



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the Occasion of **The International day for Eradication of Poverty**

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Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics issued on 16/ 10 /2014 a press release on the occasion of the international day for eradicate poverty, which was celebrated on 17th of October yearly since 1993, Where the General Assembly of the United Nations identified this day to promote the awareness of the need to reduce poverty, as one of the priorities of development and decrease the percentage of extreme poverty by 2015.

Extreme poverty (food poverty) is defined as the inability of an individual or family to obtain the basic food needs. While poverty in its general definition reflects the inability of an individual or family to obtain their basic needs of food and non-food as (food, clothing, housing, health, education and transportation).

Poverty indicators are extracted from Income, Expenditure and Consumption Surveys that are conducted by the National Statistical Offices all over the world. Periodicity of implementing such survey vary from one country to another. Most of which conduct such survey every 5 years. As for Egypt, such survey is conducted every two years since 2008, and the last survey was conducted during 2012/ 2013.

The most important indicators of poverty from the Income, Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2012/2013

- **26.3% of the Egyptian population are poor and 4.4% are in extreme poverty**
 - The poverty percentage increased from 21.6% of the total of population in 2008/2009 to 26.3 % in 2012/2013.
 - The extreme poverty percentage decreased between Egyptians from 6.1% of the total of population in 2008/2009 to 4.4% in 2012/2013.

Poor percentage according to the total poverty measurement 2008/2009- 2012/2013



Poor percentage according to extreme poverty measurement 2008/2009- 2012/2013



- **Half of the population in rural Upper Egypt are poor**
 - The poor percentage increased from 43.7% in rural Upper Egypt in 2008/2009 to 49.4% in 2012/2013, also increased from 21.3% in Urban upper Egypt in 2008/2009 to 26.7% in 2012/2013.
 - The poor ratio increased in rural Lower Egypt from 16.7% in 2008/2009 to 17.4% in 2012/2013, also increased from 7.3% in urban Lower Egypt in 2008/2009 to 11.7% in 2012/2013.
- **The richest and poorest governorates**
 - The Red Sea governorate is the lowest percentage of poverty by 2%, Suez 5%, Damietta 10%, and Gharbia 11%.
 - Asyout governorate is the most poverty governorate by 60%, Qena 58% Suhag 55%, Luxor 47%).

- **Decline in Poverty Rate in Upper Egypt between 2010/2011,2012/2013**

A remarkable improvement was measured in poverty rate in the major part of Upper Egypt governorates between 2010/2011, 2012/2013 the most important is Aswan governorate , decreased by (54% to 39%), followed by Asyout which recorded the highest poverty rate , as it declined from (69% to 60%) then Fayoum governorate from (41% to 36%).

Such decline may be due to the increasing care for development program in upper Egypt

- **37% of illiterate are poor**

Poor percentage of illiterate persons reached to 37% in 2012/2013 compared to 9% between persons who have a university degree.

- **67% Between individuals in household(10 persons and more) are poor**

67% Between individuals in household (10 persons and more) are poor compared to 7% between individuals in household (1-3 persons) while it reached 38% between individuals in household (6-7 persons).

- **36% of workers in the private sector outside the institution are poor in 2013**

- The percentage of poor workers in the private sector outside the institution (6 years and over) increased from 30% in 2008/2009 to 36% in 2012/2013.
- The percentage of persons of poor workers in the governmental sector from 11% in 2008/2009 to 13% in 2012/2013.
- 30% of poor workers are employed in non-permanent work (Intermittent), while this percentage decreased to 15% of non-poor in 2012/2013.

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