

Iraq's Commitments to the Nairobi Summit: Accelerating the Promise of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)

Reproductive Health and Rights

- Provide highest quality, integrated and comprehensive health care to the people, and to integrate reproductive health issues into national policies and strategies;
- Strive to reduce the maternal mortality rate by at least fifty percent by reducing it from 31 deaths per 100,000 live births to 15;
- Fulfilling the unmet needs of family planning and providing modern contraceptives for all, by increasing the coverage of the unmet needs from currently 54% to at least 90% and securing their provision in remote and poor areas;
- Reduce by half the birth rate of adolescent girls from 70 per 1,000 live births to 35 in 2030;
- Eliminate the effects of conflict that affected young people psychologically in areas liberated from ISIS by 2025;
- Accelerate the promulgation of the Domestic Violence Act, which addresses sexual abuse, harmful practices and gender-based violence by 2022;

Mobilization of resources and funding:

- Increase resource allocations in the state budget for the health sector and sustainable development by at least 20% by 2030;
- Urge the private sector to strengthen its contribution to the implementation and financing of projects and programs targeting all areas of the country, especially reproductive health programs, in order to bridge the funding gap;
- Strengthening the role of civil society organizations in adopting programs and activities that fulfill the objectives of the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 1994 and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030;
- Urge donors and international organizations to partner and actively contribute to the funding and implementation of programs in support of population issues;

Empowering women, achieving gender equality and reducing gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls

- Reduce adolescent marriage rates from 25% to less than 10%;
- Minimize cases of gender-based violence and provide basic and comprehensive services to survivors of violence and provide them with safe havens;
- Increase the female enrollment in primary education by 100% and end the dropout rate of the current 10%; and at reduce by least 75% for intermediate education which has high dropout rates;

- Provide decent job opportunities for females and reduce their unemployment by half from 31% to 15% to tackle unemployment problem;
- End female genital mutilation in the Kurdistan Region;
- Endeavor to increase the percentage of women in parliament from 25% to 35% in 2030;

Demographic Diversity and Sustainable Development

- Benefit from the demographic opportunity by harnessing youth energies in sustainable development processes and investing in health, education and employment opportunities to reduce youth unemployment rates, which are currently approaching 30% to less than 10% by 2030;
- Iraq is committed to achieving the goals adopted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in its voluntary reviews to show progress achieved by Iraq in achieving those goals and achieving social justice and building inclusive societies where no one is marginalized with attention to the issues of the elderly, displaced, women, youth, people with disabilities and special needs, including racial and ethnic minorities
- Monitoring and tracking the goals, targets and indicators related to ICPD issues that directly target the population, especially in the field of poverty alleviation by reducing it from the current 22% to 10% by 2030;
- Providing up-to-date statistical data; Iraq is now preparing to implement the general population and housing census 2020 to provide detailed and comprehensive statistical data on the characteristics of individuals, buildings, housing and families.