

Challenges of Official Statistics in Egypt

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The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) has been mainly focusing on the advancement of official statistics. Proper decision making cannot be realized in the absence of reliable and timely produced official statistics.

This paper presents the current situation of statistics in Egypt and outlines the main challenges facing CAPMAS in producing, integrated, relevant, reliable and timely official statistics which fulfill the demands, increasing needs and expectations of stakeholders and users particularly micro level data and relevant indicators. It suggests potential solutions for improving production and use of statistics to sustain progress in the future. Finally recommendations for the way forward are presented.

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