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PRESS RELEASE

On the occasion of the World Children's Day 2022

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics has issued a press release on November 20th,2022, on the occasion of the World Children's Day, on which the United Nations General Assembly declared the Rights of Child in 1959. Due to the importance of childhood in which habits and basic values are acquired and human personality is formed, Egypt CAPMAS has issued a press release to highlight the most important indicators of children in Egypt and the world, this year, it is celebrated under the slogan "Inclusion, For Every Child".

The most important statistical indicators:

Children in the world:

- Number of populations under the age of 18 has reached around 2.4 billion children of the world's population; at a rate of 30%, and India as it reached 434 million is the highest country in the world.
- Dropout rate in primary education is 10.8%, and 13.2% for preparatory education.
- Under- five mortality rate in 2020 was 36.6 per thousand live children.
- 149 million children under five are stunted, 45 million are underweight and 39 million are overweight.
- Globally, significant progress has been made towards universal primary education, with net enrollment rate reaching 87% in 2021, and nearly four out of every five children enrolled completed this stage successfully.

Children in the Arab countries:

- Number of children in Arab countries has reached around 179 million children. Egypt represents the largest country in terms of number of children, reaching 41.5 million children.
- Somalia has recorded the highest under- five mortality rate (2020), reaching 114.6 per thousand live children.
- The highest percentage of children living under poverty line in Arab countries is in Yemen, at 51.5%.



The most important statistical indicators for children in Egypt, according to CAPMAS statistics:

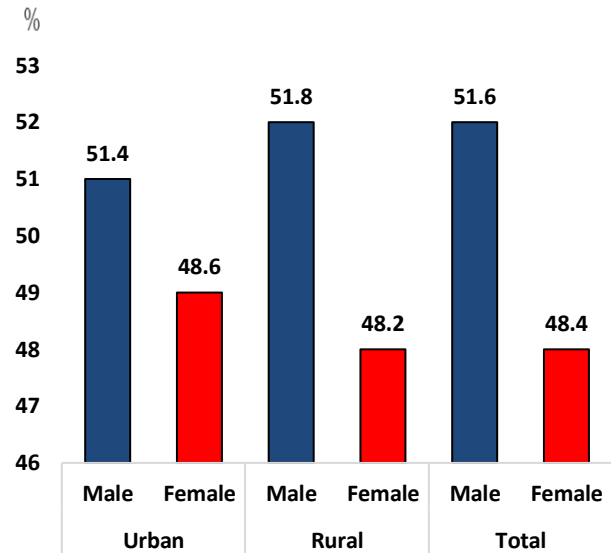
- Number of children under 18 years old according to EGYPT CAPMAS population estimates in 2022.

- Number of children (under 18 years) in Egypt has reached 41.5 million (21.4 million males, 51.6%, and 20 million females, 48.4%) in July 2022.

- Total number of children in rural areas has reached 25.3 million (13.1 million males, 51.8%, 12.2 million females, 48.2%).

- Total number of children in urban areas reached 16.2 million (8.3 million males, 51.4%, and 7.9 million females, 48.6%).

Percentage distribution of children by place of residence and gender in 2022



- **Education Indicators:**

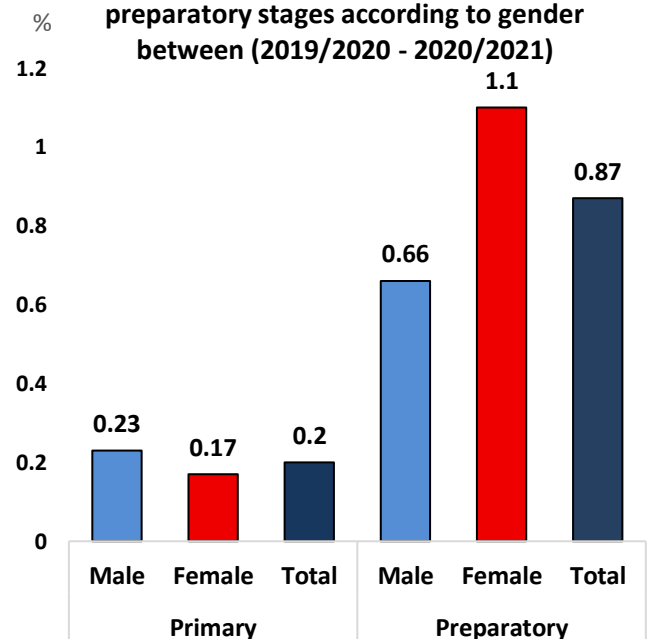
- **Dropout of Education**

- Dropout rate is high in preparatory stage, reaching 0.87% (43351), compared to 0.2% (25380) in primary stage.

- For primary stage, the dropout rate for males reaching 0.23% (14979), compared to 0.17% (10401) for females.

- For preparatory stage, the dropout rates for females rise, reaching 1.1% (26720), compared to 0.66% (16631) for males.

Dropout rates for the primary and preparatory stages according to gender between (2019/2020 - 2020/2021)





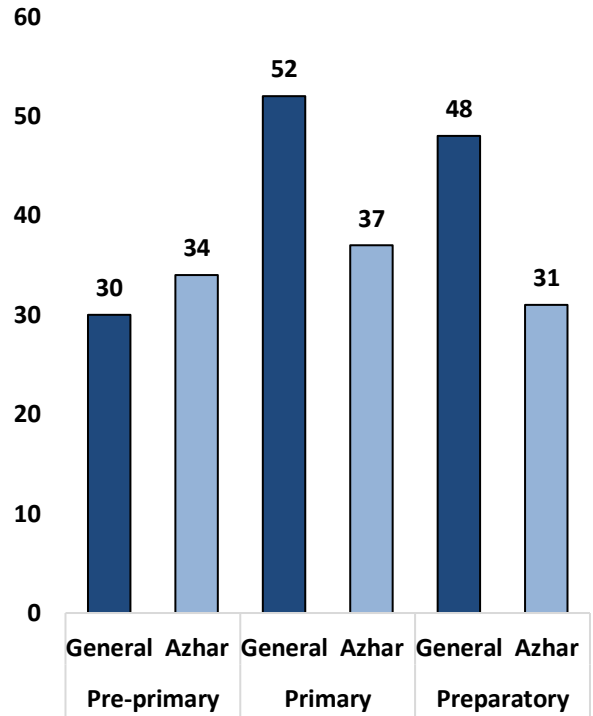
• **Density of classes in the educational stages**

- Classroom density is one of indicators for measuring quality of education. Classroom density in general pre-primary education reached 30 students/class, while in Al-Azhar pre-primary schools it reached 34 students/class.

- As for Primary education, classroom density in general primary education was 52 students/class, while it reached 37 students/class in Al-Azhar primary education.

-Classroom density in general preparatory education was 48 students/class compared to 31 students/class for Al-Azhar preparatory education.

Density of classes in general and Azhar education stages in (2021-2022)



• **Children Health Indicators:**

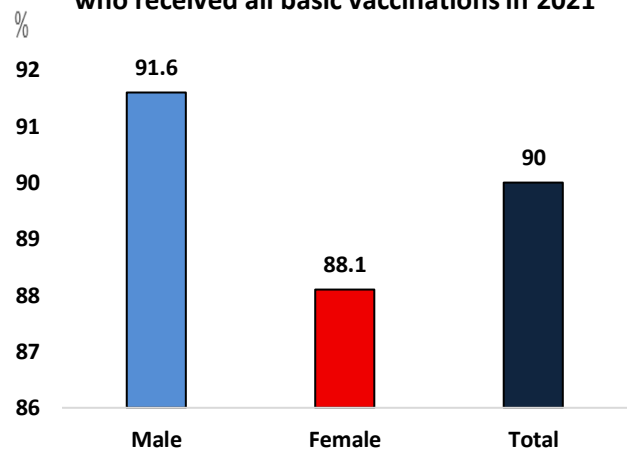
• **Vaccinations**

-90% of children aged 18-29 months received all basic vaccinations.

- This percentage is higher in rural areas than in urban areas by (92.2% and 85.6%), respectively.

- While their percentage increased among males over females by (91.6% and 88.1%), respectively.

Percentage of children aged 18-29 months who received all basic vaccinations in 2021



• Nutritional Status Indicators

Nutritional indicators of children under five indicate their health status. A clear improvement in nutritional status of children under five has been recorded as follows:

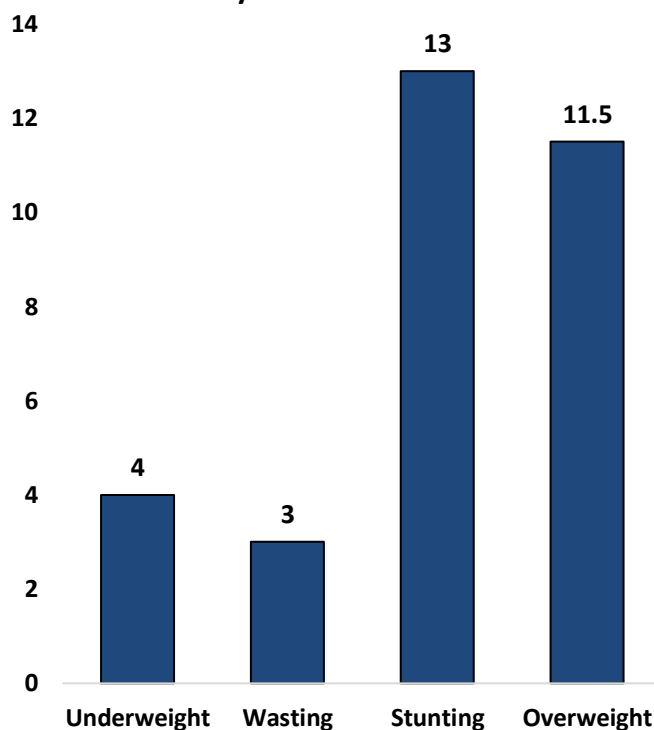
-Percentage of children in 2021 who were underweight (weight/age) was 4%, compared to 6% in 2014.

- Percentage of children in 2021 who suffered from underweight (weight for height) was 3%, compared to 8% in 2014.

- Percentage of children in 2021 who suffered from stunting (height/age) reached 13%, compared to 21% in 2014.

-Percentage of children in 2021 who were overweight reached 11.5%, compared to 15% in 2014.

Percentage of children under five affected by malnutrition in 2021

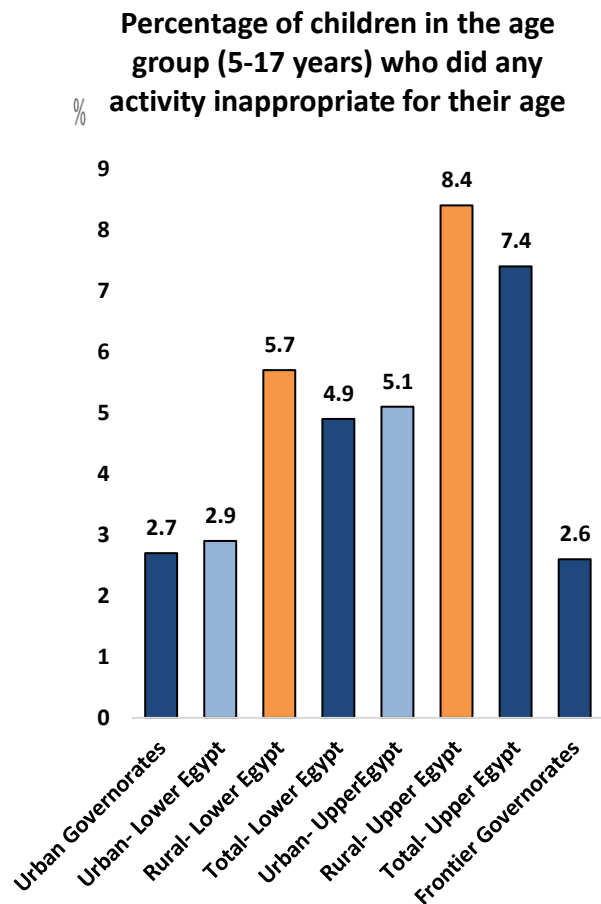


• Child Mortality

- The mortality rate for children (1-4 years) of age decreased to 3 children per 1,000 live births in 2021, compared to 5 children per 1,000 live births in 2014.

• **Child Labor Indicators:**

- Percentage of child labor aged 5-17 years who did economic activities or household chores decreased to 5.6% compared to 7% in 2014.
- The highest percentage of child labor was in Upper Egypt, which reached 7.4%, while the lowest percentage of child labor was in the Frontier and urban governorates, where it was recorded (2.6% and 2.7%, respectively).
- By comparing percentage of child labor between urban and rural areas, it became clear that percentage of child labor in rural areas is the highest, reaching 8.4% in Rural Upper Egypt and 5.7% in Rural Lower Egypt.



Children's Social Care

- Number of nurseries affiliated with Ministry of Social Solidarity increased to 16,505, while the number of children enrolled in them decreased to 821,898 children in 2021.
- Number of nurseries for children deprived of family care reached 42, and the number of children enrolled in them reached 786 children in 2021.

Cultural Care for Children

- Number of children's clubs reached 379 in total Republic, and the number of children in it reached 18,504 children.
- Number of children's libraries reached 566 libraries in total Republic, and the number of children in it reached 38,727 children.
- The number of children's gardens reached 56 gardens in total, and the number of children in it reached 46022 children.

The State's Efforts to Protect the Rights of the Child:

The state cares greatly for children, as the child is the basic building block for future generations. This role is manifested by implementation of many initiatives, including:

- A presidential initiative entitled "Early detection and treatment of hearing impairment and loss in newborns" was launched in September 2019, where 2 million and 650 thousand and 225 newborns were surveyed, since the launch of the initiative until February 2022.
- Launching a presidential initiative for early detection of genetic diseases for newborns in July 2021, whereby 7 centers were allocated and equipped to treat genetic diseases, and these centers are being expanded successively to include all governorates of the Republic, in addition to allocating 18 clinics for genetic counseling in the governorates to receive children with genetic diseases and provide treatment for them.
- An initiative was launched to treat muscular dystrophy patients in July 2021, where 24 clinics were allocated in the governorates to receive and diagnose cases. 413 muscular dystrophy cases were diagnosed after conducting the necessary clinical and genetic tests, and 28 children with spinal muscular atrophy were injected with gene therapy.
- A presidential initiative under the title "Speak Arabic" was launched in December 2020 to link Egyptians abroad to their homeland and teach Arabic. The initiative

targets age groups from 3 to 6 years as a first stage, from 6 to 12 years as a second stage, and from 12 to 18 years as a third stage.

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