Factsheet: Libya

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Given the lack of youth policy and structured youth programming in Libya, an age range for youth has not been possible to identify.

CANDIDACY AGE

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MARRIAGEABLE AGE

Opposite Sex

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According to Islamic law, marriage requires parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

In general, a child under 14 is not criminally liable. A judge can take "appropriate measures" for children 7-14 years old. Source: UN Child Rights Periodic Report (1996)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

99.95%

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.97% 99.93%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.7% 99.3%

Male (15-24) %  Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

33%

Both sexes %

33% 33%

Male %  Female %

Year: No data.

Source: UNESCO

TOBACCO USE

8.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

11.00% 5.00%

Male (13-15) %  Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

After the revolution of 2011, the National Transitional Council (now defunct) issued a Constitutional Declaration. Youth are mentioned in Article 5, which states that "[t]he State shall take care of children, youth and the handicapped." According to the Libya Herald, a Commission will create Libya’s new constitution. Education and employment have been policy focuses post-revolution.

Today, it is no longer sufficient to enrol eligible children in schools, and to educate skills with conventional didactics; issues of quality and meeting the changing requirements of the labour market constitute pressing challenges for the education system of a Libya.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

There is no functioning youth policy or strategy in Libya. Current efforts concentrate on youth employment.

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth & Sports is responsible for youth affairs. The official Facebook Page notes that the Ministry was established under the transitional government in 2011 and is “working on the foundation of service for all young men and women to free Libya.” After the end of the Libyan revolution in 2011, the National Transitional Council (NTC) formed the Government after the fall of Colonel Gaddafi. The NTC was dissolved in 2012 with power transferred to the democratically elected General National Congress.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The Libyan Youth Forum (LYF) aims to “establish a national / international forum with a view to build one safe and prosperous nation for all Libyans.” It acts as a “coalition between the Libyan Youth Movement, Libya Hurra Live Stream and the Libyan Link whom had collectively over 150,000 thousand supporters during the revolution.” According to the official LYF Facebook page, it “coordinate[s] the efforts of youth groups in support of Libya” and advocates for recommendations devised by Libyan youth to be taken into account by decision-makers.

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the Libya Herald, the Ministry of Youth and Sports was allocated LYD 138 million (USD 110 million) in the 2012 budget. It is unclear what proportion of the total ministry budget was spent on youth affairs. The Ministry of Education was allocated the largest ministerial budget of LYD 4.6 billion (USD 3.6 billion). The Libya Herald reports that the 2013/14 budget was passed in 2013, but provides no further details. The World Bank lists no data on public spending on education in Libya for the last ten years.

LYD 138 MILLION USD 110 MILLION

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

YES

Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

YES

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or youth programming?

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

Source: World Bank

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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