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**SAUDI ARABIA**

**DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS**

Number of total population and adolescents (10-19 years), 2015, 2030 and 2050 (in millions)

- 32 million (2015)
- 39 million (2030)
- 45 million (2050)

- 4.8 million adolescents (2015)
- 5.8 million adolescents (2030)
- 5.0 million adolescents (2050)

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EDUCATION SERVICE PROVISION

Increase in and composition of the school age population

By 2030, Saudi Arabia will face a 12 per cent increase in school-age population (aged 5-17), resulting in the need for approximately 1 million additional students to be accommodated in the education system.

Quantitative/proportional change in school-age population between 2015 and 2030 (in thousands)

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<th>Level</th>
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<th>2030</th>
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<td>Pre-primary</td>
<td>1,749</td>
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<td>Upper secondary</td>
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Assumption: Population growth follows the trend projected by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Increase in out-of-school children

If Saudi Arabia does not address this additional influx of children and adolescents into the education system in an adequate manner, additional 40 thousand children (aged 5-17), reflecting 7 per cent increase, may be out of school.

Quantitative/proportional change in out-of-school children between 2015 and 2030 (in thousands)

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Assumption: Out-of-school children rate, i.e. percentage of the total school age population out of school, from 2015 remains the same until 2030.

Most urgent policy priorities

Ensuring access to quality education opportunities, nurturing the skills required to realize the full potential as productive members of the economy and society.

SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION

Change in and composition of the youth labor force

By 2030, Saudi Arabia will see a youth labor force (aged 15-24) of 0.8 million, a decrease of 0.4 percent compared to 2015.

Quantitative/proportional change in the youth labor force between 2015 and 2030 (in thousands)

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<td>0-24</td>
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<td>844</td>
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Assumption: Labor force participation rate for both, men and women, follows the trend projected by the International Labor Organization (ILO)

Increase in unemployed youth

If Saudi Arabia does not take advantage of the influx of youth into the labor market in an adequate manner, additional 3 thousand youth (aged 15-24), reflecting 1 per cent increase, may be unemployed.

Quantitative/proportional change in unemployed youth between 2015 and 2030 (in thousands)

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Assumption: Youth unemployment rate, i.e. percentage of the total youth population unemployed, from 2015 remains the same until 2030.

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Ensuring (1) the supply of qualified workforce through education systems that are adjusted to labor market requirement, and (2) the demand of the economy through creating new jobs for these new labor force entrance.

BOX 1 / Female youth labor force participation

Number of youth labor force in 2015 and 2030 under different scenarios (in thousands)

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Realizing the full share of human capital with vast potential for economic growth, requires unlocking the potential of girls and women contributing to the labor force and productivity of the country.

BOX 2 / Government health expenditure

A growing population requires the increase in total health expenditure to even maintain the status quo. This charts shows the resulting health expenditure per capita for 2030 and 2050 if the total expenditure would remain at the level of 2015.

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- See the full report for more details, sources and additional explanations: https://www.unicef.org/mena/reports/mena-generation-2030
- All population projections based on 2017 revision of World Population Prospects (United Nations Population Division). Current and future crises and refugee movements may alter these projections for single countries significantly.