Situation In Egypt

Learn more about the social, economic and health conditions in Egypt to gain a better understanding of the current situation facing those in need. These statistics were taken from the latest United Nations Human Development Report.

* Representing purchasing power of $2 US and $1 US, respectively, in the United States, not that of value when converted to local currency. You can view the UN Human Development report in its entirety by following the link below.


Population
Current Population, 2012 80.7 million

Population growth (annual %), 2011 1.7

Projected Population 2025 100.9 million

GNI per capita, Atlas method (current US$), 2012 3,000

International Poverty Line

Population living under US$2 per day* 43.9%

Population living under US$1 per day* 3.4%
Number of children living under US$2 per day* 1.4 million

Number of children living under US$1 per day* 15.6 million

National Poverty Line

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Number of children living under the national poverty line, 2008 7 million

The poorest 20% of the population benefit from only 9% of the country's wealth.

The average poverty rate in Egypt's poorest 1000 villages is 52%. A word of caution is that almost 63% of the Egyptian poor live outside these villages.

Health & Education

Prevalence of underweight children (<5), 2008-2012 6%

Households with access to improved sanitation, total 46.6%

Households with access to improved sanitation, rural 17.7%
Households with access to improved sanitation, urban  
82.6%

Adult (15+) Illiteracy Rate, 2012  
26.1%

Unemployment Rate

Below secondary educational level  
2.3%

Secondary educational level  
61.8%

University educational level  
26.8%

Wage earners (% of labor force 15+)  
30.9%

Life Expectancy

US  
Egypt

Women  
81.3  
71.7

Men  
76.7  
68.2

Economy

Inflation, GDP deflator (annual %), 2012  
12.4

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Sources: UNDP 2008 Egypt Human Development Report; The World Bank 2009 World Development Indicators; UNICEF, Child Poverty and Disparities in Egypt; Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics, Arab Republic of Egypt