

Partners in Population and Development (PPD)

A South-South Initiative

Egypt's Demographic Profile

Area	million sq. km
Population	74 million
Age Structure: 0-14	32.6%
	15-45 62.9%
	over 65 4.5%

Egypt's Demographic Profile

- **Population growth rate** **1.91**
- **Birth rate** **25.5**
- **Total fertility rate** **3.1**
- **Life expectancy rate**
Male 69.2 **Female 73.6**
- **Infant mortality rate** **33**
- **Maternal mortality rate** **68**

Arab Countries Membership in South-South

- **Egypt, Tunisia & Morocco were founders of the South-South Initiative.**
- **Tunisia headed the organization for the first three years followed by Egypt for four years.**

Arab Countries Membership in South-South

- **Jordan & Yemen joined the organization membership later.**
- **Other Arab countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Sudan, Bahrain, Mauritania, Iraq & Palestine participated in programs implemented by SS members.**

SS Initiative Programs

- **Arab Network**
- **Cooperation with NGOs**
- **Pharmaceutical cooperation**
- **HR Development (up-grading skills)**
- **Visibility initiatives**

Egypt

Three main institutions worked in Egypt's program.

1. Cairo Demographic Center (CDC)

- Hosted the leadership training for Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan, Iraq, Palestine, Tunisia, Morocco, Gambia and Bangladesh.**
- Provided 10 fellowships in Population and Demography.**

Egypt

2. Al-Azhar Islamic Center for Training and Research

- ▶ Trained religious leaders in RH within the context of Islamic rules. Thailand, India, China, Bangladesh, each hosted other affiliated countries.

Egypt

3. Regional Training Center (RCT)

- **Participated in all training, seminars and conferences of SS held in Egypt as a center of excellence in RH with special focus on the clinical aspects.**
- **Held several training courses for Syria & Palestine.**

Regional Arab Network in the Context of SS

Objectives:

- **Enhance collaboration between Arab countries in RH issues.**
- **Develop long term plans to exchange positive opportunities and assist other countries to maximize benefit between countries.**
- **Disseminate information among members about institutes, experts in the areas of RH & management.**
- **Document the success stories in program implementation among members.**

Regional Arab Network in the Context of SS

- **Two preparatory meetings were held in Cairo with Tunisia, Morocco and SS Secretariat.**
- **A regional work shop followed sponsored by UNFPA and SS.**
- **Participants were from Arab countries.**

Arab NGO's Forum

**More than 40 NGO's participated in the seminar.
The seminar sponsored by SS, IPPF and Egypt.**

Objectives:

- Activation of voluntary work of NGOs in RH in the Arab world.**
- Increased collaboration between major NGOs in those areas.**
- Share information about RH, voluntary work and experts in these areas.**

Pharmaceutical and Commodity Availability

- Egypt as a member in SS acted as a liaison to facilitate trading and donation between Arab and other countries e.g. India, China and Mexico.**
- Egyptian experts trained Syria and Palestine in logistics system management.**

Egyptian Experts

➤ Egyptian experts in RH, management & evaluation joined the qualification for consultancy in PPD. Seven of the Egyptian experts were qualified as consultants and were deployed to other countries.

Cairo Technical Office (CTO)

CTO implemented its activities with the support of H.E. Minister of Health & Population.

Cairo Technical Office (CTO)

CTO implemented 17 courses for 17 countries funded by Ford Foundation.

The areas were:

• Policy analysis	7 (courses)	70 (partc.)
• Logistics system	5	73
• RH supervision system	1	10
• Quality of care	1	19
• Leadership & Upgrading RH prog.	3	45

Cairo Technical Office (CTO)

Countries participating were:

Tunisia, Morocco, Yemen, Kenya,
Uganda, Zimbabwe, Gambia, Jordan,
Indonesia, Sudan, Syria, Palestine,
Bahrain, Thailand, Bangladesh and Mali.

Gambia Training

CTO, RCT, and Al-Azhar Islamic Training Center conducted needs assessment and curriculum development in Gambia.

- Training courses implemented in Gambia conducted by experts were in accordance with the needs assessment and participants were from Gambia and other African countries.**

Indonesia Training for Religious Leaders

- CTO, in collaboration with Al-Azhar Univ. & Indonesian experts, implemented a workshop for religious leaders in RH advocacy & IE&C for adolescents in Indonesia.**
- The workshop was preceded by needs assessment and curriculum development by Al-Azhar and Indonesian experts in Cairo.**

Evaluation of CTO Program in Cairo

Egypt's Ministry of Health and CTO and SS secretariat held an evaluation workshop for CTO activities in the area of training, attended by Donor organizations and experts in evaluation in RH, management and system development.

Evaluation of SS Program in Member Countries (Cairo meeting)

- 19 countries participated in the evaluation conference of SS programs attended by experts, donors and SS secretariats.**
- Egypt managed the conference administration and implementation.**

Visibility Initiatives

CTO launched a visibility initiative in mass media and national stakeholders on the role of SS in population and development.

Arab Countries' Activities - Tunisia

- Tunisia was the first chair of PPD for three years.**
- It hosted the PPDs 1st Executive Committee and the 7th Board meeting.**
- It provided technical assistance to Benin and Burkina Faso to design FP and RH project management.**
- Study tours for 132 delegates of decision makers and programme officers from African and Arab countries.**

Arab Countries Activities - Tunisia

- Initiated bilateral cooperation agreements with Benin, Burkina Faso and IPPF Africa Region.
- Partnership with Morocco for a Regional Laboratory on STDs.
- In the framework of partnership with NGOs on EC, field visits by Tunisian experts were conducted to Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Djibouti, Niger and Benin.
- RH training courses were conducted in Niger, Algeria and Mauritania.
- Practical training to midwives was offered by Kairouan Clinic for participants from Benin, Togo, Uganda, Senegal and Ivory Coast.

Arab Countries Activities - Morocco

- **Morocco provided technical assistance to Mauritania in RH services to reduce maternal mortality.**
- **Morocco established a research network in the field of RH.**

Arab Countries Activities - Morocco

Morocco led the initiative for a Francophone network that includes Tunisia, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Benin and Burkina Faso and Indonesia.

Arab Countries Activities - Yemen

- In September 2003, Yemen launched a visibility initiative with the media and national stakeholders on the role of SS collaboration in pop, RH/FP.**
- A regional conference on population, health productivity and FP was held in Sana'a in May 2004 under the slogan, 'Ten years since Cairo conference on Population & Development'.**

Arab Countries Activities - Jordan

- **Jordan has benefited from numerous initiatives taken by PPD member countries in the MENA Region.**
- **Jordan joined the Arab Reproductive Health Network in 2002.**

Challenges

- **Population indicators, such as the population growth rate, maternal mortality & infant mortality rate, are still high in some of the Arab countries.**
- **There is a lack of integration between items of RH programs.**
- **Gender equality is not yet integrated within the development plans.**

Vision of SS as a collaborative organization between Arab Countries

- **Re-activating the Arab Network.**
- **Increase voluntary participation from country to country.**
- **Increase deployment of expertise between Arab countries and others.**
- **Dissemination of documents which describe the best integrated, sustainable, cost effective and quality programs between south-south countries.**

Within the framework of the cooperation with international organizations, the Egyptian Minister of Health & Population is supporting the SS initiative and hoping for more collaborative efforts for the benefit of RH, population & development in Egypt.

Thank you

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