



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the Occasion of **World Day for Poverty Eradication 2018** **Egypt will decrease poverty to half by 2020**

The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued on 17 /10/2018 a press release on the occasion of World Day for Fighting against Poverty, which is celebrated on 17 October each year. The General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted it since 1993 to promote awareness of poverty reduction and extreme poverty in all countries, especially in developing countries.

The 2018 theme of celebration: Meeting those who have fallen far behind to build a comprehensive global world that enjoy universal respect for human rights and dignity.

The national strategy for sustainable development aims to decrease poverty in all its dimensions to half among men, women and children by 2020 and to eradicate poverty totally by 2030".

The following are the government's efforts to achieve social protection for the poor and to get rid of poverty through:

1- Conditional Cash Support Program "Takaful and Dignity":

- "Takaful and Dignity Program" is a program that provide a cash support to poor families, to ensure that children are healthy and well nourished, to keep them in school for education, and to reduce negative phenomena such as dropouts, child labor and street children.
- "Takaful and Dignity Program" has been implemented in March 2015, and the number of beneficiaries from this program reached 2 million and 250 thousand families until September 2018 from all governorates of the Republic.
- In the Takaful program, 89% of the beneficiaries were women, while only 11% were from men in villages for families below the poverty line in 27 governorates.
- The cost of the program since its launch so far is 23 billion and 921 million pounds in 2018.

2- Support Provision Goods: -

- There was an expansion of the subsidy program by increasing the value of subsidize per capita of monthly provision card per capita to 50 pounds in June 2017 instead of 15 pounds in June 2015.
- Implementing the new subsidized bread system in 27 governorates, allocating 150 loaves per month for each citizen, supporting basic food commodities which is called support of provision goods, Therefore, about 19 million families are obtaining support that provide them access to basic commodities.

3- "The First Thousand Days of the Child's Life" program

- The program benefits 16,000 women registered in "Takaful and Dignity" Program in 10 governorates of Upper Egypt, as well as food awareness and community awareness.
- The program requires regular visits of beneficiary women to health centers to obtain free folic acid and iron tablets for pregnant women and vitamin A tablets, as well as iron for lactating women. Children receive vitamin(A) with periodic immunization vaccines.

4- Disease Protection Programs (Health Care for the Poor)

- This program aims to provide health care and health insurance for school students. A new program called, "Health Care for the Poor," which was also launched in Upper Egypt in March 2015, was added to this system.
- The health coverage targets the poorest of the poor and the most important programs implemented by the government are designed with great success. The program of treatment of hepatitis C patients, which provided treatment for 835 thousand patients, costs the country budget 2.9 billion pounds.

5 - A Decent Housing Program:

- The program aims to achieve sustainable improvement for the health and environmental conditions of poor households.
- It targeted the poorest 5 governorates in Egypt that are suffering from problems such as drinking water connections and sanitation connections and raising the efficiency of homes and exceed the poverty rates by 50%, which are Assiut, Sohag, Minya, Luxor, and Qena to about 64 thousand families.

6- Program " Kefaya 2"

- "Kefaya 2" program aims at reducing the population increase among the beneficiaries of "Takaful" cash support.
- It targets 1,148,861 women between the ages of (18 - 49 years) with 3 children per household in the poorest governorates of Beheira, Giza , Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, Sohag, Qena, Luxor and Aswan with a total funding of of LE 85 million.

7 - Economic Empowerment and Paying Attention to Women (Mastoura Loan Program)

- This program aims at empowering women economically by financing small and micro projects that transform them into productive energy.
- The project started from 19/11/2017 , The number of projects implemented through the project reached 12 thousand projects with a total value of 192 million pounds through of "Mastoura" loan project.
- Commercial projects are at the forefront of the projects implemented by the beneficiaries and they reached about 5365 projects with a total value of LE 68 million pounds.
- It is followed by animal production projects by about 4585 projects with a total value of LE 81 million pounds.
- The industrial projects amounted to 477 projects by a value close to 7 million pounds, and the rest of the projects vary between service and domestic projects with a total number of 1562 project of a value 19 million pounds.

Source of Data:

- 1- Ministry of Finance Website: Primary Financial Statement of the Country Budget Project for the Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019
<http://www.mof.gov.eg/Arabic/Pages/Home.aspx>
- 2- Ministry of Social Solidarity

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