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On the occasion of the World Children's Day 2023

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics has issued a press release on November 20th, 2023, on 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 as period of acquisition of habit basic values and formation of human personality, Egypt CAPMAS has issued a press release to highlight the most important indicators of children in Egypt ,Arab countries and the world, this year 2023, it is celebrated under the slogan "For every child, every right" .

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 world's population; at a rate of 29.8%, and India as it represents the highest country in the world reached 431 million.
- Dropout rate in primary education is 10.7%, and 13.2% for preparatory education 2022.
- Under- five mortality rate in 2021 was 38.1 per thousand live children.

Children in the Arab countries:

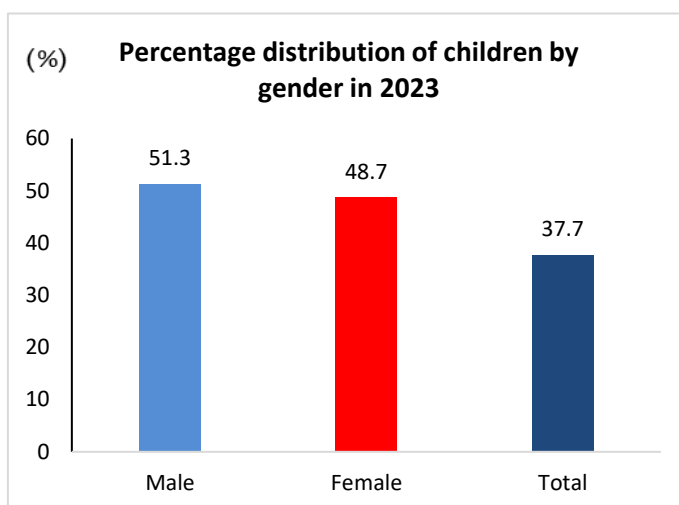
- Number of children in Arab countries has reached around 178.6 million children; at a rate of 7.5%, Egypt represents the largest country in terms of number of children.
- Somalia has recorded the highest under- five mortality rate (2021), reaching 111.8 per thousand live children.

Key indicators for children in Egypt, according to CAPMAS statistics:

- **Number of children under 18 years old according to Population projections in 2023¹**

- There was a slight decrease in the percentage of children under 18 years of age in the total population between 2022 and 2023, as the percentage decreased from 38% to 37.7%.

- Number of children in Egypt reached 39.6 million (20.3 million males, 51.3%, 19.3 million females, 48.7%) in mid-2023.

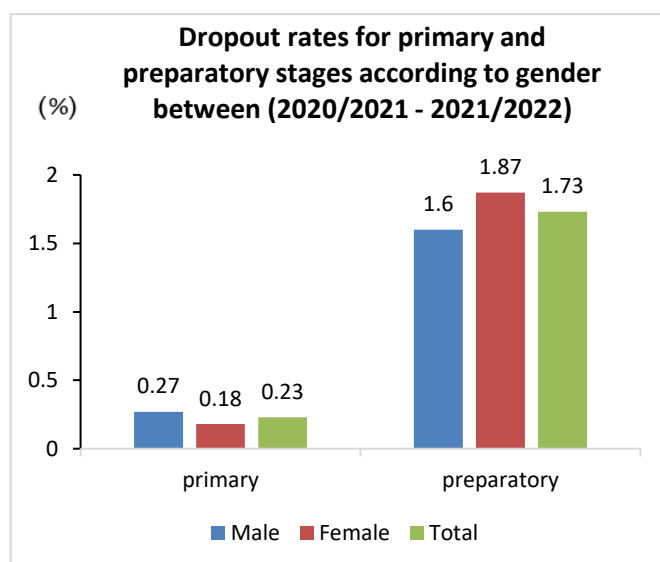


- **Education Indicators:**

- **Education Dropout**

- For primary stage, the dropout rate in (2020/2021) reached 0.20%, compared to 0.23% in (2021/2022). Dropout rates for males are higher, reaching 0.27% compared to 0.18% for females.

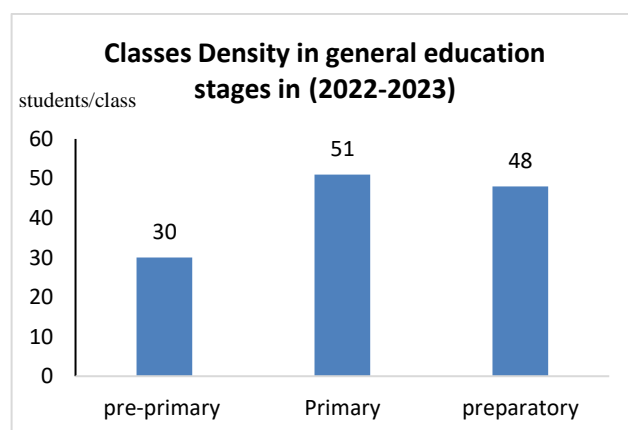
- Dropout rate from education in the preparatory stage increased from 0.87% in (2020/2021) to record 1.73% in (2021/2022). Dropout rates for females are higher, reaching 1.87% compared to 1.6% for males.



- **Classes Density in educational stages**

- Class density represents one of the indicators for measuring quality of education. Class density in general pre-primary education reached approximately 30 students/class.

- Class density in general primary education reached approximately 51 students/class. Class density in general preparatory education reached 48 students/class.



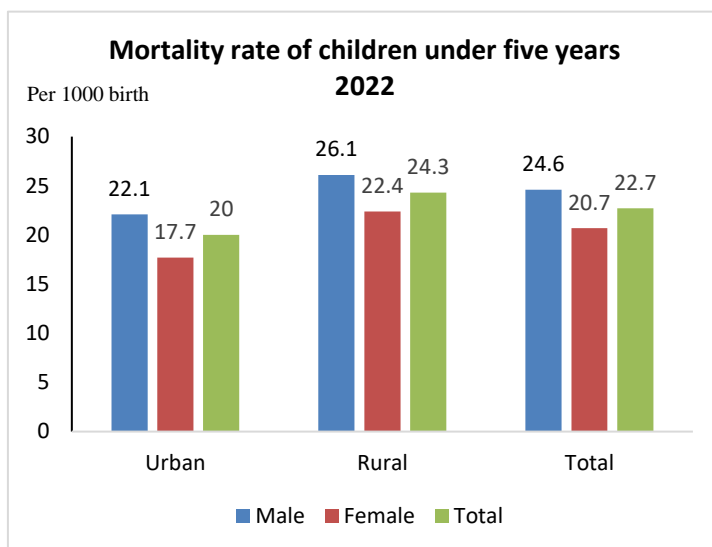
(¹)According to the age structure of the population based on the 2017 census, smoothed according to population projections for 2022-2027.

- **Children Health Indicators:**

- **Child Mortality**

-Mortality rate of children under five years reached 22.7 per thousand births in 2022. Rate is higher for males compared to females.

- Children in urban are less likely to die than children in rural, as the child mortality rate in rural rises to 24.3 per thousand births, compared to 20 per thousand births in urban.

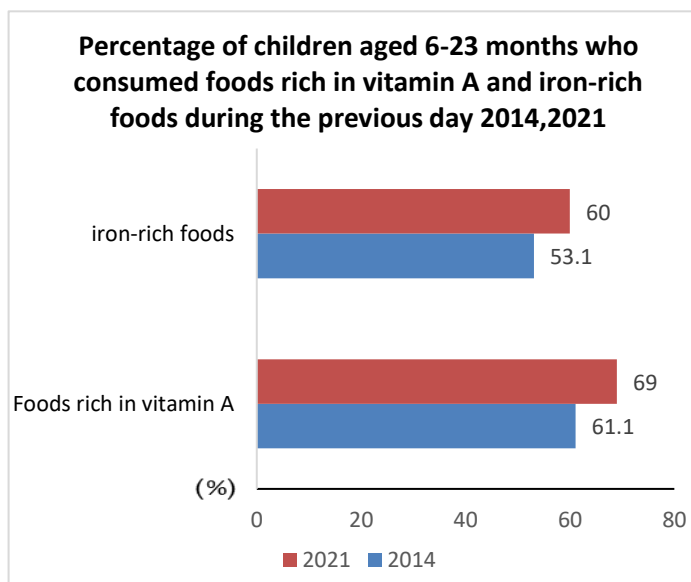


- **Nutritional supplements**

A child's access to nutritional supplements is one of the factors affecting children's nutritional status.

-Percentage of children aged (6-23 months) who consumed foods rich in vitamin A in 2021 increased by 69% compared to 61.1% in 2014.

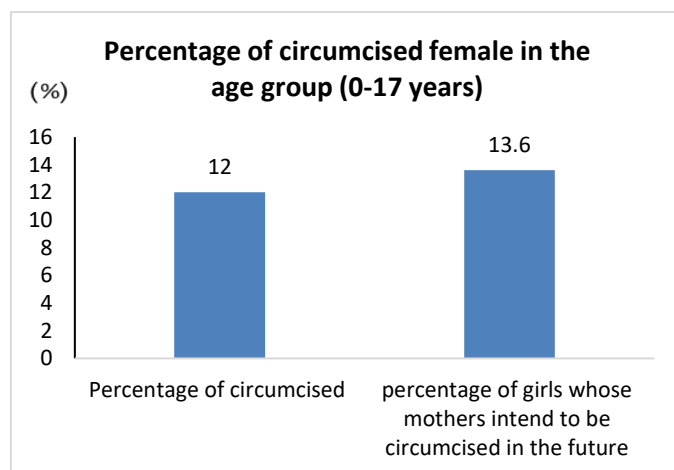
-Percentage of children aged (6-23 months) who consume iron-rich foods for total republic in 2021 increased by 60%, while in 2014 percentage was 53.1%.



- **Female circumcision**

-Percentage of circumcised females in the age group (0-17 years) decreased from 18% in 2014 to 12% in 2021.

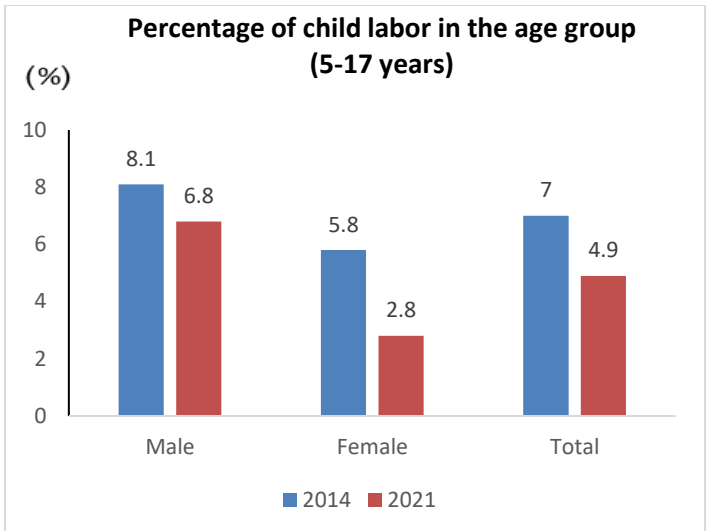
- Percentage of girls whose mothers intend to be circumcised in the future in the age group (0-17 years) was 13.6%.



- **Child Labor Indicators:**

- Percentage of child labor aged (5-17 years) who carried out economic activities or household work decreased, reaching 4.9% in 2021 compared to 7% in 2014.

- Comparing percentage of child labor between males and females, it became clear that the percentage of child labor among males is the highest, reaching 6.8% compared to 2.8% for females in 2021.



- **Children's Social Care:**

- Number of nurseries affiliated with Ministry of Social Solidarity increased to 25,2 thousand nurseries affiliated, and the number of children enrolled in them reached about 1.5 million children in 2022.

- Number of residential nurseries for children deprived of family care reached 43, and the number of children enrolled in them reached 507 in 2022.

- Number of families benefiting from orphans' pension from Ministry of Solidarity reached 9,438 families, and the value disbursed to them reached to about 38 million pounds.

- Number of families benefiting from the disabled child's pension from Ministry of Solidarity reached 2,591 families, and the value disbursed to them reached about 12 million pounds.

- **Cultural Care for Children**

- Number of children's clubs reached 359 in total Republic, and the number of children in it reached 13,8 thousand children.

- Number of children's libraries reached 499 libraries in total Republic, and the number of children in it reached 22,9 thousand children.

- Number of children's gardens reached 53 gardens in total Republic, and the number of children in it reached 55,3 thousand 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:

- Ministry of Communications launched the “Digital Egypt Cubs” initiative in May 2022 to prepare a distinguished generation of young people capable of exploring new horizons in the fields of communications and information technology and achieving Egypt’s digital vision in keeping pace with sciences and requirements of the future labor market. Such initiative aims to develop the technological skills of 3,000 students. Among the outstanding students in all Egyptian schools in all governorates, in cooperation with specialized local and international bodies in various technological sciences to cover scientific and educational aspects, in addition to implementing activities to develop personal and leadership skills.

- An electronic application, “Speak Arabic,” was launched as part of a presidential initiative under the title “Speak Arabic,” which was launched in December 2020 to connect children of Egyptians abroad with their homeland and teach Arabic language. such initiative targets age groups from 3 to 6 years as a first stage, and from 6 to 12 years. As second stage, and from 12 to 18 years an third stage.

- Haya Karima Foundation launched a new initiative under the slogan “From human to human.” The first phase of the initiative is based on the participation of children in preparing aid directed to Palestine and comes under the slogan “From Child to Child.” This initiative aims to raise awareness among children and young people about the importance of the Palestinian issue and the role of Egypt is an leader in its support throughout history.

- National Council for Childhood and Motherhood launched the second phase of Egyptian Child Empowerment Initiative, in partnership with Ministry of Education and Technical Education, and UNICEF, which aims to provide the Egyptian child with positive behaviors and social change-making skills that enable him to be an initiator and participant in solving the problems of his society. around it, in addition to implementing the activities of National Initiative Empowerment of Girls “Dawy”, which is sponsored by Mrs. Intisar Al-Sisi, wife of the Republic President.

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