

Survey on Young People in Egypt—2009

CAIRO, EGYPT (15 February 2010) — Young people are a national priority and the future investment of the country, however, despite their importance there is a dearth of data on the many issues that confront young people today. To address this information gap, the Population Council and the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) conducted a survey entitled “Survey on Young People in Egypt.” This survey began as an initiative from the Population Council supported by the technical and financial contribution of multilateral organizations, including UN agencies, international NGOs, and bilateral donors. The support and participation of the Egyptian Government through the IDSC reflects the dedication and focus that decisionmakers in Egypt are affording issues surrounding young people.

A joint agreement was signed to conduct the “Survey on Young People in Egypt” among young people aged 10–29 years. The survey’s results will yield many analytical and strategic documents starting with the launch of the preliminary results today.

The survey is a true representative sample of families in Egypt, targeting all governorates, including the frontier governorates. The survey included around 11,372 families, and interviews were successfully conducted with approximately 15,000 young people aged 10–29 years, representing (males and females), rural, urban and slum areas. The survey deals with many topics of interest to young people covering the five life transitions for young people: health, education, employment, marriage and social engagement.

About the Information and Decision Support Center

The Information and Decision Support Center is considered one of the centers of excellence in Egypt. Its mandate is to support decisionmakers in economic, social, and political reform issues. The Center was established on 15 November 1985 by Decree number 41 for year 1985 by a decision of Minister of Cabinet’s Affairs. The Center, since its establishment, aims to work toward Egypt’s advancement by providing information to support decisionmaking in issues relating to economic, social and political development. The Center contributes significantly to the expansion of ideas and concepts that have influenced the foreign and domestic policies of the Egyptian Government.

About the Population Council

The Population Council is an international, nonprofit, nongovernmental research organization that seeks to improve the well-being and reproductive health of current and future generations around the world and to help achieve a humane, equitable, and sustainable balance between people and resources. The Council conducts biomedical, social science, and public health research and helps build research capacities in developing countries. Established in 1952, the Council is governed by an international board of trustees. Its New York headquarters supports a global network of regional and country offices

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