Social Safety Nets Using Proxy Means Tests: Evidence from Egypt's Takaful and Karama Program." *Boosting Growth to End Hunger by 2025: The Role of Social Protection*, edited by Fleur Stephanie Wouterse and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018, pp. 135–153. https://doi.org/10.2499/9780896295988_10.

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Working Papers

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Dalia Elsabbagh, Daniel Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Bastien Koch, and Sikandra Kurdi. *Impact Evaluation Report: Egypt's Takaful Cash Transfer Program: Second Round Report*. MENA RP Working Paper 40. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2022. <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136395>.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Daniel Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Yumna Kassim, and Sikandra Kurdi. *Cash Transfers and Women's Control over Decision-Making and Labor Supply in Egypt*. MENA RP Working Paper 25. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2019. <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.133538>.

El-Enbaby, Hoda, Olivier Ecker, Jose Luis Figueroa, Jef L. Leroy, and Clemens Breisinger. *Characteristics of Smallholder Farm Households in Upper Egypt: Implications for Nutrition-Sensitive Agricultural Interventions*. MENA RP Working

Paper 20. Washington, DC, and Cairo, Egypt: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2019.

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ElDidi, Hagar, Hoda El-Enbaby, Yumna Kassim, Sikandra Kurdi, Patti Petesch, Yasmine Moataz, and Karim-Yassin Goessinger. *Impact Evaluation Study for Egypt's Takaful and Karama Cash Transfer Program: Part 2: Qualitative Report*. MENA RP Working Paper 15. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018.

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El-Enbaby, Hoda, and Hoda Selim. *Fiscal Outcomes in Bahrain: Oil Price Volatility, Fiscal Institutions or Politics?* ERF Working Paper 1234. Cairo: Economic Research Forum (ERF), 2018. <http://erf.org.eg/publications/fiscal-outcomes-in-bahrain-oil-price-volatility-fiscal-institutions-or-politics/>.

Abdelaziz, Fatma, Hoda El-Enbaby, Xiaobo Zhang, and Clemens Breisinger. *Clusters as Drivers of Local Industrial Development in Egypt: Which Are the Promising Sectors and Locations?* MENA RP Working Paper 10. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018.

<http://ebrary.ifpri.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15738coll2/id/132731>.

Figueroa, Jose Luis, Mai Mahmoud, and Hoda El-Enbaby. *The Role of Agriculture and Agro-Processing for Development in Tunisia*. MENA RP Working Paper 9. Washington, DC, and Cairo, Egypt: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018. <http://ebrary.ifpri.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15738coll2/id/132555>.

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