



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty «Egypt without need» in order to fight the problem of poverty

The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on, 17/10/2017, on the occasion of the international day to eradicate poverty, where the UN general assembly has endorsed this day since 1993 to promote awareness to eradicate poverty and extreme poverty in all countries, particularly in developing countries. The National Strategy for Sustainable Development aims to reduce extreme poverty from the current percentage of 5.3% to 2.5% in 2020 and eliminate it completely in 2030.

Egypt is the first Arab country to implement the conditional monetary support program, which was launched to provide social protection for the most needy households and to ensure the health and educational rights of the children of these households, in addition to supporting groups that do not have the ability to work such as orphans, the elderly, or the disabled.

The most important programs that aim at combating poverty is the program of Takaful and Karama, as explained below:

1- Targets of Takaful and Karama Program:

a. Takaful Program

- **The Educational Aspect:** The Takaful program aims at providing cash support to poor households with children in the various stages of education from kindergarten to secondary level to help these children continue in the educational process where the program provides each household with 60 pounds per student in the primary stage, 80 for the student in the preparatory stage, 100 pounds for the secondary school student. The household must receive these amounts to keep their children attending school at least 80% of the actual schooling days.
- **The Health Aspect:** Provides cash support to households with pre-school children (less than 6 years) and pregnant mothers, provided that these households implement the health care programs established by the Ministry of Health in terms of following-up the cases of pregnancy for mothers and the implementation of vaccination programs and prevention of newborns and those less than 6 years, and the maximum number beneficiaries of this program is three children per household.

b. B) Karama Program

Karama program aims at providing financial assistance to two poor families:

Elderly: The Karama program requires that the individual be 65 years of age or older, be unable to work and earn, and that the household does not have a fixed income such as an insurance pension or a social security pension

Disabled Persons: The disability must be preventing from work by providing a medical certificate approved by the Medical Council to which the Beneficiary belongs and approved by the Ministry of Health to prove his inability to work.

2- Methodology for targeting the poorest households and categories with prior needs of protection:

Geographic Targeting:

Programs started to be implemented in the poorest areas according to the poverty maps issued by CAPMAS, the program was gradually expanded within these poorest areas.

Economic Targeting:

The poverty rates are calculated from the data of the household's economic and standard of living, and the priority is given to support the poorest households.

Qualitative Targeting:

Through this kind of targeting, support requests are received from the first-degree mother who, in the case of being qualified for benefit, gets the cash support card issued in her name, as she has the main role in ensuring support for the improvement of her household life and child development.

3- Beneficiaries of the Takaful and Karama Program from March 2015 to May 2017:

Takaful and Karama has accomplished a number of achievements in two years including:

- 1.7 million households are beneficiaries of the Takaful and Karama Program, with approximately 8 million individuals.
- 7.5 billion pounds spent for households benefiting from the Takaful and Karama program.
- 72% of the total expenses is in Upper Egypt to the total budget.

Item	Amount
Total beneficiary households	1,700,000
Total beneficiary Household members	8,000,000
Total expenses to households benefiting from the Takaful and Karama program	7,465,126,645
The percentage of expenses to the total budget	72%

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