



## **Press Release**

# **Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics**

### **The International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women one in three women in the world experience physical or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime of the husband in 2018**

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 25/11/2019 the occasion of the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women, which is celebrated by the world on November 25 annually to demand an end to violence against women and the development of legislation of criminalizing and punishment. The most prominent are physical violence by husband as well as psychological and sexual violence in addition to child marriage, sexual harassment and female circumcision.

### **The most important statistical indicators according to the results of economic cost survey of the existing gender violence against women in the age group (18-64 years) - Egypt 2015:**

- 34.1% of married women before having experienced physical or sexual violence by their husbands.
- 9.8% of married women have been subjected to physical, sexual and psychological violence by their husbands.
- 89.5% of women were circumcised.
- More than a quarter of Egyptian women (27.4%) had married before they were 18 years old.
- 1.5% Proportion of women who have experienced physical and sexual violence by family members and the surrounding environment Since they are 18 years old.
- 6.6% of women who have been subjected to any form of harassment in public transport, 9.6% of women who have been subjected to any form of harassment in the street during the twelve months prior to the survey.

### **Egypt's Efforts to Eliminate Violence against Women:**

#### **Constitutional Articles on Violence against Women (Egypt Constitution 2014)**

Egypt Constitution 2014 provides for the issue of discrimination against women through Articles (11, 53 ,214), where Article 11 states that "The State shall ensure equality of women and men in all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in accordance with Constitution provisions". Also, Article 53 "Citizens are equal in law and are equal in public rights, freedoms and duties, without distinction as to religion, creed, sex, origin, race, color, language, disability, social level, political affiliation, geography or any other reason."

Article 214 also stipulates that "law shall specify the independent national councils, including National Council for Human Rights, National Council for Women, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, and National Council for Persons with Disabilities. To inform public authorities of any violation relating to their field of work " .

### **National Women's Council Initiatives:**

#### **Women's Complaints Office:**

Women's Complaints Office was established in collaboration with European Union in 2001 and National Council for Women to identify and study problems involving any discrimination against women or non-compliance with constitutional equality and to take appropriate action to address them and resolve them in an objective scientific manner, the number of complaints submitted to women reached 6889, including 296 for violence against women and 1900 for personal status during the period in (2016-2018).

### **Campaign (before 18) against underage marriage:**

Is a campaign launched by the National Council for Women to discuss underage marriage issue and how to work to address them as well as the proposed laws, have been linked to a campaign of 16 days to address violence against women, in addition to the participation of all media and educational elements to face child marriage to be used in the campaign has benefited 20 thousand women.

**Campaign to end FGM / C by 2030:**

National Committee launched under the chairmanship of both national councils of women, childhood and motherhood this campaign, in cooperation with many agencies, institutions, official bodies, and civil society organizations, to work on the issue of circumcision through legislation criminalizing such practice, has been increase punishment under Law No. 78 to become a term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years and not exceeding 7 years against «anyone who circumcise female that removed any of the external genitalia partially or fully or inflicted injuries to those members without justification belief that the penalty shall be rigorous imprisonment if causing permanent disability or leading to death »in 2016.

**Drive Stalking your stop:**

Campaign was launched in the four major subway stations in Cairo to raise awareness about combating sexual harassment, family planning, promoting girls' education and eliminating early marriage.

**Ministry of Solidarity Initiative:**

Ministry of Social Solidarity has allocated safe houses for women to shelter victims of violence through centers to host and guide women or girls, who are exposed to violence and have no shelter for advice or to stay for a certain period and help them to overcome difficulties and solve problems and provide social, health, psychological and legal care through 9 centers at republic Level.

**Data sources:**

- World Health Organization (WHO) "[www.who.int](http://www.who.int)"
- Economic Cost of Gender-Based Violence Survey 2015.
- National Council for Women.

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