



Arab Statistical Agencies



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1. Introduction

1. In the beginnings of last century, a modest interest in providing statistical information was shown by certain circles in the Arab countries, including Syria, Iraq, Jordan, **Egypt** and Sudan.
2. As the need for statistical information increased to serve the development of the human , material resources and to cope with statistical methods required regionally and internationally, it became a necessity to establish statistical agencies in several Arab countries not only to collect statistical information, but also to analyze Data and perform researches.



Introduction

- 3. After mechanization of statistical work, the statistical work focus shifted to the quality of information and statistical indicators, especially after the advance of modern electronic information and communications technology in the Arab countries.**
- 4. In order to provide for the necessary human capacity for statistical work, training centers were set up in many Arab States ,**
- 5. Now , the statistical work is performed according to the latest international rules & laws in data collocation & dissemination**



2. Laws governing statistics in Arab countries

- 1- All States have enacted laws and regulations for statistical purposes and where called (the law of statistics or the law for statistics and census) .**
- 2- The vast majority of such laws requires and provides for the confidentiality of individual's data.**
- 3- Statistical Agencies in Arab countries are linked to the Ministry of Planning (Egypt) or the Ministry of National Economy, or to the Cabinet.**
- 4- Statistical Agencies are responsible for collecting, publishing and disseminating of the official statistics.**



Laws governing statistics in Arab countries

- 5- Statistical Agencies supervise information technology work and they establish training centers to enhance the capabilities of the statistical units in the state.**
- 6- Statistical Agencies provide for technical supervision of the statistical units in ministries and institutions, and approve the statistics they issue.**



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Applying Statistical laws in Arab countries

NO	State	Law no	year	Law Name	Amendment
1	Jordon	24	1950	General Statistic Law	Law # 24 /1966 Order # 106 /1966
2	Arab Emirates	9	1974	Censuses & Statistic Law	
3	Bahrain	7	1977	Censuses & Statistic Law	Decree #11/1977 Decree #5/1983 Decree #9/1984 Decree #38/2002 Decree #9/2003 Decree #4/2004
4	Saudi Arabia	212	1979	Statistics System	
5	Sudan		1970	Statistic Law	Law # 24 /2003
6	Syria	25	1960	Statistic Law	Law # 24 /1966
7	Iraq	21	1972	Statistic Law	Law # 97 /1983



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8	Palestine	21	1947	General Statistics Law	Law #24 /1950 Decree # 995 /1994 Law #5 /2000
9	Qatar	12	1980	Statistics Law	P.M Decree #9 / 1982 Prince Decree #25 / 2007
10	Kuwait	23	1963	General Statistics Law	Law # 63 /1976 Law #1299 /1995
11	Lebanon	1793	1979	Central Statistics Dep.	
12	Libya	16	1962	National information & documentation System	
13	Egypt	35	1960	Censuses & Statistics Law	
14	Morocco	1529	1942	Statistics Law	
15	Yemen	28	1995	Statistics Law	



3. Structure of Arab statistical agencies

- 1- The organizational structure of the agencies/statistical offices in Arab countries consists of departments in the provinces, centers or regions. **(27 branches in Egyptian governorates)**
- 2- The structure includes other departments concerned with statistical work and enhancement staff capacity building, such as information technology, and statistical training centers. **(two centers in Egypt)**
- 3- Organizational structures of the statistical agencies in the Arab countries differ from one country to the other depending on the nature of the official statistical plans. **In Egypt, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics. (CAPMAS) comprises a number of sectors, central departments , regional offices, advisory committees and other departments.**

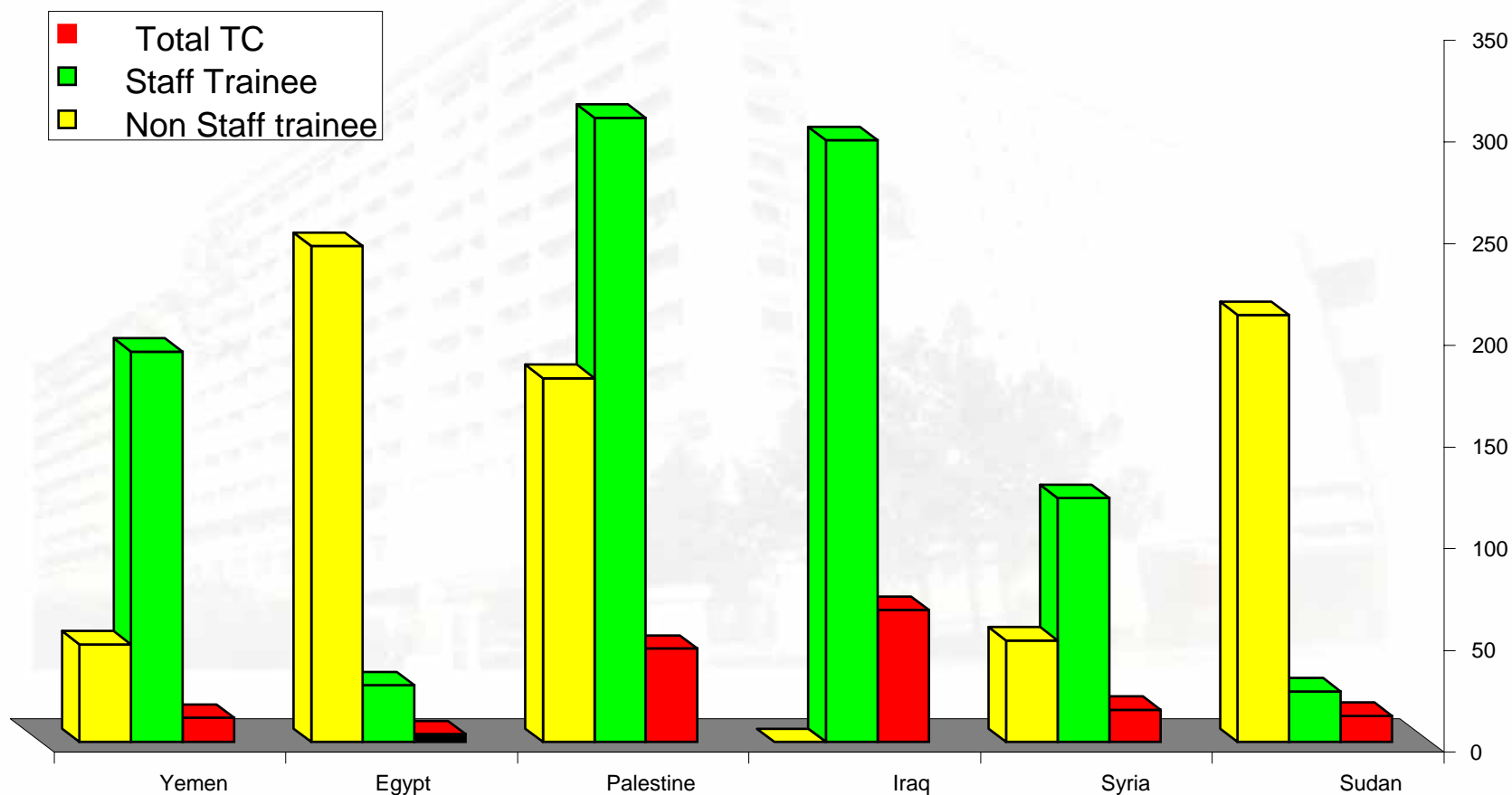


Structure of Arab statistical agencies

- 4. Most statistical agencies in the Arab countries have a separate sector for information technology. (as the case of Egypt)**
- 5. Most statistical Agencies in Arab Stat using training facilities of international and regional training center .**



Training Course For Statistics Agency Staff & Non Statistics Agency Staff





4. Information Technology Sector Tasks in Arab Countries

Independent department of information technology are available in 97% of statistic Agency in Arab Stat , 57 % of them had an excellent level of computer & programmers, the rest had good and satisfactory level



Information Technology Tasks in Arab Countries

- 1- Establishing and managing database**
- 2- Designing systems for computerized statistical work.**
- 3- Providing data and statistical indicators to the state for planning purpose.**
- 4- Issuing the I D card (smart card) for elections.**
- 5- Providing consulting and technical services.**
- 6- Training of governmental employees on information technology.**



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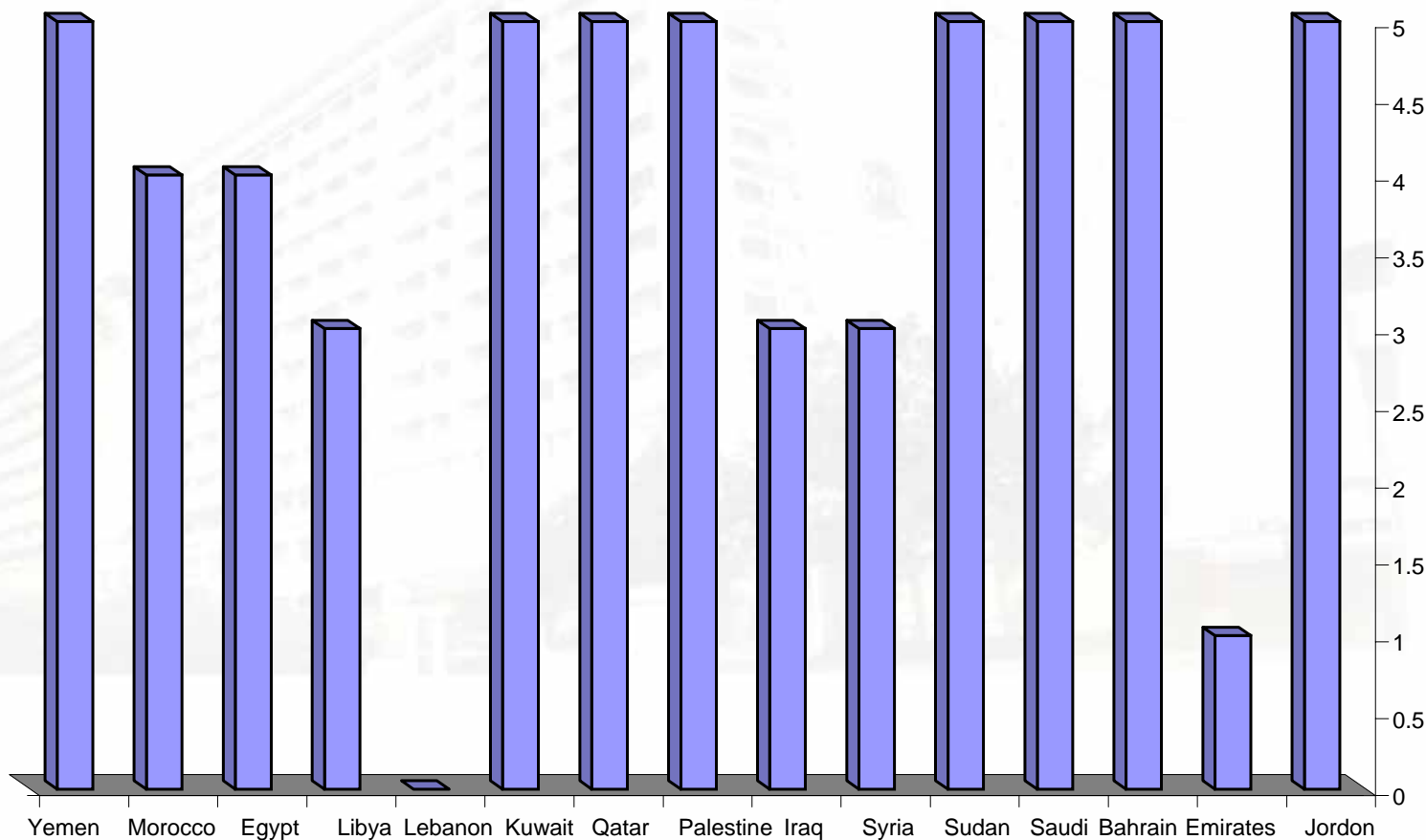


Level of Technology In Arab State

NO	State	Level
1	Jordon	5
2	Arab Emirates	1
3	Bahrain	5
4	Saudi Arabia	5
5	Sudan	5
6	Syria	3
7	Iraq	3
8	Palestine	5
9	Qatar	5
10	Kuwait	5
11	Lebanon	-
12	Libya	3
13	Egypt	4
14	Morocco	4
15	Yemen	5



Level of Technology In Arab State





5. Ranking of Heads of The Statistical Agency Level

Ranking level of the Heads of Statistical Agency differs from one country to another, In **Egypt** the head of *CAPMAS* Rank is **Minister**. However, in most of Arab statistical agencies, the rank is a general director.



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Level of the Heads of Statistical Agencies.

NO	State	Head Title	Subordination
1	Jordon	General Director	Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation
2	Arab Emirates	Assistant Under Secretary	Ministry of Economic / Planning Sector
3	Bahrain	Under Secretary	Cabinet
4	Saudi Arabia	General Director	Ministry of Economic & Planning
5	Sudan	General Director	Cabinet
6	Syria	General Director	Cabinet
7	Iraq	President	Ministry of Planning & Developing Cooperation
8	Palestine	President	Cabinet
9	Qatar	president	Crown Prince
10	Kuwait	Assistant Under Secretary	Ministry of Planning
11	Lebanon	General Director	Cabinet
12	Libya	General Director	General Information Authority
13	Egypt	president	Ministry of Economic Development
14	Morocco	General Director	High Commission For Planning
15	Yemen	Minister	Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation



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6. Application of Fundamental Principles in Arab Countries

NO	principle	Total application	Major application	Partly application	No application
1	Consistency, impartiality and equal access to official statistics.	44	45	9	1
2	Commitment to professional and ethical standards.	59	37	4	1
3	Commitment to transparency and accuracy	43	50	6	1
4	Facilitating of the proper interpretation of statistics.	37	37	19	7
5	Cost considerations, the timing and quality.	49	42	8	1
6	Commitment to the confidentiality of individual data	80	19	0	1
7	Public declaration of laws governing the statistical systems	77	17	4	3
8	Coordination among producers of data to achieve consistency in the statistical system	31	44	19	6
9	Commitment to international standards on the use of concepts and definitions.	45	50	5	1
10	Multilateral cooperation national and international	Can Not Be Measured			



7. Independence of Statistical Work

Due to the importance of the statistical work, statistical agencies are linked to the main execution bodies in the Arab countries such as cabinets, Ministries of planning or similar Ministries

Such position enables them to supply effectively and rapidly decision – makers with needed data.

87% of the statistical agencies / departments in the Arab countries apply the centralized system in the statistical work.

The statistical plan supervised and executed by the technical department in each agency (statistical sector) in collaboration with the statistical departments in governments, provinces and territories.



Independence of Statistical Work

The statistical division in the ministries and institutions which not linked to the central statistical agency, they (in most Arab countries), are subject to the instructions and regulations of the central statistical agencies, where it is a major source of **administrative statistical data**.

The statistical agencies in the Arab countries implement different statistical surveys such as the unemployment survey, hotels and tourism, consumption and expenditure survey etc. according to developed programs by statistical agencies with different proportions in addition to the **census**.



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