



International Day of Older Persons

5.8 million Old person in Egypt in 2011

CAPMAS has issued on Sunday 30/9/2012 – A press statement on "International Day of Older Persons". Where were the first International declaration issued to formulate policies and programs related to old persons by initiatives in Vienna International Action Plan on Ageing, which adopted by the 1982 World Assembly on Ageing and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 1990 to be 1 October every year is the International Day of Old Persons.

The world is witnessing now a steady increase of the number of old persons, which leads to change the population structure and shift some countries to the Ageing phase. According to UN definition an old person, is an individual whose age is (60 years & up).

The most important indicators related to Elderly people:

- **Elderly people in the world:**

Number of people whose age is (60 years & up) in the world reached 800 million old person in 2011 represent 11% of total world population. It expected to reach 2 billion in 2050 represent 22% of total world population.

- **Elderly in Developing & Progressive countries:**

According to UN data the percentage of old persons 9% in developing countries in 2011 and it expected to reach 20% in 2050. While, the rate of

old persons in progressive countries 22% in 2011, and it expected to reach 32% in 2050.

- **Elderly in Egypt:**

- Number of old persons reached 5.8 million in 2011 with 7.3% of total population, and it expected to increase this rate 11.6% in 2030 due to the development of health services.
- Death rate of age category (60 years & up) 48.2 per thousand of population at the same age category, represent the death of elderly people 57.8% of total deaths in 2011.
- Marriage contracts rate among elderly people 1.5% of total contracts in 2011. While, divorce declaration of elderly people reached to 7.6% of total declarations.
- Rate of Smokers 9.2% of total smokers in 2011, while it reach in total of population (Smoker, non-smoker) at the same age category 16.7% and reached in males to 31.3%, 0.6% in females.
- Number of elderly workers 1.1 million in 2011 represent 19% of total number of elderly include (62.7%) works in Agriculture & Fishing Activity, (12.5%) works in Whole sale & retail trade activity and (6.3%) works in Manufacturing industry activity.
- Rate of poor elderly people 5.8% of total poor in 2011, while it poverty reached among elderly people at the same age category to 19.5% and reached in males 20.5%, females with 18.5% in 2011.
- Illiteracy rate 65.1% of total old people (51.7% males, 79.5% females) in 2011.
- Elderly people rate, who have University degree & above at the same age category 8%, in males 11.7% and in females 4% in 2011.