



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the Occasion of International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) 2020

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued a press release on 2/12/2020 on the occasion of “International Day of people with Disabilities”, which is celebrated on December 3rd annually since 1992 to support people with disabilities, promote understanding of disability issues and ensuring their rights. Also, to raise awareness of their essential participation in political, economic and cultural life. Celebration theme of this year 2020 is: “Not All Disabilities are Visible.”

The state exerts more efforts to protect persons with disabilities, that aims to improve their quality of life and ensue a better level of their economic, social and environmental lives. The social programs launched by the government are part of National Strategy for Sustainable Development Goals 2030, to support people with disabilities through:



- 1- Issue a Law No. 10 of 2018, for people with special needs, which is the beginning of empowering them and obtaining their rights.
- 2- Supporting persons with disabilities who are unable to work, with an amount of 5 billion pounds.
- 3- Supporting the resources of the "Ataa" fund to support people with special needs by 100 million pounds.

- 4- Allocation of 500 million pounds from the "Tahia Misr" fund, at the disposal of Minister of Education, to take care of people with special needs.
- 5- The right of persons with disabilities to combine two pensions from pensions owed to them by themselves or on behalf of the father, mother, husband or wife, without a maximum, and they have the right to combine what they receive from a pension, whatever the work salary they receive.
- 6- Reducing working hours in all government agencies by an hour per day paid for workers with disabilities.
- 7- Allocating (5%) of housing units for people with disabilities within the social housing projects by Ministry of Housing.
- 8- Ministry of Social Solidarity issued half a million cards for integrated services in 2019 for disabled persons, in order to offer them privileges after exposing them to medical examination.
- 9- Integration and empowerment of people with special needs using telecommunications and information technology in line with Egypt's vision for sustainable development 2030 and the relevant United Nations agreement.
- 10- Participation of disability challengers in the three youth forums of the world, where the activities witnessed a session and workshop "Empowering Persons with Disabilities, Towards an Integrated World", wonderful humanitarian gestures by people participating in the forum towards people with disabilities participating in the session.
- 11- Ministry of Social Solidarity implements a set of activities, services, social, educational, medical and sports programs, and counseling and training programs for people with disabilities.
- 12- Applying the standards of "Accessibility Code", which works to provide and facilitate roads and traffic for disabled persons for ease of movement and integration into society.
- 13- Ministry of Social Solidarity launched the unified signal dictionary for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- 14- The approval of the Supreme Council of Universities to accept students with hearing impairment in Egyptian universities, which was consistent with what the fourth goal of sustainable development goals called for.
- 15- Supporting Ministry of Transport to add wheelchairs and prepare tracks in 147 train stations.
- 16- Ensuring actual equality to enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms in all fields.
- 17- Empowering women and girls with disabilities.

- 18- Building and developing the capacities of those dealing with persons with disabilities, including governmental and non-governmental agencies, in order to make them able and qualified to communicate and deal with persons with disabilities in all fields.
- 19- Raise social awareness of the rights of people with disabilities, enhance respect for these rights and support that awareness of capabilities and contributions of people with disabilities themselves.
- 20- Providing the necessary security and protection that fit with capabilities of people with disabilities, including conditions of epidemics, disasters and other emergency conditions.

Data sources:

- Ministry of Social Solidarity website.
- State Information Service website.