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Community based survey study
On
Non-communicable diseases and their Risk Factors,
Egypt, 2005- 2006

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#### Introduction

It is well known that chronic diseases represent a major problem and public health burden in developing countries. It represents 73% of mortality and 60% of global morbidity burden.

There is emerging evidence that diabetes mellitus, obesity, hypertension and hyperlipidemia contribute to national morbidity & mortality in Egypt as it represents about 26% of all deaths related to chronic diseases.

Egypt needed to conduct a survey to measure the burden and the actual prevalence of chronic diseases due to difficulty in reporting these diseases and the different health facilities dealing with non-communicable diseases (NCD) (chronic diseases) e.g. MOHP, Universities, Police and Military health services, Private sector, NGO's health facilities.

Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit at the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population has moved towards implementing NCD and their risk factors Surveillance System since 2002.

The surveillance project was funded and technically supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), with additional technical support from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This survey was the first community based one dealing with prevalence of chronic diseases such as; diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hyperlipidemia and their behavioral risk factors as; smoking habits, drinking alcohol, eating fruits and vegetables, oil consumption, physical activities and obesity as well as the physical and biochemical measurements.

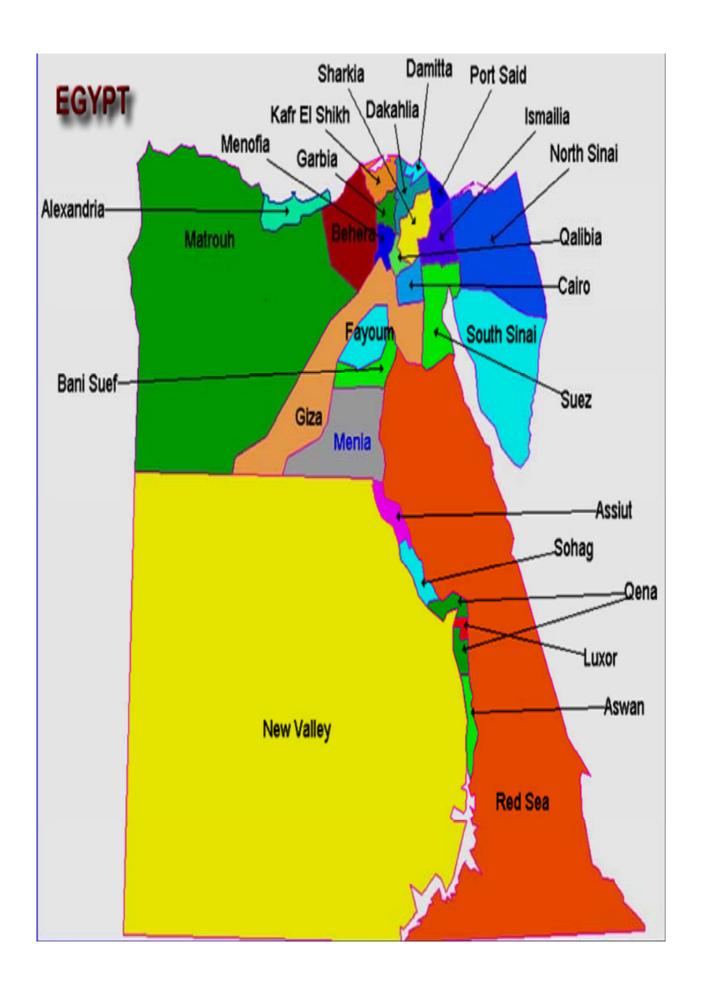
# Objectives

#### General aim:

Community-based survey to detect the prevalence of NCDs and their associated risk factors among the Egyptian society.

# Specific aim:

- Monitoring NCD trend & their risk factors to move towards prevention
- Nationwide standardizations of data base using software
- Data collection and analysis on an ongoing basis
- Using data for shaping public health policy
- Predicting future case load of NCD
- Monitoring impact of public health programs



# Methodology

# **Survey population:**

The present survey included 10,000 participants representing the Egyptian population of the age group  $\geq = 15$ :  $\leq 65$  years selected proportionate to gender according to the last Egyptian census. All persons present in the selected house at the time of interview of the selected age and gender were interviewed.

All participants answered a verbal questionnaire filled by an epidemiologist; their physical measurements (weight, height, waist circumference) were taken by a nurse who also measured blood pressure once using digital blood pressure machines. Finally, 40% of the sample selected randomly proportionate to age group and gender, were asked to fast from 10 to 12 hours then go to the determined laboratory site where venous blood sample were drawn for measuring fasting blood glucose, fasting cholesterol level, triglyceride (TG), and high density lipoprotein (HDL) using Refletron lab machine

# **Study design:**

This is a national cross sectional survey conducted on a representative sample of the population of Egypt, the WHO-Stepwise approach is adopted, collecting data on the risk factor that contribute to the major non-communicable diseases

# **Sampling:**

The study was designed to be a Cross-sectional household survey targeting the populations in Egypt where population was around 70 millions. The sample chosen was based on the multistage proportionate stratified cluster random technique.

The strata were the Egyptian Governorates (Primary Sampling Unit) and the sample was distributed proportionally among them. Districts were the secondary Sample Unit. Tertiary sampling units constituted the streets and buildings. Residential places were considered the end-sampling units. At each level of the sampling methodology, simple random sampling or systematic random sampling techniques were used for randomization and representation of the selected sample.

#### Allocation:

The sample has been allocated among governorates proportional to size and population. Then the NCD data is weighted for Egypt.

# **Study sites:**

For practical purpose, we have chosen not to include the 27 governorates of Egypt, to avoid time and money consuming, random selection of 10 governorates were selected representing the whole geographical areas in Egypt.

Cairo, Suez (from four Urban Governorates),

Marsa Matrouh and Red Sea (from five Frontier Governorates),

Dakahlia, Behira, Menofia (From nine Delta Governorates) and

Minia, Sohag and Luxor City (From nine Upper Egypt governorates).

The sampled population were selected randomly from each selected governorate randomly proportioning to the total population of each considering the selected age group ( $\geq 15$ :  $\leq 65$  years) and gender:

## **Table:** The selected "10" Governorates

The following table shows the randomly selected "10" governorates who represent the whole geographical areas in Egypt and its "27" governorates and the Sampled Population from each

Gover	norate	Total Egyptian Pop. Aged ≥ 15 : ≤65	Sampled Population
Urban	Cairo	5,016,071	2,868
Urban	Suez	293,373	167
Frontier	Marsa Matrouh	150,115	86
	Red Sea	115,146	66
	Dakahlia	2,935,577	1,678
Delta	Behira	2,709,512	1,549
	Menofia	1,875,486	1,072
	Minia	2,136,873	1,222
Upper Egypt	Sohag	2,019,761	1,155
25, Pt	Luxor	240,751	137
To	tal	17,492,665	10.000

N.B., This data was revised by the National health Information Centre, log book 2003

From each selected governorate, districts were selected randomly proportionately to the selected age group ( $\geq 15$ :  $\leq 65$  years) and gender. This is represented in the following tables

# **Table:** The selected urban governorates

The following table shows the randomly selected urban governorates with sampled population and selected districts from each

Gov.	Total Pop.\ gov. (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Selected dist.	Total Pop.\district (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Pop. sample\ Dist.
		M. nasr shark	225.597	310
		Elzayton	246.266	338
		Elshrabia	189.219	260
		Elzawia elhamra	233.846	322
Cairo	5,016,071	Elwaily	121.051	166
	2,010,071	Helwan	51.116	70
		M. Elslam	280.661	386
		Hdaek elkoba	236.391	326
		Elbsateen & dar elslam	504.495	694
Total		9	2.088643	2872
El sues	293,373	Elsues	108.784	168
	Total	1	108.784	168

# **Table: Frontier governorates**

The following table shows the randomly selected Frontier governorates with sampled population and selected districts from each

Governorate	Total Pop./ gov. (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Selected districts	Total Pop.\ district $(\geq 15: \leq 65 \text{ years})$	Pop. sample\ district
Matrouh	150,115	Matrouh	67.108	88
Total		1	67.108	88
Red sea	115,146	Ras ghareb	20.216	62
Total		1	20.216	62

N.B., This data revised by the National health Information Centre, log book 2003

# Table: Delta governorates

The following table shows the randomly selected Delta governorates with sampled population and selected districts from each

Governorate	Total Pop./ gov. (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Selected districts	Total Pop.\ district $(\geq 15: \leq 65 \text{ years})$	Pop. sample\ district
		Shbeen elkom	326.595	352
Menofia	1,875,486	Menof	259.184	280
		Kwesna	224.167	242
		Tlaa	186.443	202
Total		4	996.390	1076
		Damanhor	419.609	582
	2,709,512	Rasheed	114.594	160
Behera		Itay elbarod	237.523	330
Beneru		Eldlengat	179.881	250
		Abo elmtamer	160.804	224
Total		5	1.112.411	1544
		Mansoura	567.332	720
		Senblaween	264.125	336
Dakahlia	2,935,577	Dekerns	170.899	216
		Belkas	261.174	332
		Elgmalia	48723	62
Total		5	1.312.253	1666

# **Table: Upper Egypt governorates**

The following table shows the randomly selected Upper Egypt governorates with sampled population and selected districts from each

Governorate	Total Pop./ gov. (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Selected districts	Total Pop.\ district (≥ 15: ≤ 65 years)	Pop. sample\ district
		Elmenia	415.942	468
Menia	2,136,873	Bany mzar	254.146	286
Michia	2,130,673	Mtay	134.142	150
		Smalot	315.774	354
Total	Total		1.120.003	1258
		Tema	180.106	244
Sohag	2.010.761	Almonshaa	222.714	302
Soliag	2,019,761	Gerga	226.561	308
		Elbalina	209.090	284
Total	Total		838.471	1140
Loxour city	240,751	Loxour	20.216	126
Total		1	230.293	126

## **Sample Size:**

The minimum sample size required (with 95% confidence interval and 1% error) was 10,000 individuals, aged from  $\le 15$ :  $\ge 65$  yrs old. A further step was classifying the randomized individuals according to primary, secondary and tertiary sampling units depending on central department of statistics in Egypt to complete the framework.

# Working team:

Consisted of an Epidemiologist to fill the questionnaire and supervise other steps during the interview, a nurse to take the physical measurements (wt., ht. & waist circumference) and measure blood pressure and a sanitarian from the related health district to guide the team towards the selected streets and building

#### **Tools:**

- Questionnaire: the working team used the international STEPs questionnaire after translating it into public traditional Egyptian Arabic language to facilitate the mission for the interviewer. An epidemiologist filled the questionnaire. Each questionnaire calls for one respondents.
- Blood pressure digital machine (Omron)
- Cm petrel for height and waist circumference measurements
- Portable scale for weight measurements
- Refletron machine for glucose and lipid profile detection
- Strips for glucose, cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride detection.
- Syringes, cotton and alcohol swaps for blood sample drawing

# Laboratory techniques:

The blood samples were drawn from 40% of the selected individuals (i.e. two persons from each five persons) of the selected age group. We used Refletron machine, strips of glucose, cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride. The selected individual were asked to fast 12 hours before taking the blood sample

# **Training, Equipment Materials and Instruments:**

The WHO' STEP wise Non-communicable diseases risk factors questionnaire was used with some modifications in the extended form (adding few questions on consanguinity, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, shisha smoking as a type of tobacco use). WHO' scales & measures for height and weights were standardized.

WHO supplied the Refletron for laboratory biochemical measurements (Fasting blood sugar, cholesterol, triglyceride, and HDL)

Approvals were taken from his Excellency Minister of Health and Population, MOHP officials, the epidemiologists from Central Epidemiology and Diseases Surveillance Unit (ESU) of MOHP and from Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL)

The working team had different phases of training for this survey.

This procedure was supervised by a CDC consultant form NCD department in Egypt.

#### **Timetable:**

The fieldwork of this survey took a whole year (2005). The pilot study was started in Suez governorate at January 2005. The last governorate to be surveyed was Cairo and the fieldwork there was finished on December, 2005.

# Data collection and analysis

Data was collected using the questionnaire and the laboratory sheet. Data was then entered and validated using Access database and analyzed using SPSS software and the statistical test of significance used in the ESU, MOHP

# **Ethical Approvals & Participation:**

- A standardized written consent was distributed among all voluntary participants
- As the population differs from one Governorate to another, they were stratified proportionally
- This sample was also adjusted according to gender and age distributions from ≤15 : ≥65 years of the Egyptian populations
- Sample technique was revised by the National Center of Information of Health and Population (NCIHP) of MOHP

# Summary of WHO-STEPwise approach for chronic diseases and their risk factors Surveillance System

Stepwise risk factors surveillance system was planned (Stepwise NCD) to start in Egypt like other countries in WHO- EMRO.

It consisted of three steps all of which were done in one visit to avoid time and money consuming.

## **Step wise steps:**

- 1. **Step 1:** conducted to detect demographic data, age, gender, personal habits of smoking, alcohol drinking, fruits and vegetables consumption, as well as socioeconomic status (income, expenditure, number of family members, educational level, occupation and marital status.
- 2. **Step 2:** to study the physical measurements of the Egyptian Population (e.g. height, weight, and waist circumference), and calculate Body Mass Index (BMI) by gender, and age groups of the population in Egypt.
- 3. **Step 3:** to study the biochemical measurements such as Fasting blood sugar (FBS), Fasting Cholesterol level, Fasting Triglyceride level, and High Density Lipoprotein level (HDL) in blood.

Note: the STEPwise protocol and manual is online on the <a href="www.who.int">www.who.int</a>

# Results

- Cross sectional household survey representing the 70 million Egyptian population were designed.
- The sample was chosen based on the multistage proportionate stratified sampling technique.
- The strata were the Egyptian Governorates and the sample was distributed proportionally among them. Clusters started at the level of districts then it went down to areas (Primary Sampling Units) and villages (Secondary Sampling Units). Tertiary sampling units constituted the streets and buildings.
- Residential places were considered to be the end-sampling units. At each level of the sampling methodology simple random sampling or systematic random sampling techniques were used for randomization and representatively of the selected sample
- The participants of this survey were 10000 population aged ≥= 15 to ≥= 65 years old and stratified according to the last Egyptian census into 5 age groups.
- The response rate was 97.8%. Data were weighted according to the last Egyptian census "2003" considering the gender and selected age group to represent the Egyptian population.

# Results of STEPwise Step 1

# Step 1

Out of 10,000 a total of 9780 adults participated in the Egyptian Steps survey. The overall response rate was 97.8%

# Sampling response and proportion:

**Table 1.** The planned sample for the survey

This table shows the geographical distribution of the planned sample for the survey participants

Geographical areas	Governorates	Sampled Population
Urban	Cairo	2,888
Orban	Suez	167
Frontier	Marsa Matrouh	86
Frontier	Red Sea	66
	Dakahlia	1,678
Delta	Behira	1,549
	Menofia	1,072
	Minia	1,222
Upper Egypt	Sohag	1,155
	Luxor	137
Total	10	10.000

**The10000** survey participants are randomly selected from each geographical area according to its total population and corresponding to the recorded data in the last Egyptian census (2003) and revised by the health information department of the Ministry of Health Egypt to represent the whole governorates.

Table 2. Response rate

**This table** shows summary results for the response proportions for STEPs step 1 and 2 by gender distribution in different governorates

	Male	Female	Both sex
Governorates	N	N	N
	%	%	%
Cairo	1491	1397	2888
Carro	15.25%	14.28%	29.53%
Suis	54	59	113
Suis	0.55%	0.6%	1.16%
Dakahlia	819	811	1630
Dakaiilia	8.37%	8.29%	16.67%
Menofia	548	500	1048
Menona	5.6%	5.11%	10.72%
Behera	805	727	1532
	8.23%	7.43%	15.66%
Menia	517	591	1108
Mema	5.29%	6.04%	11.33%
Sahag	604	556	1160
Sohag	6.18%	5.69%	11.86%
Matrouh	45	44	89
Matioun	0.46%	0.45%	0.91%
Red sea	39	35	74
Keu sea	0.4%	0.36%	0.76%
Luxor	71	67	138
Luxui	0.73%	0.69%	1.41%
Total Respondent	4993	4787	0700
Participants	51.05%	48.95%	9780

Note: The sampled population from each governorate is proportionate to the total population of each according to the Egyptian census 2003 and revised by the health information department of the Ministry of Health Egypt

# Geographical distribution of the participants

**Table 3.** Summary results for the response proportions stratified by Egyptian Geographical areas

**Both Sexes (N= 9780)** 

	Urban	Delta	Upper	Frontier
Age Group	N=	N=	N=	N=
	3001	4210	2406	163
15-24years	31.2%	42.3%	25.0%	1.5%
25-34 years	30.6%	43.8%	23.9%	1.7%
35-44 years	30.4%	43.2%	24.5%	2.0%
45-54 years	30.8%	43.6%	23.9%	1.7%
55-65years	29.4%	42.8%	26.2%	1.6%
15-65years	30.7%	43.0%	24.6%	1.7%

**Table 4.**: Summary results for the response proportions by the Egyptian Geographical areas stratified by age group and gender

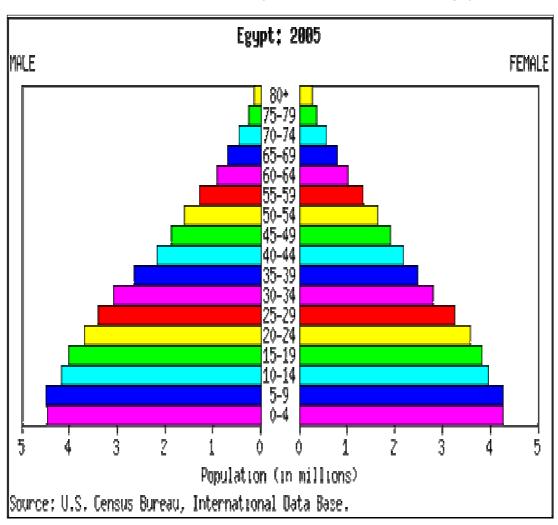
Age	Men				Women			1		
Group	Urban	Delta	Upper	Fortier	_	Urban Gov	Delta	Upper	Fortier	_
15-24 years	31.8%	43.0%	23.9%	1.4%		30.6%	41.7%	26.2%	1.6%	
25-34 years	30.7%	44.2%	23.3%	1.8%		30.5%	43.3%	24.5%	1.6%	
35-44 years	30.2%	43.4%	24.3%	2.1%		30.6%	42.9%	24.6%	1.9%	
45-54 years	31.4%	44.1%	22.9%	1.7%		30.1%	43.2%	25.0%	1.8%	
55-65 years	29.4%	42.9%	26.0%	1.7%		29.4%	42.6%	26.6%	1.4%	
15-65 years	30.9%	43.5%	23.9%	1.7%		30.4%	42.6%	25.4%	1.7%	

% within Age categories (years)

From the distribution of respondent participants by age group and gender we find higher percent in age group 15- 45 years which go with the Egyptian population pyramid.

Graph 1.

# Population Pyramid of Egypt



# Demographic Information Results

**Table 5.** : summary information by age group and gender of the participants sample in different governorate

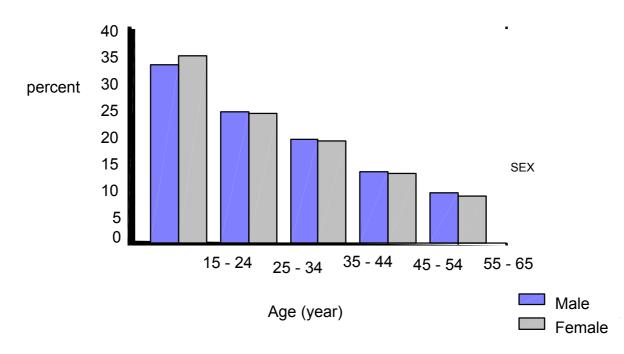
Gov		>=15-25	>25-35	>35-45	>45-55	>55-65	Total
Cairo	N	600	679	535	382	192	2888
Callo	%	6.13%	6.94%	5.47%	4%	1.96%	29.5%
Port said	N	38	29	25	13	8	113
POIT Salu	%	0.39%	0.35%	0.3%	0.13%	0.08%	1.2%
Dakahlia	N	616	372	318	200	124	1630
Dakailila	%	6.3%	3.8%	3.3%	2.04%	1.27%	16.7%
Menofia	N	370	245	219	137	77	1048
wenona	%	3.78%	2.51%	2.2%	1.4%	0.79%	10.7%
Behera	N	564	383	290	201	94	1532
Dellera	%	5.77%	3.9%	3%	2.06%	0.96%	15.7%
Menia	N	418	259	214	123	94	1108
Wema	%	4.27%	2.7%	2.2%	1.3%	1%	11.3%
Sohag	N	441	276	227	136	80	1160
Soliay	%	4.51%	2.8%	2.3%	1.39%	0.9%	11.9%
Matrouh	N	32	23	16	13	5	89
Watrouri	%	0.33%	0.24%	0.2%	0.13%	0.05%	1%
Red sea	N	21	17	22	10	4	74
Reu Sea	%	0.21%	0.2%	0.22%	0.1%	0.04%	0.8%
Luxor	N	52	26	24	22	14	138
Luxui	%	0.53%	0.27%	0.3%	0.22%	0.14%	1.4%
Total	N	3652	2309	1890	1237	692	9780
I Ulai	%	37.3%	23.6	19.3%	12.65%	7.08%	100%

# Table 6. Age group by gender

The following table shows summary information of the participants by age group and gender

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	Men	Women	<b>Both Sexes</b>
Age Group	N=	N=	N=
	N=4993	N=4787	N=9780
	%	%	%
15-24 years	1667	1673	3340
	49.9%	50.1%	100.0%
25-34 years	1228	1157	2385
	51.5%	48.5%	100.0%
35-44 years	967	914	1881
	51.4%	48.6%	100.0%
45-54 years	665	625	1290
	51.6%	48.4%	100.0%
55-65 years	466	418	884
	52.7%	47.3%	100.0%
15-65 years	4993	4787	9780
	51.1%	48.9%	100.0%

Graph 2.



# Socioeconomic status of the survey participants

# Household composition

**Table 7.**: Mean number of adults over 15 years old in each household (presented only for both sexes because results are for the household not individuals).

Age Group	<b>Both Sexes</b>				
	Mean no.	N			
15-24 years	3.9	3340			
25-34 years	3.2	2385			
35-44 years	3.0	1881			
45-54 years	3.7	1290			
55-65 years	3.9	884			
15-65 years	3.5	9780			

#### Table 8. Marital status

#### The following table shows the marital status among the survey participants

Marital status	Male (4993)	Female (4787)	Both sexes (9780)
Single	20.75%	27.2%	34.1%
Married	29.4%	36.7%	60.6%
Divorced	0.2%	1.8%	1.1%
Widow	0.6%	7%	4.1%s
Other	0.05%	0.2%	0.2%

**60.6** % of the population are married while only 34.1% are single. The remaining percentage is distributed between others (divorced, widow and separated)

# Consanguinity

**Table 9.** The following table shows the prevalence of consanguineous marriage among the survey participants

Consanguineous marriage	%
1st degree	7.9
2nd degree	3.9
3rd degree	6
4th degree	40.3

7.9% of the population has a first degree consanguineous marriage, while second and third degree of relative marriage only seen in 3.9% and 6% respectively. Forty percent has a remote consanguinity.

# Education

Illiteracy is shown in 22.4% respondents with the mean years of education 8.4 years; there was an evident gender gap in illiteracy being higher in females 29% than in males 16%.

The highest level of education did not exceed the Technical diploma in 31.7% of the respondents among males and females

University education is only seen in 18.5% of males' respondents and 12% of females, post graduates level is reached only by 0.7% of the respondents

Respondents of the age group of 45 years and older reported lower educational level than younger age especially in females

**Table 10.** Distribution of the respondents according to the highest level of education stratified by gender, Egypt, 2005

Education level	Male	Female	Both sexes
Illiterate	16%	29%	22.4%
Read & write	2%	2%	2%
Primary Schools	10.5%	7.5%	9%
Preparatory Schools	9%	8%	8.5%
High Schools	11%	8.5%	9.8%
Tech. diploma	31.5%	32%	31.7%
Bachelor degree	18.5%	12%	15.3%
Post graduate	0.5%	1%	0.7%

Table 11. : Distribution of the respondents according to the highest level of education stratified by gender and age group, Egypt, 2005

	Age roup	No formal schooling	Some primary schooling	Completed primary	Completed secondary school	Completed high school	Tech. deploma	College /university completed	Post- graduate degree
	15-24 years	8.8%	0.9%	6.4%	15.7%	21%	28.1%	18.1%	0.1%
	25-34 years	13.1%	2.2%	9.1%	8.6%	4.2%	37.6%	22.2%	1.2%
u	35-44 years	16.4%	1.9%	10.5%	6%	6.9%	37.3%	18.4%	1.7%
Men	45-54 years	25.3%	2.4%	14.1%	4.4%	4.7%	28.4%	17.1%	3.2%
	55-65 years	36.3%	5.2%	19.3%	6%	4.5%	17%	7.7%	3%
	15-65 years	16.1%	2%	10.1%	9.7%	10.4%	31.2%	18.1%	1.4%
	15-24 years	12.5%	0.9%	6%	13.7%	17%	33.4%	14.9%	0.4%
	25-34 years	20.1%	2%	7.5%	7.3%	5.5%	40%	15.3%	0.8%
nen	35-44 years	36%	3.1%	6.7%	3.9%	4.7%	34.8%	9.1%	1.2%
Women	45-54 years	50.7%	2.7%	11.4%	2.4%	3.8%	19.8%	6.7%	1.4%
	55-65 years	69.1%	2.6%	10.3%	2.9%	1.9%	10.3%	2.2%	0.5%
	15-65 years	28.8%	2%	7.6%	7.9%	8.9%	31.5%	11.7%	0.8%

Table 12. Distribution of the respondents according to the mean number of years of education stratified by age group and gender, Egypt, 2005

Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
Age Group	Mean	Mean	Mean
15-24 years	9.9	9.4	9.7
25-34 years	9.9	8.9	9.4
35-44 years	9.5	7.1	8.4
45-54 years	8.4	4.8	6.7
55-64 years	5.5	2.6	4.2
Total	9.2	7.7	8.4

## **Employment**

Governmental employee constituted (26.6%) of the studied population which is higher among males (30%) than females (23%), the rest of the respondents either have non-governmental work3.8% or private work 7.4%, students represents about 12.5% of the population. 52% of the females are housewives. Labor in males is about 22%.

**Table 13.** Prevalence of Employment status among respondents, Egypt, 2005

Faralaman	Male	Female	Both sex
Employment	N= 4993	N= 4787	N= 9780
Gov. employee	30%	23%	26.5 %
Non gov employee	6%	2.5%	4.3 %
Private work owner	14%	1.5%	7.8 %
Labor	22%	1.3 %	11.7%
Student	13.5%	11.5%	12.5%
House wife		52.7%	25.3 %
Retired	4.7%	3.5%	4.1 %
Unemployed	5.0 %	2.5%	3.8 %
Can not work	4.5 %	1.5%	3 %

# **Income:**

**Table 14.** Description of mean reported household earnings (income) per year of participants in local currency (presented only for both sexes because results are for the household not individuals).

## The Average Earning Of The Household

Age Group	Both Sexes N= Mean
15-24years	272.7
25-34 years	286.2
35-44 years	300.6
45-54 years	331.3
55-65years	326.5
15-65 years	293.9

# Table 15. Estimated household earnings

The following table shows summary of participant household earnings by quintile (presented only for both sexes because results are for the household not individuals)

#### An Estimate of the Annual Household Income

Age Group	< 100 LE	100 - <1000	1000 - <3000	3000 - <5000	>5000
15-24 years	1.3%	62.8%	3.4%	.1%	.1%
25-34 years	1.6%	69.1%	2.7%	.2%	.0%
35-44 years	1.0%	69.7%	2.8%	.2%	.0%
45-54 years	2.1%	65.7%	4.3%	.4%	.1%
55-64 years	3.5%	64.7%	3.6%	.2%	.2%
15-65 years	1.6%	66.2%	3.2%	.2%	.1%

# Prevalence of behavioral risk factors (Summary table)

Table 16. The following table shows the prevalence of cigarette smoking, Shisha smoking, alcohol drinking, and feeding healthy food among Egyptian population stratified by gender

	Male/4993	Female/4787	Total/9780
Daily Smokers <sup>1</sup>	34.6%	0.7%	18%
Shisha Smokers <sup>2</sup>	9%	0.4%	4.8%
Alcohol Drinkers <sup>3</sup>	3.8%	0.5%	2.1%
Healthy Eating Habit4	21.3%	20.9%	21.1%

- 1. The percent of current daily smokers males is 34.6%, while in females 0.7%
- 2. The prevalence of Shisha smoking among males 9%, while in females 0.4%
- 3. The prevalence of those who drink Alcohol in the last 12 month among males 3.8%, while in females 0.5 %
- 4. The percentage of those who ate healthy food consisting of at least 5 or more combined servings of fruit and vegetables per day was 21.1% with equal distribution between males and females

#### Tobacco use:

#### **Current smokers:**

In order to assess the prevalence of smoking habits in Egypt the respondents were asked about their current status of smoking. Results showed that the prevalence of smoking was 19 %.

# Smoking habit stratified by age group

**Table 17.** This table shows number and percent of current daily smoker participants stratified by age group

Age group	% within age group	Total
>=15 - 25	11.5	3652
>25 - 35	20.5	2309
>35 - 45	23.3	1890
>45 - 55	23.2	1237
>55 - 65	21.2	692

Regarding age specific response rate, it is noticed that the prevalence of smoking is higher among old age (23% in age group 35- 55 years old).

**Table 18.** This table shows the prevalence of smoking among respondents stratified by age and gender.

Age group	Men (N=4993 )		
	Daily smokers	Non-daily smokers	
15-24 years	21.1%	1.4%	
25-34 years	38.8%	1.7%	
35-44 years	44.0%	1.2%	
55-65 years	38.2%	2.1%	
15-65 years	34.6%	1.5%	

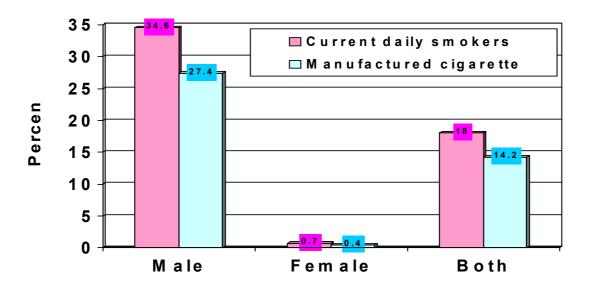
Women (N=4787 )				
Daily smokers	Non-daily smokers			
SHOKEIS	SHOKEIS			
.2%	.6%			
.8%	1.0%			
.7%	1.0%			
1.9%	1.0%			
.7%	.9%			

<b>Both Sexes</b>		
Daily	Non-daily	
smokers	smokers	
10.6%	1.0%	
20.4%	1.3%	
22.9%	1.1%	
21.0%	1.6%	
18.0%	1.2%	

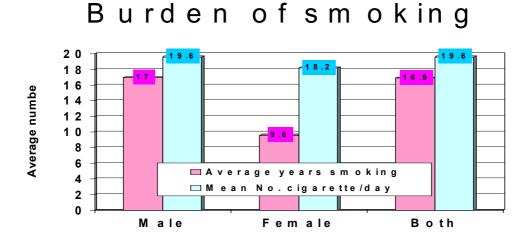
The prevalence of smoking among males who smoke to bacco products daily was 34% while in females was 0.7 %.

Note: The low females smoking percent may be due to that smoking habit in Egypt is refused culturally, religiously and by low

**Graph 3.** The following graph shows the prevalence of tobacco smoking stratified by gender



**Graph 4.** The following graph shows the burden of tobacco smoking by studying the average years of current daily smokers among males and females and the mean number of smoked cigarette per day stratified by gender



## Alcohol drinking habit among the respondent participants

**Table 19.** Alcohol consumption status of the population. Abstainers have not consumed alcohol in the last 12 months.

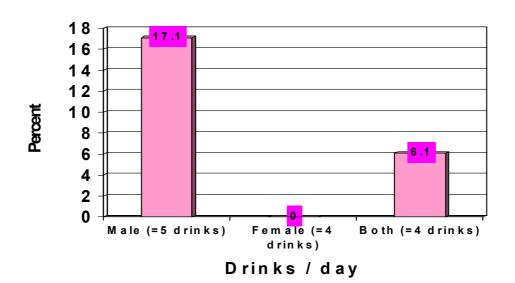
#### **Instrument questions:**

- Have you consumed alcohol (such as beer, wine, spirits, fermented cider, or (add other local examples) within the past 12 months?
- Have you consumed alcohol (such as beer, wine, spirits, fermented cider, or (add other local examples) within the past 30 days?

	Men		
Age group	Current drinker (last 30 days)	Drank alcohol in last 12 months, not current	
	%	%	
15 -24 years	2.8	2.3	
25 -34 years	3.7	4.2	
35 -44 years	1.9	3.5	
45 -54 years	2.0	5.3	
55 -65 years	2.6	5.2	

Women			
Current drinker (last 30 days)	Drank alcohol in last 12 months, not current		
%	%		
0. 3	0.1		
0.4	0.3		
0.3	0.7		
0.4	0.6		
0.6	0.2		

**Graph 5.** The following graph shows that 17.1% of males drinking alcohol  $\geq$  5 drink per time and no females drinking alcohol  $\geq$  4 drinks per time (0%) in the last 12 months among the respondent participants



# **Feeding Habits among Respondents**

# Fruit and vegetable consumption

**Table 20.** Mean number of days per week on which respondents consume fruit and vegetable servings and the percent among respondents

# **Instrument questions:**

- In a typical week, on how many days do your eat fruit?
- In a typical week, on how many days do your eat vegetables?

	Mean number & percent of fruit serving		
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
	mean	mean	mean
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	3.9250	3.9582	3.9416
	17.2%	17.4%	34.7%
25-34 years	3.8990	3.9075	3.9031
	12.6%	11.9%	24.5%
35-44 years	3.8014	3.7856	3.7937
	9.7%	9.1%	18.8%
45-54 years	4.0226	3.8176	3.9233
	7.0%	6.3%	13.3%
55-64 years	3.7618	3.7201	3.7421
	4.6%	4.1%	8.7%
25-64 years	3.8924	3.8738	3.8833

Mean number & percent of vegetables serving		
Men	Women	Both Sexes
mean	mean	mean
95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
3.9094	3.9289	3.9192
16.9%	17.1%	34.0%
3.9503	3.9118	3.9317
12.6%	11.8%	24.4%
3.9276	3.9179	3.9229
9.9%	9.3%	19.2%
4.0722	3.9792	4.0271
7.0%	6.5%	13.5%
3.8906	3.8278	3.8609
4.7%	4.2%	8.9%
3.9429	3.9204	3.9319

# **Table 21.** Mean number of fruit and vegetable servings per day on days consumed

The following table describes the percentage of consuming five or more fruit and/or vegetables per day on days consumed. Instrument questions:

- How many servings of fruit do you eat each on one of those days?
- How many servings of vegetables do you eat each on one of those days?

	Five or more fruit and/or vegetables per day			
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes	
	mean	mean	mean	
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	
15-24years	1.2124	1.2122	1.2123	
25-34 years	1.2109	1.2230	1.2168	
35-44 years	1.2213	1.1871	1.2047	
45-54 years	1.2120	1.2208	1.2163	
55-64 years	1.2039	1.1890	1.1968	
15-64 years	1.2129	1.2091	1.2110	

**Graph 6.** Eating habits stratified by gender This graph shows the percentage of those who ate healthy food consisting of at least 5 or more combined servings of fruit and vegetables per day was 21.1% with equal distribution between males and females.

Percentage who ate 5 or more combined servings of fruit & vegetables per day



# Type of oils used most frequently

**Table 22.** Description: type of oil or fat most often used for meal preparation in households (presented only for both sexes because results are for the household not individuals).

## **Instrument question:**

• What type of oil or fat is most often used for meal preparation in your household?

Age Group	Vegetable oil	Olive oil	Butter	Margarine	Other
(	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	63.2%	3.7%	37.2%	55.9%	8.7%
25-34 years	63.3%	4.0%	39.2%	55.2%	7.9%
35-44 years	65.0%	3.1%	39.0%	56.8%	8.0%
45-54 years	65.0%	4.7%	38.8%	54.6%	8.3%
55-65 years	65.8%	3.7%	37.8%	52.6%	8.5%
15-65 years	64.0%	3.8%	38.3%	55.4%	8.3%

The total percent in this table is not 100% because of multiuse of different types of oil

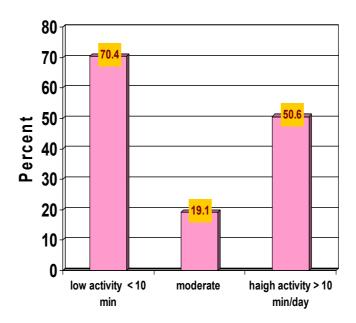
It is shown that most of the respondents households used vegetable oil (64%), this may be due its availability being accessible to the whole population. Small percentage of the respondents uses olive oil (3.8%). Butter is consumed by 38.3% of the population.

# Physical activity

 Table 23.
 Percentage of daily physical activity of the participants

	Both Sexes (N= 9780 )		
Age Group	Low level of activity <10 min	Moderate level of activity	High level of activity >10min
15-24 years	69.6%	19.0%	8.9%
25-34 years	69.0%	21.4%	11.9%
35-44 years	70.8%	19.5%	10.6%
45-54 years	71.4%	19.8%	9.0%
55-65 years	74.5%	10.9%	5.9%
15-65 years	70.4%	19.1%	9.7%

**Graph 7.** This graph shows the prevalence of daily physical activity among Egyptian population stratified by gender.



#### Prevalence of chronic diseases

#### (Verbal-reported)

To identify awareness of population about their health status, the prevalence of diabetes & hypertension were estimated based on verbal questions. The respondent were asked if they have been told by health professional that they have diabetes or hypertension, and were also asked about their compliance to medical or traditional treatment

### Verbal-reported diabetes mellitus

#### Table 15.

Distribution of the respondents according to diabetes, based on notification by a health professional, verbal reported, stratified by age group, Egypt, 2005

#### **Instrument questions:**

• During the past 12 months, have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have diabetes?

	Diabetes diagnosed by doctor or health worker in last 12 months		
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	1.0%	.9%	.9%
25-34 years	1.2%	2.5%	1.8%
35-44 years	5.5%	7.1%	6.3%
45-54 years	12.9%	17.4%	15.1%
55-65 years	17.2%	28.7%	22.6%
15-65 years	5.0%	7.1%	6.0%

# Respondent's history of diabetes diagnosis and treatment

**Table 16**: Number and percentage of verbal- reported Diabetics by each type of managements, stratified by age group, Egypt, 2005

The respondents asked if they are during the past 12 months, told by a doctor or other health worker that they have diabetes, then the diabetics asked if they currently taking any of the following treatments/advice for diabetes prescribed by a doctor or other health worker or not

Age Group	Currently taking insulin prescribed for diabetes by doctor or health worker		
	Men	Women	Both Sexes
15-24 years	.7%	.5%	.6%
25-34 years	.5%	1.0%	.8%
35-44 years	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%
45-54 years	4.7%	7.0%	5.8%
55-65 years	6.7%	11.5%	8.9%
15-65 years	2.0%	2.8%	2.4%

Currently taking oral drugs prescribed for diabetes by doctor or health worker			
Men	Women	Both Sexes	
.4%	.4%	.4%	
.9%	1.6%	1.2%	
4.0%	5.6%	4.8%	
10.5%	14.1%	12.2%	
14.4%	23.0%	18.4%	
3.9%	5.4%	4.6%	

#### Diabetes lifestyle advice

#### Table 16. Respondents with history of diabetes lifestyle advice.

Respondents asked if they currently taking any of the following
The following table shows Number and percentage of verbal- reported Diabetics who received treatments/advice for diabetes prescribed by a doctor or other health worker? for life style modification, stratified by age group, Egypt, 2005

Age Group	Advised or treated by doctor or health worker to go on Diet			Advised or treated by doctor or health worker to stop smoking			doctor	ed or treat or health art or do r exercise	worker
	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes
15- 24 years	.6%	.5%	.6%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.2%	.4%	.3%
25-34 years	1.1%	1.7%	1.4%	1.1%	.3%	.7%	.8%	1.0%	.9%
35-44 years	3.8%	5.3%	4.5%	3.5%	1.3%	2.4%	2.8%	3.8%	3.3%
45-54 years	9.5%	13.6%	11.5%	6.8%	1.1%	4.0%	6.9%	7.8%	7.4%
55-65 years	11.8%	19.6%	15.5%	6.9%	2.2%	4.6%	8.4%	11.2%	9.7%
15-65 years	3.6%	5.1%	4.3%	2.5%	.7%	1.6%	2.5%	3.1%	2.8%

<sup>%</sup> from diabetics within Age categories (years)

#### Table 16. Diabetes advice by traditional healer

The following table shows the percentage of diabetic population who during the past 12 months have seen a traditional healer for diabetes or seeking advice with traditional healers and receiving traditional treatment or currently taking any herbal or traditional remedy for diabetes

Age Group	Counseling by Traditional Healer for Diabetes during last 12 months			Current Herbal or traditional treatment for Diabetes			
	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	
15-24 years	1.0%	.9%	.9%	.0%	.2%	.1%	
25-34 years	1.2%	2.5%	1.8%	.4%	.5%	.5%	
35-44 years	5.5%	7.1%	6.3%	.9%	1.3%	1.1%	
45-54 years	12.9%	17.4%	15.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.3%	
55-65 years	17.2%	28.7%	22.6%	2.8%	6.2%	4.4%	
15-65 years	5.0%	7.1%	6.0%	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	

<sup>%</sup> from diabetics within Age categories (years)

#### Verbal-reported Hypertension

Table 17. Respondents with raised blood pressure diagnosis and treatment results.

The awareness of respondents of being hypertensive diagnosed during the past 12 months and if they have been told by a doctor or other health worker that they have elevated blood pressure or hypertension. Then they asked if they currently receiving any treatments/ advice for high blood pressure prescribed by a doctor or other health worker or if they taken drugs (medication) the last 2 weeks?

	Raised blood pressure diagnosed by doctor or health worker in last 12 months			Currently taking blood pressure drugs prescribed by doctor or health worker			
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	
15-24 years	1.4%	3.5%	2.5%	.6%	1.5%	1.0%	
25-34 years	4.7%	9.4%	7.0%	2.0%	4.6%	3.3%	
35-44 years	7.8%	19.8%	13.6%	3.9%	12.1%	7.9%	
45-54 years	20.2%	33.6%	26.7%	16.1%	27.8%	21.8%	
55-65 years	32.8%	46.2%	39.1%	27.5%	38.3%	32.6%	
15-65 years	8.9%	15.7%	12.2%	6.2%	10.9%	8.5%	

12.3% of the population knows that they have elevated blood pressure, with higher elevation in females (15.7%) than males (8.9%). Only 8.5% of respondents knew they are hypertensive taking blood pressure drugs prescribed by doctor or health worker

Table 18. Percentage of population with raised blood pressure who received lifestyle advice.

Number & percent of respondents who currently receiving any of the following treatments/advice for high blood pressure prescribed by a doctor or other health worker?

Age Group	Advised or treated by doctor or health worker to lose weight			Advised or treated by doctor or health worker to stop smoking			Advised or treated by doctor or health worker to start or do more exercise			
	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes		Men	Women	Both Sexes
15-24 years	.4%	1.0%	.7%	.6%	.2%	.4%		.6%	.8%	.7%
25-34 years	2.3%	3.4%	2.8%	2.4%	.5%	1.5%		2.5%	2.3%	2.4%
35-44 years	3.1%	8.5%	5.7%	3.5%	2.0%	2.8%		3.1%	7.1%	5.1%
45-54 years	9.5%	17.6%	13.4%	9.8%	3.7%	6.8%		10.2%	13.1%	11.6%
55-64 years	13.5%	20.6%	16.9%	14.2%	7.2%	10.9%		15.2%	18.7%	16.9%
15-65 years	3.8%	6.9%	5.3%	4.1%	1.7%	2.9%		4.2%	5.6%	4.9%

<sup>%</sup> from hypertensive within Age categories (years)

Table 19. Percentage of population with raised blood pressure, who is seeking advice with traditional healers.

#### **Instrument questions:**

During the past 12 months have you seen a traditional healer for raised blood pressure? Are you currently taking any herbal or traditional remedy for your high blood pressure?

		Seen a traditional healer in the last 12 months			Currently taking herbal or traditional remedy for high blood pressure			
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes		
15-24 years	.2%	.9%	.6%	.2%	.5%	.3%		
25-34 years	1.2%	2.0%	1.6%	.8%	1.6%	1.2%		
35-44 years	2.2%	7.7%	4.8%	2.1%	6.8%	4.4%		
45-54 years	5.7%	10.6%	8.1%	5.4%	9.4%	7.4%		
55-65 years	9.9%	12.7%	11.2%	9.2%	13.6%	11.3%		
15-65 years	2.5%	4.7%	3.6%	2.2%	4.3%	3.2%		

# Results of STEPwise Survey Step 2

#### Step 2

#### **Physical Measurements**

Table 20. Mean results for height in meters

The following table shows the mean height of Egyptian population per each age

group and gender

		Height (ı	m)
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
Age Gloup	mean	mean	mean
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	1.6	1.5	1.5
25-34 years	1.6	1.5	1.6
35-44 years	1.6	1.6	1.6
45-54 years	1.6	1.5	1.6
55-65 years	1.6	1.5	1.6
15-65 years	1.6	1.5	1.6

Table 21. Mean results for weight in Kg
The following table shows the mean weight of Egyptian population per each age group and gender

		Weight (kg	g)
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
Age Gloup	mean	mean	mean
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	63.9	61.8	62.9
25-34 years	74.3	71.5	72.9
35-44 years	77.2	77.2	77.2
45-54 years	78.4	79.7	79.1
55-65 years	75.9	74.4	75.2
15-65 years	72.1	70.5	71.3

Table 22. Mean of Waist circumference measurement in meters

The following table shows the mean waist circumference of Egyptian population per each age group and gender

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Age Group	Men	Women
15-24 years	.68	.71
25-34 years	.75	.79
35-44 years	.79	.85
45-54 years	.81	.86
55-65 years	.79	.86
15-65 years	.75	.79

#### Prevalence of over weight and obesity

Table 23. This following table shows the degree of overweight and obesity among Egyptian population stratified by age group

Age group	Overweight BMI 25.0-29.9	Obese BMI 30.0+
>15 - 25	26%	11.6%
>25 – 35	34.4%	26%
>35 – 45	34%	36.3%
>45 – 55	32.7%	41.7%
>55 - 65	32.6%	33.8%

Table 24. The following table shows the degree of overweight and obesity among Egyptian population stratified by age group and gender

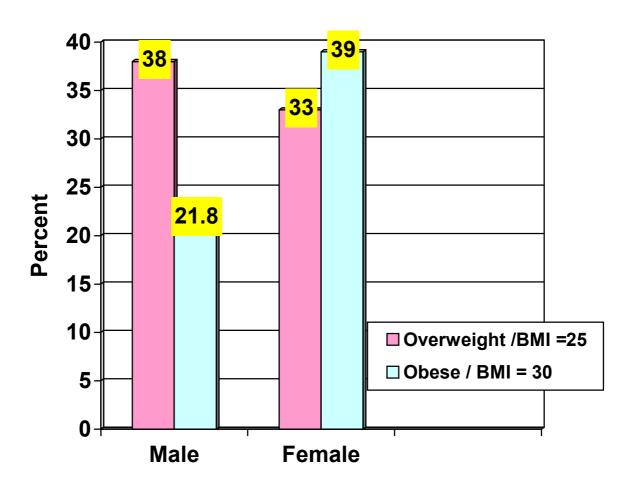
		Men			Women	
Ara Croun	Normal weight	Over- weight	Obese	Normal weight	Over- weight	Obese
Age Group	*BMI < 25	BMI 25.0-29.9	BMI 30.0+	BMI <25	BMI 25.0-29.9	BMI 30.0+
	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)
15-24 years	60.9%	29.5%	9.6%	47.7%	33.4%	18.9%
25-34 years	37.0%	43.1%	19.8%	23.8%	35.8%	40.4%
35-44 years	26.2%	43.3%	30.4%	14.0%	34.0%	52.0%
45-54 years	23.2%	40.8%	36.0%	11.0%	26.6%	62.4%
55-65 years	26.0%	41.5%	32.5%	15.6%	33.9%	50.5%
15-65 years	40.0%	38.2%	21.8%	27.8%	33.2%	39.0%

<sup>\*</sup> BMI= basal metabolic Index

The previous table we found that, over weight is higher in males (38.2%), while obesity is more in females (39%)

High prevalence of overweight among age group 25-45 years old and high prevalence of obesity among age group 45-55 years old

### The following graph shows the overweight and obesity distribution among the survey respondents



# Results of STEPwise, Step 3

## Step 3

#### Prevalence of chronic diseases

Table 25. This table shows the prevalence of chronic diseases among Egyptian population according to measurements taken during the survey

		Male	Female	Both
Diabetes <sup>1</sup>	$FBS \ge 7.0 \text{ mmol/L}$	6.2%	8.2%	7.2%
Diabetics with Ocular complication <sup>2</sup>		11.6%	27.9%	20.7%
Diabetics with	foot complication <sup>3</sup>	8.7%	11.1%	10%
. 4	SBP > 140 and/ or DBP > 90mmHg	26.3%	27.1%	26.7%
Hypertension <sup>4</sup>	SBP > 170 and/ or DBP > 100 mmHg	6.2%	7.6%	6.9%

Diabetes mellitus: the prevalence of diabetes is 7.2%, 6.2% in males and 8.2% in females when measured during the survey, about 20.7% of diabetics show ocular complication with higher percent in female diabetics (27.9%).

10% of diabetics have diabetic foot, 8.7% in diabetic males and 11.1% in diabetic females. 4 Hypertension: Mild hypertension (SBP > 140 and/ or DBP > 90mmHg) seen in 26.7% with a little bit equal distribution between males and females. Severe hypertension (SBP > 170 and/ or DBP > 100 mmHg) seen in 6.9%.

The prevalence of mild hypertension among Egyptian population (>140/90mmHg) is 26.7%. In males it is 26.2% with high incidence in age group 55-65 years old.

Mild hypertension in females shown in 27% of them with higher distribution in age group 55-65 years old

The prevalence of severe hypertension among Egyptian population (>170/100mmHg) is 6.9%. In males it is 6.2% while in female it is 7.2% with high incidence in both gender in age group 55-65 years old.

#### Raised Bl P

Table 26. Mild hypertension,

The prevalence of mild hypertension among Egyptian population (>140/90mmHg)

		SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg								
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes							
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI							
15-24 years	15.1%	12.3%	13.7%							
25-34 years	20.6%	18.1%	19.4%							
35-44 years	25.8%	31.0%	28.4%							
45-54 years	42.7%	51.4%	46.9%							
55-64 years	59.3%	65.5%	62.3%							
15-65 years	26.3%	27.1%	26.7%							

Table 27. Severe hypertension,

The prevalence of severe hypertension among Egyptian population (>170/100mmHg)

Age Group	SBP ≥ 170 and/or DBP ≥ 100 mmHg				
Ago Croup	Men	Women	Both Sexes		
15-24 years	2.6%	2.1%	2.4%		
25-34 years	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%		
35-44 years	5.0%	6.8%	5.8%		
45-54 years	10.9%	19.2%	14.9%		
55-64 years	20.5%	24.3%	22.3%		
15-65 years	6.2%	7.6%	6.9%		

#### Lipid profile of Egyptian population

#### **Fasting serum cholesterol**

Table 28. Mean total cholesterol results

#### This table shows the Cholesterol level Of Egyptian population stratified by gender

Cholesterol Level	Male	Female	Both
≥ 5.2 mmol/L	15.7%	23.1%	19.4%
≥ 6.5 mmol/L	2%	4.4%	3.3%

#### Participants with raised cholesterol

Table 29. Rate of hypercholesterolemia stratified by age group and gender, Egypt, 2005

The prevalence of high serum cholesterol ( $\geq 5.2$  mmol/L) was 19.4% being higher in females (23.1%) than males (15.7%)

Age Group	Total cholesterol ≥ 5.2 mmol/L or ≥ 200 mg/dl			Total cholesterol ≥ 6.5 mmol/L or ≥ 250 mg/dl			
	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	
15-24 years	7.9%	11.4%	9.7%	.3%	2.1%	1.2%	
25-34 years	15.7%	18.5%	17.0%	.7%	3.6%	2.1%	
35-44 years	21.6%	28.5%	25.2%	4.7%	3.0%	3.8%	
45-54 years	22.4%	35.2%	29.1%	4.3%	8.5%	6.5%	
55-65 years	20.4%	41.7%	31.1%	2.7%	10.4%	6.6%	
15-65 years	15.7%	23.1%	19.4%	2.0%	4.4%	3.3%	

Table 30. Prevalence of High Density Lipoprotein among Egyptian population

Description: Mean level of high density lipoprotein (HDL) among respondents by age group

Description: Mean level of high density lipoprotein (HDL) among respondents by age group and gender, Egypt, 2005.

		HDL (mmol/L)	١
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes
	mean	mean	mean
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI
15-24 years	9.9	10.8	10.4
25-34 years	13.0	8.4	10.8
35-44 years	11.3	13.9	12.6
45-54 years	7.7	9.9	8.8
55-65 years	15.9	11.9	14.0
15-65 years	11.2	10.8	11.0

	HDL (mg/dl)					
Men	Women	Both Sexes				
mean	mean	mean				
95% CI	95% CI	95% CI				
36.7	30.2	33.4				
34.8	25.8	30.4				
33.2	42.4	37.7				
36.7	39.3	37.9				
55.1	39.7	47.8				
37.3	33.5	35.4				

Note: the following tables will show the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension in Egyptian population as results of the survey whether the participant known as a patient or diagnosed during the survey

#### Hypertension in Egyptian population aged >= 15-65 years

The following table shows the percentage of mild hypertension (SBP  $\geq$  140 and/or DBP  $\geq$  90 mmHg ) in Egypt is 26.7% with irrelevant differences between males and females

Age Group	SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg & currently on medication for raised blood pressure					
	Men	Women	Both Sexes			
15-24 years	15.1%	12.3%	13.7%			
25-34 years	20.6%	18.1%	19.4%			
35-44 years	25.8%	31.0%	28.4%			
45-54 years	42.7%	51.4%	46.9%			
55-64 years	59.3%	65.5%	62.3%			
15-65 years	26.3%	27.1%	26.7%			

The following table shows the percentage of sever hypertension in Egypt (SBP  $\geq$  170 and/or DBP  $\geq$  100 mmHg) is 6.9 %

Age Group	SBP ≥ 170 and/or DBP ≥ 100 mmHg or currently on medication for raised blood pressure				
	Men	Women	Both Sexes		
15-24 years	2.6%	2.1%	2.4%		
25-34 years	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%		
35-44 years	5.0%	6.8%	5.8%		
45-54 years	10.9%	19.2%	14.9%		
55-64 years	20.5%	24.3%	22.3%		
15-65 years	6.2%	7.6%	6.9%		

#### Diabetes mellitus in Egyptian population aged >=15- 65 years

The following table shows the prevalence of diabetes mellitus in Egypt whether diagnosed during the survey or currently on medication for raised blood glucose which is 15.8%

**N.**B., cut off point is Plasma venous value  $\geq 7.0$  mmol/L or  $\geq 126$  mg/dl

Age Group	Raised blood glucose* ≥ 126 mg/dl currently on medication for diabetes					
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes			
	%	%	%			
15-24 yeas	3.5	2.9	3.2			
25-34 years	2.6	3.6	3.1			
35-44 years	12.1	15.3	13.7			
45-54 years	21.9	27.1	24.6			
55-64 years	28.3	41	34.8			
15-64 years	13.6	18	15.8			

From the previous table we find that the prevalence of diabetes mellitus in Egypt as a results of STEPwise survey is 15.8 % with higher elevation in females 18 % than in males 13.6 %

#### **Prevalence of Raised Risk**

Respondents were assessed for having combined risk. The rate of raised risk for having at least three risk factors is calculated.

The commonest contribution of risk factors were due to daily smoking, raised blood pressure, high serum cholesterol and low consumption of fruits and vegetables

#### Table 31. Summary of combined risk factors

- current daily smokers
- less than 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day
- low level of activity (<600 MET -minutes)
- overweight or obese (BMI  $\geq$  25 kg/m2)
- Raised BP (SBP  $\geq$  140 and/or DBP  $\geq$  90 mmHg or currently on medication for raised BP).

#### **Instrument question: combined from Step 1**

	Low risk (none of the risk factors)			At risk (at least 3 of the risk factors)			
Age Group	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	95% CI	
15-24 years	6.8%	4.7%	5.8%	93.2%	95.3%	94.2%	
25-34 years	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	98.2%	98.5%	98.4%	
35-44 years	.5%	.6%	.6%	99.5%	99.4%	99.4%	
45-54 years	.7%	.5%	.6%	99.3%	99.5%	99.4%	
55-65 years	.6%	.7%	.7%	99.4%	99.3%	99.3%	
15-65 years	2.8%	2.3%	2.6%	97.2%	97.7%	97.4%	

<sup>%</sup> with in age group

#### Conclusion and Recommendations

- Strengthening integration of chronic NCD care into PHC services:
  - ◆ Ascertaining the establishment of a health facility based screening system for early detection of asymptomatic hypertension and diabetes conditions at PHC level.
  - ◆ Capacity building of the PHC health workers (PHC physicians, nurses and lab technicians) in the integrated chronic NCD care.
  - ◆ Improvement of the facilities for chronic NCD detection and management at PHC services.
  - ◆ Integration of NCD prevention and control program into reproductive health services (MCH, school health, adolescence care) and elderly health care services.
- Starting community based health education programs on the importance of the consultation and follow-up process for early detection of hypertension, diabetes and their complications.
- Building up a national strategy for enhancement of healthy life style practices in coordination with the related ministries of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Justice, Trade, Youth, Women Care, Civil Society, in addition to the Religious bodies and Media. The following should be considered:
  - ◆ Starting a comprehensive project for banning tobacco use at schools, workplaces, and transportation and public places.
  - ◆ Strengthening action to promote healthy diet and physical activity at schools and universities.

- ◆ Initiation of home based programs on healthy diet and indoor physical exercise targeting the female and the elderly.
- ♦ Enhancing utilization of the accessible sports and fitness recreational facilities.
- ◆ Raising public awareness through holding educational campaigns promoting healthy life style.
- Establishing a stepwise surveillance system:
- 4.1-Implementation of a survey on a sub-sample when the security situation is stabilized to neutralize the impact of stress on the studied risk factors.
- 4.2-Repetition of the national survey within three to five years to measure the trend of risk factors over time and evaluate the NCD prevention and control program.
- 4.3-Modification of the national Steps Instrument on the next survey to include further expanded questions regarding step 3 and addition of optional questions to serve other NCDs like common cancers (breast, rectum), mental health, injuries, ..., also extending the study frame work to include younger age groups.
- 5---Collateral collaboration with the international organizations and scientific centers like CDC to sponsor studies in the field.
- Continuous collaboration with neighboring countries in the region to implement NCD control projects.

#### Appendix 1 Informed Consent Form

#### Dear Participant,

Read by:

You have been randomly selected to be part of this survey and this is why we would like to interview you. This survey is conducted by the World Health Organization in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, & WHO Regional Office. It will be carried out by professional interviewers from (name of Institution). This survey is currently taking place in several countries around the world.

The information you provide is totally confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone. It will only be used for research purposes. Your name, address, and other personal information will be removed from the questionnaire, and only a code will be used to connect your name and your answers without identifying you. You may be contacted by the Survey Team again only if it were necessary to complete the information on the survey.

Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the survey after having agreed to participate. You are free to refuse to answer any question that is asked in the questionnaire. If you have any questions about this survey you may ask me or contact (name of institution and contact details) or (Principal Investigator at site).

Signing this consent indicates that you understand what will be expected of you and are willing to participate in this survey.

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#### Appendix 2 Informed Consent Form

#### Dear Participant,

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Your participation is voluntary and you can withdraw from the survey after having agreed to participate. You are free to refuse to answer any question that is asked in the questionnaire.

In STEP 3, you will have your blood taken to be tested for sugar and fat. These blood tests involve taking a small amount of blood from a vein in your arm, which may cause some mild pain.

It is critical that you are informed about the kind of tests which will be done on your blood sample (i.e. glucose, cholesterol).

If you have any questions about this survey you may ask me or contact (name of institution and contact details) or (Principal Investigator at site).

Signing this consent indicates that you understand what will be expected of you and are willing to participate in this survey.

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### The National Survey on Chronic Disease And Their Risk Factors, For age group 15 – 65 years, Egypt, 2005- 2006

# This work done by Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ESU), Ministry of Health and Population (MOH& P) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO)

Results for adults aged 15-65 years (incl. 95% CI) (adjust if necessary)	Both Sexes	Males	Females
Step 1 Tobacco Use			
Percentage who currently smoke tobacco daily	18.0% (17.2 – 18.8)	34.6% (33.3 – 35.9)	0.7% (0.5 – 0.9)
For those who smoke tobacco daily			
Average age started smoking (years)	-	-	-
Average years of smoking	16.9±12.2	17.0±12.3	9.6±7.4
Percentage smoking manufactured cigarettes	14.2% (12.4 – 16.0)	27.4% (25.0 – 29.8)	0.4% ( 0 – 0.32)
For smokers of manufactured cigarettes			
Mean number of manufactured cigarettes smoked per day	19.6±9.9	19.6±9.9	18.2±11.9
Step 1 Alcohol Consumpti	on		
Percentage of abstainers (who did not drink alcohol in the last year )	97.9% (97.6 – 98.2)	96.2% (95.7 – 96.7)	99.7% (99.5 – 99.9)
Percentage of current drinkers (who drank alcohol in the past 12 months)	2.1% (0.1 – 4.1)	3.8% (1 – 6.6)	0.3% (0 – 3.0)
For those who drank alcohol in the last 7 days			
Percentage of women who had 4 or more drinks on any day in the last week			0%
Percentage of men who had 5 or more drinks on any day in the last week		17.1% ( - )	
Percentage who drank alcohol on 4 or more days in the last week	6.1% ( - )		
Step 1 Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	(in a typical week)		
Mean number of servings of fruit consumed per day	1.4±0.8	1.4±0.78	1.4±0.82
Mean number of servings of vegetables consumed per day	2.34±1.2	2.41±1.3	2.37±1.2
Percentage who ate 5 or more combined servings of fruit & vegetables per day	21.1% (20.3 – 21.9)	21.3% (20.2 – 22.4)	20.9% (19.7 – 22.1)
Step 1 Physical Activity	1		
Percentage with low levels of activity (defined as <600 MET-minutes/week)	50.6% (49 – 52.2)	45.1% (43 – 47.2)	57.4% (55.1 – 59.7)
Median time spent in work-related physical activity per day (minutes)	17	51	0
Median time spent in transport-related physical activity per day (minutes)	15	30	0
Median time spent in recreational physical activity per day (minutes)	0	0	0

Results for adults aged 25-64 years (incl. 95% CI) (adjust if necessary)	<b>Both Sexes</b>	Males	Females
Step 2 Physical Measuren	nents		
Mean body mass index - BMI (kg/m²)	27.6±6.3	26.4±5.7	28.8±6.7
Percentage who are overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²)	66.0% (65 – 67)	60.0% (58.6 – 61.4)	72.2% (70.9 – 73.5)
Percentage who are obese (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²)	30.3% (29.4 – 31.2)	21.8% (20.6 – 23.0)	39.0% (37.6 – 40.4)
Average waist circumference (cm)	89.7±17.6	88.9±16.7	90.5±18.4
Mean systolic blood pressure - SBP (mmHg)	126.2±18.7	127.2±17.7	125.2±19.6
Mean diastolic blood pressure - DBP (mmHg)	78.6±11.8	78.4±11.7	78.8±11.9
Percentage with raised BP (SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg)	26.7% (25.8 – 27.6)	26.3% (25 – 27.6)	27.1% (25.8 – 28.4)
Percentage with raised BP (SBP ≥ 170 and/or DBP ≥ 100 mmHg)	6.9% (6.4 – 7.4)	7.2% (6.5 – 7.9)	7.6% (6.8 – 8.4)
Step 3 Biochemical Measure	ements		
Mean fasting blood glucose (mmol/L)	4.7±2.6	4.6±2.5	4.7±2.7
Percentage with raised blood glucose (≥ 7.0 mmol/L)	7.2% ( 6.1 – 8.3)	6.2% (4.8 – 7.6)	8.2% ( 6.6 – 9.8)
Mean total blood cholesterol (mmol/L)	4.4±1.2	4.2±1.2	4.5±1.2
Percentage with raised total cholesterol (≥ 5.2 mmol/L)	19.4% (17.8 – 21.0)	15.7% (13.6 – 17.8)	23.1% (20.7 – 25.5)
Percentage with raised total cholesterol (≥ 6.5 mmol/L)	3.3% (2.6 – 4.0)	2% (1.2 – 2.8)	4.4% (3.2 – 5.6)

Summary of combined risk factors							
<ul> <li>current daily smokers</li> <li>less than 5 servings of fruits &amp; vegetables per day</li> <li>Low level of activity (&lt;600 MET -minutes)</li> <li>overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²)</li> <li>raised BP (SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg)</li> </ul>							
Percentage with low risk (i.e. none of the risk factors included above)	2.6%	2.8%	2.3%				
	(2.1 – 3.1)	(2.1 – 3.5)	(1.6 – 3.0)				
Percentage with raised risk (i.e. at least three of the risk factors included above) distributed in the age groups below							
Percentage with raised risk, aged 25 to 44 years old	47.2%	51.3%	42%				
	(44.8 – 49.6)	(48 – 54.6)	(38.4 – 45.6)				
Percentage with raised risk, aged 45 to 64 years old	66.5%	65.3%	68.1%				
	(63.2 – 69.8)	(60.9 – 69.7)	(63.2 – 73.0)				

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#### Appendix 6

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