Factsheet: Qatar

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

There is no official definition of youth. However, the Expanding the Capacities of Qatar Youth (2012) report uses a definition of 15-24 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

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<td>Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union</td>
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The Advisory Council is appointed by the Emir, with a minimum age of 24.

Upper House

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Uncertain.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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No minimum age for marriage with parental consent, and permitted only when in conformity with religious and cultural norms and with permission of a competent court. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: UN Child Rights Periodic Report (2008) UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE

18

Qatar’s first elections were due to be held in 2013 with a voting age of 18 but they were indefinitely postponed. Source: BBC

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: Law No. 22 Regarding Promulgating the Civil Code (2004)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

7

Minimum Age

Source: Law No. 22 Regarding Promulgating the Civil Code (2004)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.65

80 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.54%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.41% Male (15-24) %

99.93% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

94.95%

Secondary School

Both sexes %

90.56% Male %

100.00% Female %

Year: 2011

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SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

17.90%

Consumed any smokable or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Whilst there is a 2012 report by the Qatari Government that outlines the challenges young people face that the opportunities for youth perspectives to be mainstreamed into national development processes, no overarching national policy or strategy on youth exists.

Recommendations from the 2012 report include developing a policy framework for greater youth participation in society, reviewing and reinforcing health and wellbeing policies, and ensuring that national regulations and legislation encourage youth participation in development processes.

Further, the report recommends,

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Qatar has a youth development report to mainstream youth policy with the development strategy.

BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

According to The Peninsula, a new Ministry of Youth and Sports was been created in June 2013, and the Youth Centers Department (YCD) and Youth Activities & Events Department (YAED) were moved beneath it.

Details of the youth departments still sit within the Ministry of Culture Arts and Heritage website. The YCD establishes, supports & monitors youth centers in Qatar. The YAED works to support youth programs, supervise activities of youth centers and organise festivals and work & public service camps.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

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

YES

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

UNCLEAR

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation on the budget for youth in Qatar could be found online. According to the World Bank, Qatar spent 7.36% of its government expenditure and 2.45% of its GDP on education provision in 2008.

A single umbrella agency for youth affairs... Such an agency could coordinate the preparation and implementation of a National Youth Development Policy, including cross-sectoral youth development programmes.

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