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On the occasion of the International Day of elderly people **8.6% of elderly person of total population 2023**

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 1 / 10 /2023 on the occasion of the international day of elderly people (60 years and over), Whereas, it is celebrated by the world on the first day of October of each year and designated by the United Nations at its meeting on December 14, 1990, with the aim of spreading awareness among individuals and communities about the importance of this day, the necessity to care for the elderly and preserve their rights, and highlight their considerable efforts to the comprehensive development of society and identify the most important issues related to their needs and services provided to them. This year celebration will focus on the importance of “fulfilling the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the elderly people through different generations”

Elderly people around the world

Although aging is a biological fact that occurs outside the realm of human control, its definition varies from one community to another. The concept of aging is relative, most countries consider aging and retirement as an indicator of old age, and this age often ranges from (60-65 years), However in several other regions, age is not taken into account to determine a person's aging, as there are other factors that determine retirement age, such as: the ability to do work, which means that, old age begins when a person is unable to participate effectively in the society.

Statistics from United Nations report 2019 of the World Population Prospects show the following:

- By 2050, 16% of the world's population (one in six people) will be over the age of 65, with an increase 7% (one out of 11) than in 2019.
- In Europe and North America, quarter of the population is expected to be over the age of 65.
- 2018 was the first year in history globally that elderly people over the age of 65 were more than children under five.
- The number of people over the age of 80 is expected to triple (from 143 million in 2019 to 426 million in 2050).
- The number of individuals classified as older working age (55 to 64 years) is expected to rise from 723 million in 2021 to 1075 million in 2050, and eventually to 1218 million by 2100.

Older persons in Egyptian Constitution

Egypt is always keen on caring for elderly and preserving their rights, as mentioned in the Article (83) of the Egyptian Constitution of 2014 which states, "The country is obligated to guarantee elderly rights in health, economics, social, cultural and recreational terms, and to provide an adequate pension that guarantees them a decent life, and to enable them to participate in public life. In planning public facilities, the country considers elderly needs and encourages civil society organizations to participate in elderly Care".

The most important statistical indicators of older persons (60 years and above):

I- According to population estimates on July 1st, 2023

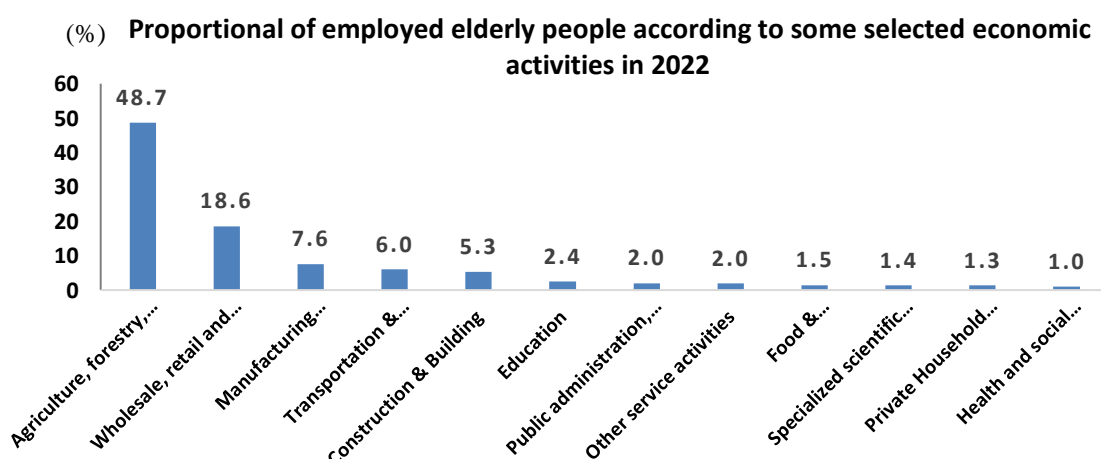
Life expectancy at birth is 68.7 years for males and 73.7 years for females.

- Number of older persons reached 9.0 million which represents 8.6% of total population.
- Number of elderly males is 4.5 million, which represents about 8.3% of total male population, while the number of elderly females is 4.5 million, which represents about 8.9% of total female population.
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*Source: Age structure according to population projections (2022-2072)

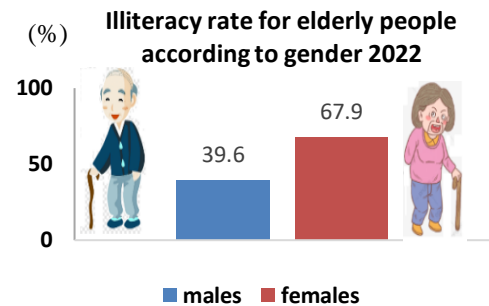
II -According to labor force survey 2022

Number of elderly working people (60 years and above) reached 1.2millions, which represent 13.4% from total elderly people.

- Number of employed elderly people reached 1.2 million, which represent about 13.4 % of total elderly people.
- 48.7% of elderly people are working in agriculture and fishing activities, 18.6% working in wholesale and retail activities.



- Illiteracy rate among elderly people is 53.2% in 2022 (39.6% of total elderly males, 67.9% of total elderly females), while for elderly persons with a university degree and higher is 10.7% in 2022 (14.5% of total elderly males, 6.5% of total elderly females).



III-According to social services bulletin 2022(primary data):

Number of elderly care institutions is 166 institutions in 2022 in Egypt.

- Number of elderly care institutions 166 is institutions in 2022 in Egypt, and the number of its beneficiaries is 4719.
- Number of clubs for elderly people reached 192 clubs, and the number of beneficiaries is 40.1 thousand.
- Ministry of Social Solidarity provides a pension to households headed by elderly people which reached 361.8 thousand households, and the amount of pension for those families is about 1.5 billion pounds.

V-According to marriage and divorce bulletin in 2022:

Percentage of marriage contracts between elderly people (60 years and over) is less than percentage of divorce contracts.

- Percentage of marriage contracts of elderly people reached 2.2% of total contracts.
- Percentage of divorce contracts reached 10.4 % of total contracts.

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