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## **Preface**

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## **Abbreviations**

COMCEC	Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC
EUROSTAT	Statistical Office of the European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GHI	Global Hunger Index
GNI	Gross National Income
HDI	Human Development Index
IDB	Islamic Development Bank
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISFD	Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MPI	Multidimensional Poverty Index
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OIC	Organization of the Islamic Cooperation
OIC-VET	Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SESERIC	Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries
SPDA	Special Program for the Development of Africa
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

## Introduction

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) has been working to enhance trade and economic cooperation among the Member Countries since 1984. Poverty alleviation occupies a significant place in the agenda of the COMCEC. Indeed, it is one of the six cooperation areas of the COMCEC Strategy adopted in 2012. Within this context, Poverty Alleviation Working Group has been established. The Working Group has held 7 meetings since 2013. The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 with the theme of “Forced Migration in the OIC Member Countries: Policy Framework Adopted by Host Countries”.

Poverty alleviation is an important component within economic and social development. Although most of the developing countries have experienced significant progress in poverty alleviation in recent years, poverty levels are still high for a substantial number of countries. Especially, the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia account for nearly half of the total poor living in developing countries. The global financial and food crises that have been encountered in the recent period have also worsened this situation.

Although the total population of the OIC Member Countries accounts for nearly one-fourth of the world’s total population, their total GDP accounted for only 8.6 percent of the total world GDP in 2015. On the other hand, per capita GDP levels vary across the OIC Member Countries, (i.e. \$954 in Niger, \$143,788 in Qatar)<sup>1</sup>. The poverty status also displays a diverse picture in the OIC countries, since poverty headcount ratios in the Member Countries vary from zero to 62 percent.

Like the monetary poverty indicators that are mentioned above, non-monetary poverty indicators also vary across the OIC Member Countries. In this respect, their Human Development Index values are between 0.856 and 0.348, Multidimensional Poverty Index values are between 0.004 and 0.584, and Global Hunger Index values are between zero and 46.4.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) lead to a significant consciousness in poverty alleviation and contribute to the national efforts to a great extent. By the end of 2015 the MDGs process was completed. The Sustainable Development Goals and a new development agenda was launched in 2016.

The aim of this report is to provide an overview on the human development progress both at global and OIC level. Within this framework, in the first section the poverty situation in the World and the OIC Member Countries is examined briefly both in monetary and non-monetary terms. In the second section, human development progress in the OIC Member Countries is analyzed. The efforts towards poverty alleviation are explained in the third section.

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<sup>1</sup>The World Bank, 2015a.



## 1. Poverty Status in the World and the OIC Member Countries

The basic definition of poverty is "the inability of [an individual to possess] sufficient resources to satisfy [his or her] basic needs."<sup>2</sup> The definition and range of basic needs depend on the place and time, or even the source of the definition. Hence, there are several ways to investigate the poverty situation of the countries. One of the most frequently used methods is to define poverty in monetary terms, like the US\$1.90 a day poverty line of the World Bank<sup>3</sup> or the value of a minimum calorie requirements. Another frequently used method is to investigate poverty relatively by examining the income level of the population, such as 60 percent of the median income level like the Eurostat utilizes. Poverty is a complicated phenomenon that goes beyond the monetary terms. From this standpoint, poverty arises not only when people have inadequate income, but also when they lack key capabilities or education, have poor health or insecurity, or when they experience the absence of rights.<sup>4</sup> In this sense, poverty is also investigated in non-monetary terms from a multidimensional viewpoint. The widely used non-monetary poverty indices are Human Development Index, Multidimensional Poverty Index and Global Hunger Index.<sup>5</sup>

In this section, the poverty situation in the World and in the OIC member countries will be examined in both monetary and non-monetary terms. As the first aspect, poverty will be investigated in monetary terms by examining GDP per capita levels and poverty headcount ratios at US\$1.90 a day, (because this level is the most prevalent method that is used to reveal the extreme poverty). As the second aspect, poverty will be investigated in non-monetary terms by looking at Human Development and Multidimensional Poverty indices as well as state of hunger (state of food deficiency and Global Hunger Index values) for the countries. However, the human development performance of OIC will be elaborated in more detail in a separate section, namely in Section 2. The state of poverty in the OIC member countries will be analyzed with respect to the four income groups defined by the World Bank.

### 1.1. Poverty Status in the World

#### 1.1.1. Monetary Poverty

For the year 2015 while the world's average GDP per capita PPP is \$15,465, this average is \$44,696 for the high income countries, \$15,697 for the upper-middle income countries, \$6,423 for the lower-middle income countries and \$1,645 for the low income countries<sup>6</sup> (Figure 1). These numbers imply deep income discrepancies between countries.

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<sup>2</sup> Fields 1994:3.

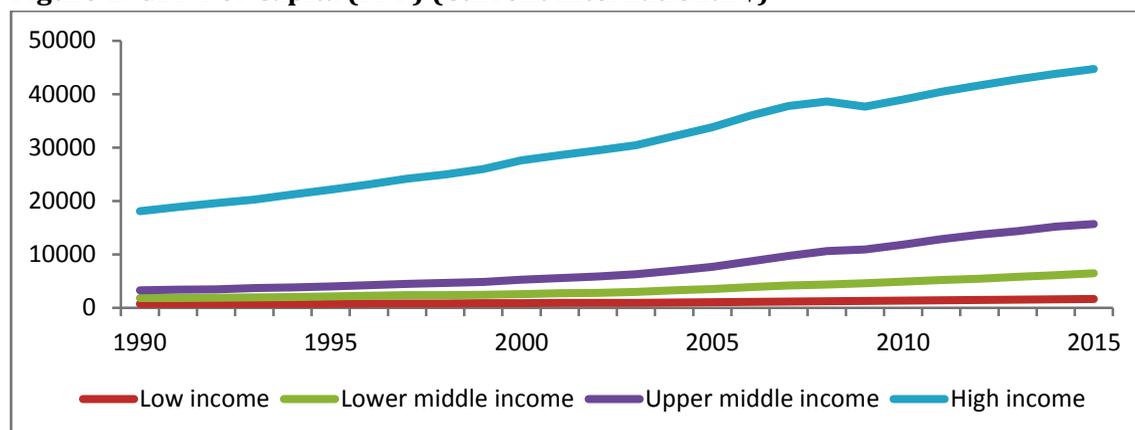
<sup>3</sup> The World Bank updated international poverty line in 2015. The previous poverty line was US\$1.25.

<sup>4</sup> Haughton and Khandker, 2009:2.

<sup>5</sup> See Annex 1 for the explanation of the mentioned indices.

<sup>6</sup> See Annex 4.

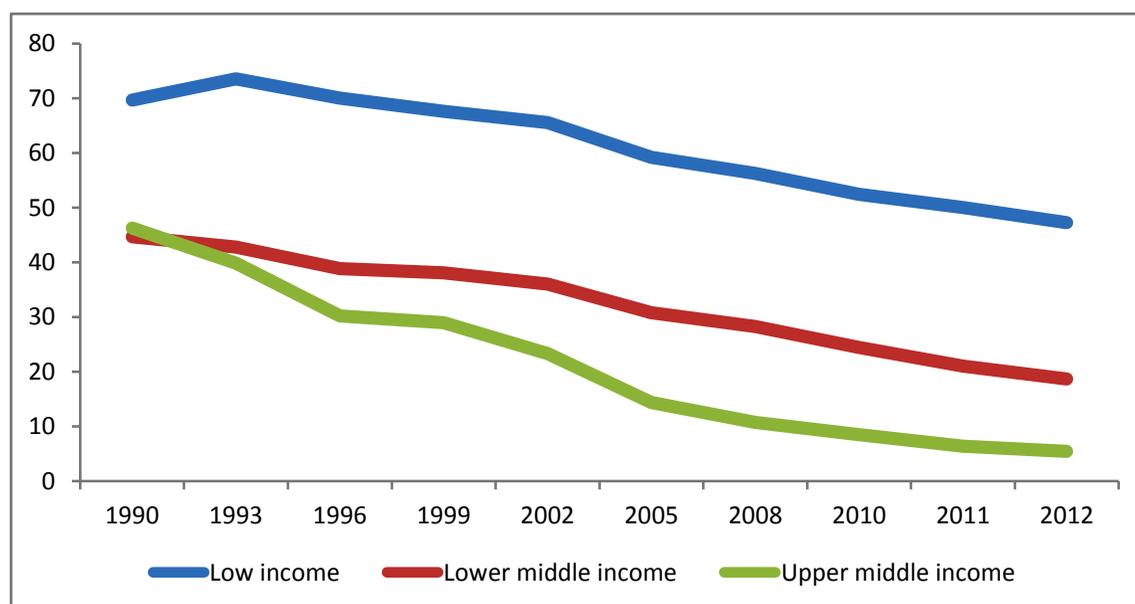
**Figure 1: GDP Per Capita (PPP) (Current International \$)**



Source: : Own calculations from World Development Indicators of the World Bank

For most of the countries, poverty levels decreased in monetary terms for the last three decades. Indeed, for the period 1981-2010 a significant progress is observed on the ratio of the people who live under US\$1.25. While, this ratio was 40.2 percent for upper-middle income countries, 47.1 percent for lower-middle income countries and 66 percent for low income countries in 1990, these ratios fell to 5.4 percent, 22 percent and 46.8 percent respectively for the so-called income groups in 2011 (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Poverty Headcount Ratio at US\$1.90 a day (PPP) (% of Population)**



Source: Own calculation, from World Development Indicators of the World Bank

Despite a sustained acceleration on the income levels of the countries, some countries cannot benefit from that acceleration. To understand the extent of this disparity, non-monetary indicators of poverty are needed to be examined.

## 1.1.2. Non-Monetary Poverty

### Human Development Index

Observing the human development categories and the income levels of the countries together, it is seen that for most of the cases the income level of a country is in parallel with its human development category. Indeed, as seen in the Table 1, 98 percent of the countries that is in 'very high human development category' have high income levels. On the other hand, 64 percent of the countries that is in 'low human development category' have low income levels, while 32 percent of the countries in the same category have lower-middle income and 2.3 percent has upper-middle income<sup>7</sup>.

**Table 1: Income Levels of the Different Types of Human Development Countries**

		Low income	Lower-middle income	Upper-middle income	High income	Total
<b>Low human development</b>	# of countries	28	14	1	1	44
	%	63.6%	31.8%	2.3%	2.3%	100.0%
<b>Medium human development</b>	# of countries	0	30	9	0	39
	%	0.0%	76.9%	23.1%	0.0%	100.0%
<b>High human development</b>	# of countries	0	7	41	8	56
	%	0.0%	12.5%	73.2%	14.3%	100.0%
<b>Very high human development</b>	# of countries	0	0	1	48	49
	%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	98.0%	100.0%

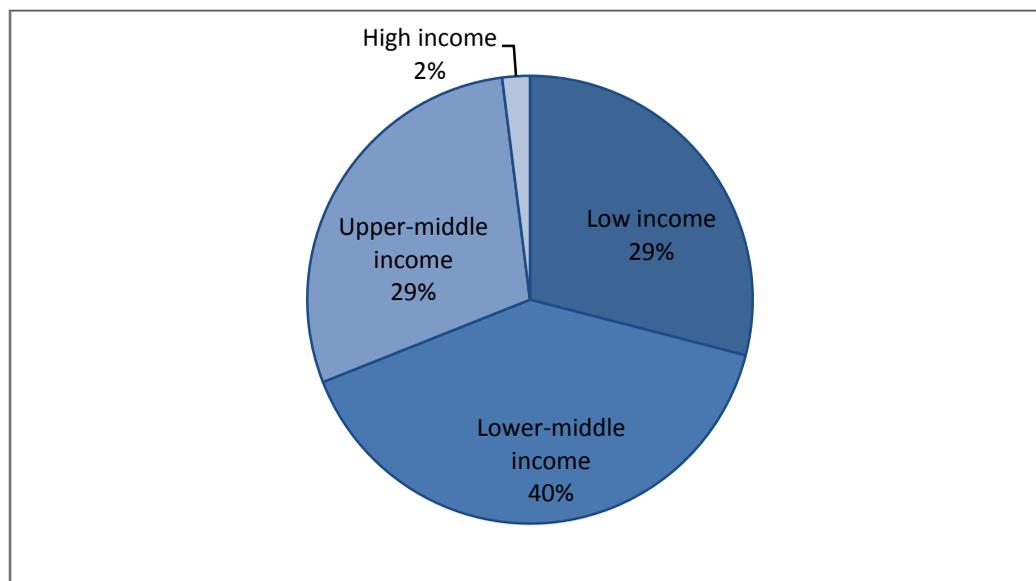
Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015).

### Multidimensional Poverty Index

Among the countries for which multidimensional poverty index is calculated; 2 percent is high income, 29 percent is upper-middle, 40 percent is lower-middle and 29 percent is low income countries (Figure 3). The MPI value ranges from 0.001 (Ukraine) to 0.584 (Niger).

<sup>7</sup> See Annex 5 for the full list related to the HDI values of the countries.

**Figure 3: Share of Income Level Categories for Countries with Multidimensional Poverty (%)**



Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015).

The percentages of the deprived population vary significantly within the same income group countries. Looking at the contribution of deprivation in education (namely years of schooling and child school attendance) to overall poverty, it is seen that for high it ranges between 1.5 and 2.2 percent for high income countries, 2.6 and 50.1 percent for upper-middle income countries, 3.4 and 54.7 percent for lower-middle income countries and 10.8 and 45.6 for low income countries. The range for health is much wider. It changes between 86.1 and 95.9 percent for high income countries, between 24.7 and 89.70 percent for upper-middle income countries, 12.6 and 87.8 percent for lower-middle income countries and 1.3 and 77.5 percent for low income countries. Likewise, the contribution of deprivation in living standards indicator ranges from 2.6 to 11.7 percent for high income countries, from 3.5 to 50.8 percent for upper-middle income, from 7.8 to 56.6 percent in lower-middle income and from 3.5 to 54.9 percent in low income group. The difference between the deprivation levels of the MPI indicators among different income group countries is striking.<sup>8</sup>

### State of Hunger

According to FAO, there are 54 low-income food-deficit countries in total, of which 37 are in Africa, 12 are in Asia, 3 are in Americas and 2 are in Oceania.<sup>9</sup> To comprehend the hunger situation of the countries, it is helpful to look at the GHI values. In this regard, according to the GHI trend between 2000 and 2015, severity of hunger is found to be decreasing globally. Indeed, while the value of the 2000 GHI for the world was 29.9, this value is 21.7 for 2015,

<sup>8</sup> Own calculations from UNDP(2015).

<sup>9</sup> FAO, 2015. Low-income food-deficit countries are the countries with a net income per person that falls below the level used by the World Bank to determine eligibility for IDA assistance and net importers of food. For full list of low-income-food-deficit countries. See Annex 6.

which accounts to a decrease of percent<sup>10</sup>. Despite this improvement, 52 countries are in serious situation and alarming situation.<sup>11</sup>

## 1.2. Poverty Status in the OIC Member Countries

In this sub-section, the poverty status in the OIC Member Countries will be briefly analyzed in monetary and non-monetary terms. Firstly, this analysis will be made for the OIC Countries in general. Afterwards, in order to make a clear analysis for the OIC Countries, the poverty status in these countries will be elaborated in respect to the income categories, namely high, upper-middle, lower-middle and low income categories.

### 1.2.1. Monetary Poverty

#### COMCEC in General

The COMCEC have 57 member countries which are dispersed over four continents. Although the total population of the member countries accounts for nearly the one-fourth of the world's total population, the total GDP of these countries accounts for less than nine percent of the total world GDP. The OIC Member Countries do not form a homogeneous group. In this context, GDP per capita levels of the OIC Countries display a highly dispersed composition; hence they vary from \$953 to \$143,788.<sup>12</sup>

15 of the OIC Countries are in the Low-Income Country Group,<sup>13</sup> and the total population of the low income OIC Countries is nearly the one-fourth of the OIC Region. On the other hand, the total GDP of these countries is only four percent of the total GDP of the OIC Region. Within the last two years three countries were passed to lower-middle income group, namely Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh and Tajikistan.

The number of people who live under US\$1.90 a day in the OIC Region is nearly 375 million, with the available data for the period 2003-2012.<sup>14</sup> The shares of the poor population in the low income OIC Countries account for more than the one-third of their total populations, except Cameroon which has a rate of 27.61 (See Figure 9).

#### High Income OIC Member Countries

High income refers to an income level (GNI per capita; current US\$) of higher than US\$12,736. In this regard, the high income OIC Member Countries are Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

In this group of countries GDP per capita (PPP; Current International \$) is high and ranges between \$38,234 (Oman) and \$143,788 (Qatar) (Figure 4). Parallel to high income in these countries, there is no people living below US\$1.90 poverty threshold.

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<sup>10</sup> IFPRI et.al., 2015.

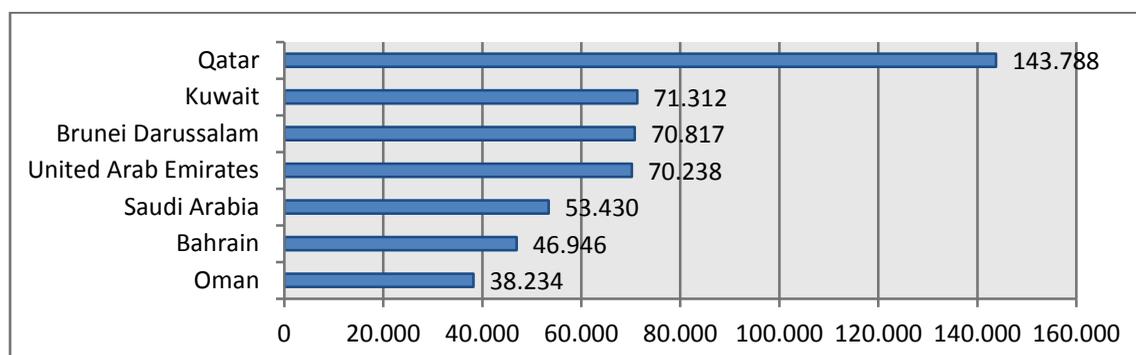
<sup>11</sup> See Annex 7.

<sup>12</sup> See Annex 4.

<sup>13</sup> The World Bank, 2015a.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

**Figure 4: GDP Per Capita in the High Income OIC Countries (PPP)(Current International\$), 2015**



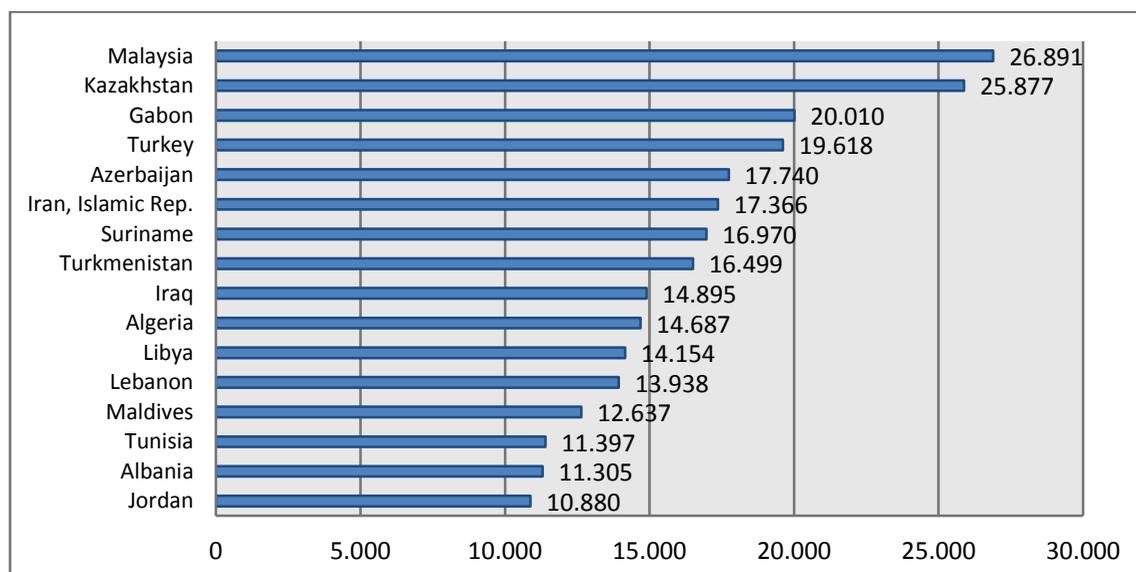
Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

### Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries

Upper-middle income refers to an income level (GNI per capita; Current US\$) that is higher than US\$4,036 and lower than US\$12,475. In this regard, the upper-middle income OIC Member Countries are Gabon, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Albania, Suriname, Malaysia, Iran, Turkey and Maldives.

The GDP per capita (PPP; Current International\$) in upper-middle OIC Countries has a diverse pattern. While this indicator is \$10,880 in Albania, it reaches to \$26,891 in Malaysia. Kazakhstan and Malaysia have high GDP per capita values compared to the rest of the group (Figure 5).

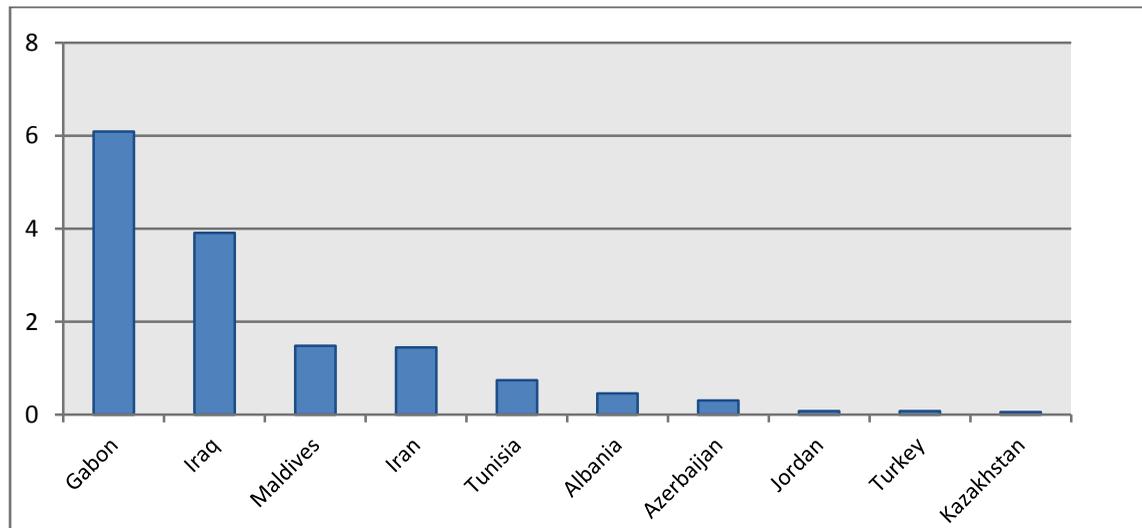
**Figure 5: GDP per-capita in the Upper Middle-Income OIC Member Countries (PPP, Current Int. \$), 2015**



Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

Despite the fact that number of people living below US\$1.90 among upper-middle income OIC countries is very limited, in some member countries like Gabon and Iraq the number of people living under the poverty circumstances is relatively high (Figure 6).

**Figure 6: Poverty Headcount Ratio at US\$1.90 a day in Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries (PPP) (%)**



Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

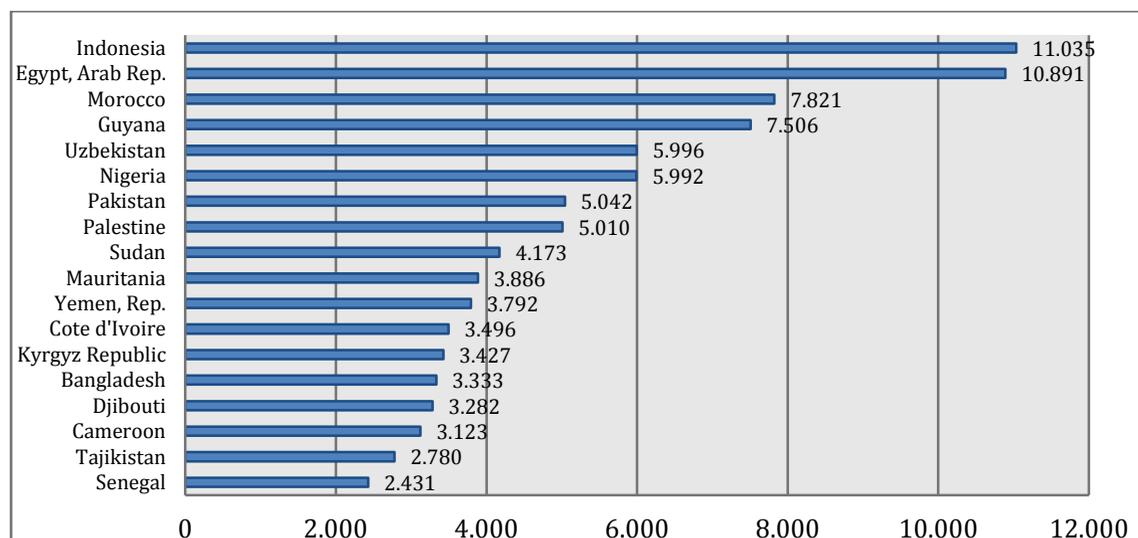
Note: Data regarding poor population living below US\$ 1.90 in Algeria, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia Suriname and Turkmenistan is not calculated.

### Lower-Middle Income OIC Countries

Lower-middle income refers to an income level (GNI per capita; Current US\$) that is between US\$1,026 and US\$4,035. In this regard, the lower-middle income OIC Member Countries are Bangladesh, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

In the lower-middle income group, GDP per capita (PPP; Current International\$) levels vary between \$2,431 and \$11,035. 14 out of 18 countries in this group have GDP per capita levels which are lower than \$6,000, namely Senegal, Tajikistan, Cameroon, Djibuti, Bangladesh, Kyrgyz Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Yemen Republic, Mauritania, Sudan, Palestine, Pakistan, Nigeria and Uzbekistan; less than half have a GDP per capita level which is higher than \$6,000, namely Guyana, Morocco, Egypt and Indonesia (Figure 7).

**Figure 7: GDP per capita in the Lower-Middle Income OIC Member Countries (PPP, Current Int.\$), 2015**

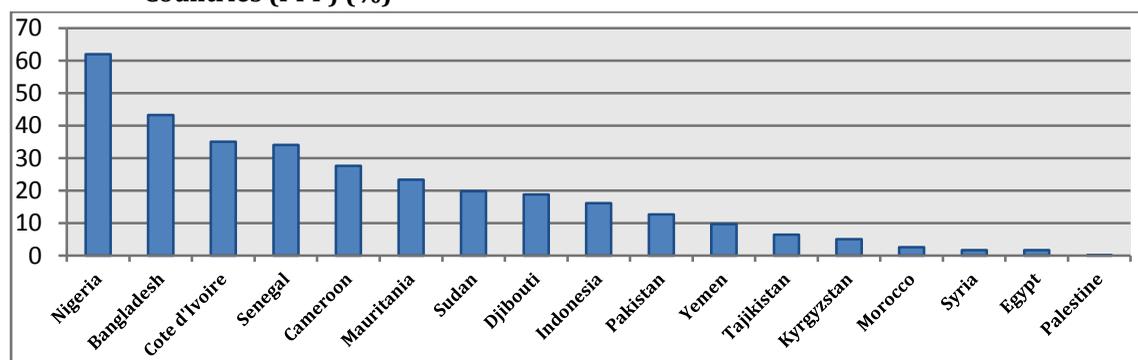


Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

Note: Data for Syria is not available. Also data used for Yemen belongs to 2013, Djibouti and Mauritania belongs to 2014.

Poverty headcount ratios of the lower-middle income countries display a highly diverse picture. While this ratio is lower than 5 percent in only four countries (Palestine, Egypt, Syria and Morocco), it is between 5 percent and 30 percent in nine countries (Cameroon, Indonesia, Yemen, Djibouti, Sudan, Pakistan, Mauritania, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan), and higher than 30 percent in four countries (Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Bangladesh and Nigeria) (Figure 8).

**Figure 8: Poverty Headcount Ratio at US\$1.90 a day in Lower-Middle Income OIC Member Countries (PPP) (%)**



Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

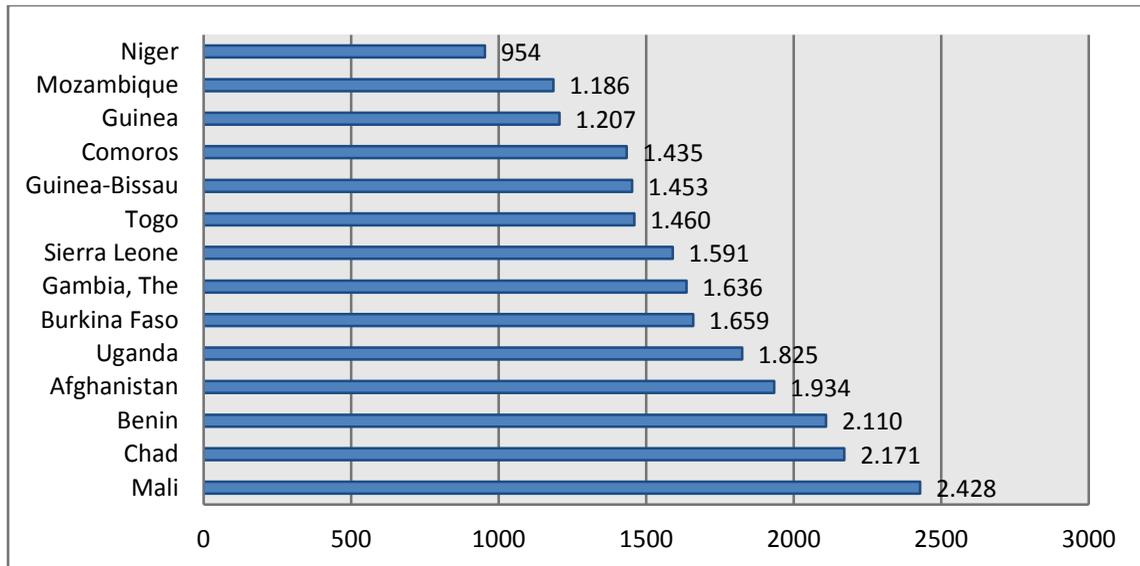
Note: Data for Afghanistan and Somalia are not available. Also latest data between 2002 and 2012 is used.

### Low Income OIC Member Countries

Low income refers to an income (GNI per capita; Current US\$) level that is US\$1,025 or less. In this regard, the low income OIC Member Countries are Afghanistan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Sierra-Leone, Somalia, Togo and Uganda.

In the low income group, GDP per capita (PPP; Current International\$) levels vary between \$1,186 and \$2,428 (Figure 9). One third of these countries have GDP per capita levels which are lower than \$1,500, namely Niger, Mozambique, Togo, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau.

**Figure 9: GDP per-capita in Low Income OIC Member Countries (PPP, Current Int. \$) 2015**

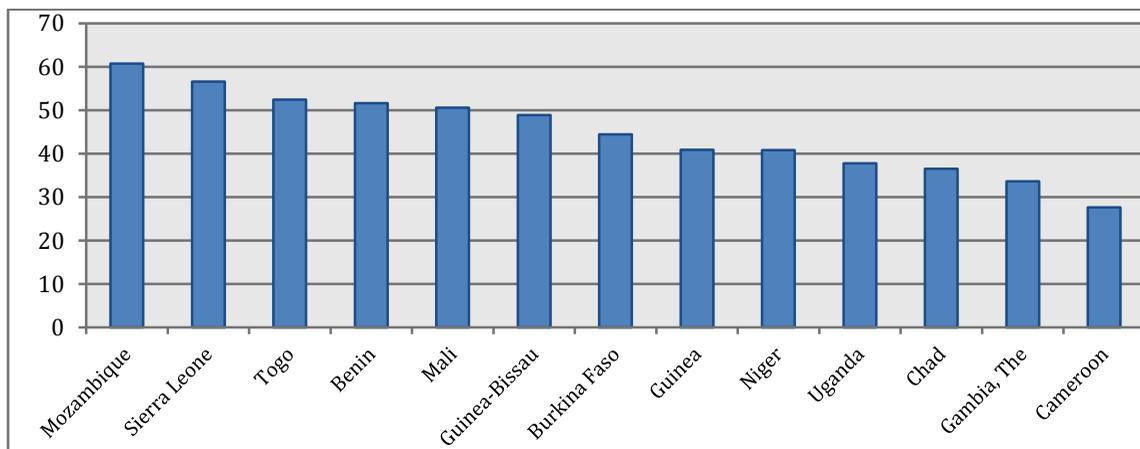


Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

Note: Data for Somalia is not available. Also data used for Comoros and Gambia belong to 2014.

Poverty headcount ratios of the low income countries are very high in general. In fact, all the countries in this income group have poverty headcount ratios at US\$1.90 a day higher than 25 percent (Figure 10).

**Figure 10: Poverty Headcount Ratio at US\$ 1.90 a day in the Low Income OIC Member Countries (PPP) (%)**



Source: The World Bank, 2015a.

Note: Data for Afghanistan and Somalia are not available. Also latest data between 2002 and 2012 is used.

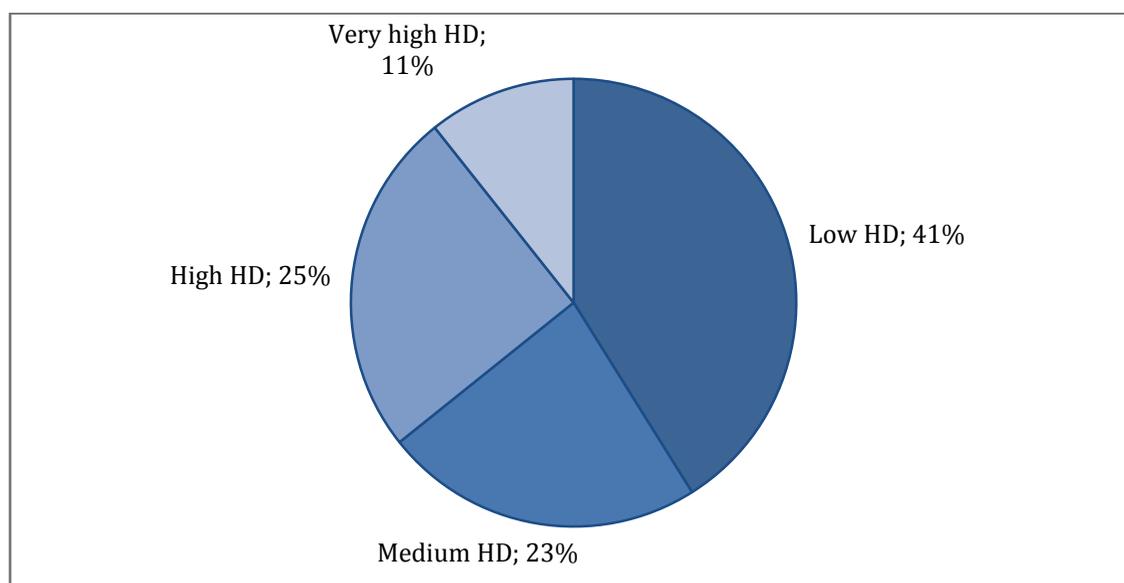
## 1.2.2. Non-Monetary Poverty

### COMCEC in General

#### Human Development Index

When the OIC Member Countries are examined in terms of Human Development Index (HDI) values, a heterogeneous composition is observed (Figure 11). The HDI values for the OIC member countries range from 0.856 (Brunei Darussalam) to 0.348 (Niger). While 6 OIC Member Countries are in the very high human development category, 14 are in the high, 13 are in the medium and 23 are in the low human development category. Somalia has not an HDI value.

**Figure 11: Distribution of OIC Member States in Different Human Development Categories**



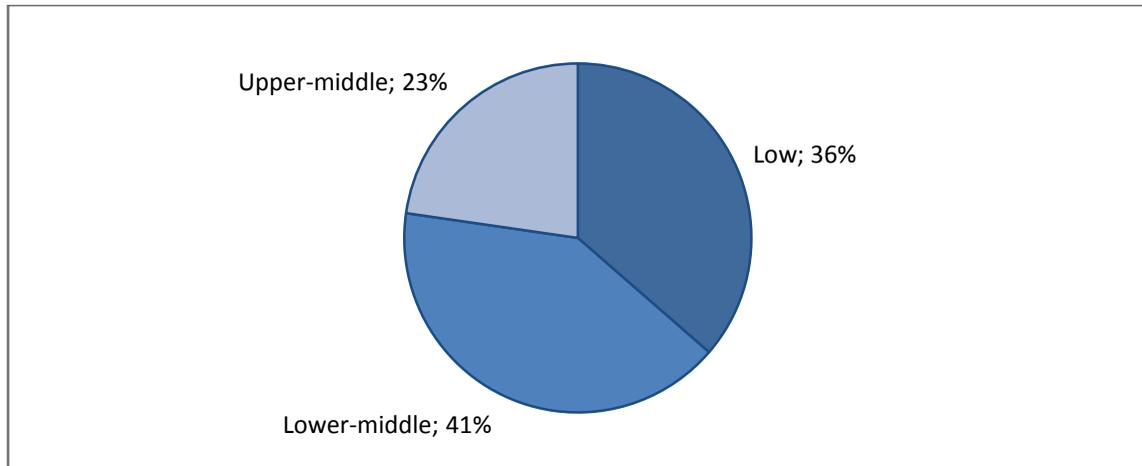
Source: UNDP (2015).

#### Multidimensional Poverty Index

Looking at the group of countries for which MPI is calculated, it is observed that 79 percent of the OIC member countries are included in this group. Among the OIC member countries which have MPI values, 22 percent is upper-middle, 42 percent is lower-middle and 36 percent is low income countries (Figure 12). The population living in multidimensional poverty changes a lot among the OIC member countries. While in Kazakhstan this rate is only 1 percent, in Niger it reaches to almost 90 percent. Totally, more than one-fourth of total the population in the OIC member countries live under multidimensional poverty.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Calculated by using the data from the UNDP, 2015 and the World Bank 2015a.

**Figure 12: Share of Income Level Categories for the OIC Member Countries with Multidimensional Poverty (%)**



Source: UNDP (2015) and the World Bank, 2015b.

The contribution of deprivation in education to overall poverty for the OIC Region is between 3.7 percent (Uzbekistan) and 50.1 percent (Iraq). The same range for the contribution of deprivation in health to overall poverty is between 20.3 percent (Mauritania) and 83.9 percent (Kazakhstan), and for the contribution of deprivation in living standards to overall poverty is between 3.5 percent (Jordan) and 51.9 percent (Uganda).

#### State of Hunger

More than half of the OIC Member Countries are defined as low-income food deficit country according to the classification of the FAO.<sup>16</sup> Regarding the GHI values for these countries, an important improvement is observed. While the mean value of the OIC member countries was 35,1 for the year 1990, this value is 20.5 for the year 2015.<sup>17</sup> The GHI values of the Member Countries range between zero and 46.4. None of the member countries experience an extremely alarming hunger situation, and 3 countries are in alarming situation, 22 countries are in serious situation of which Niger is the most severe one. On the other hand, 9 member countries are in moderate hunger situation and 12 countries are in low hunger situation.

#### **High Income OIC Countries**

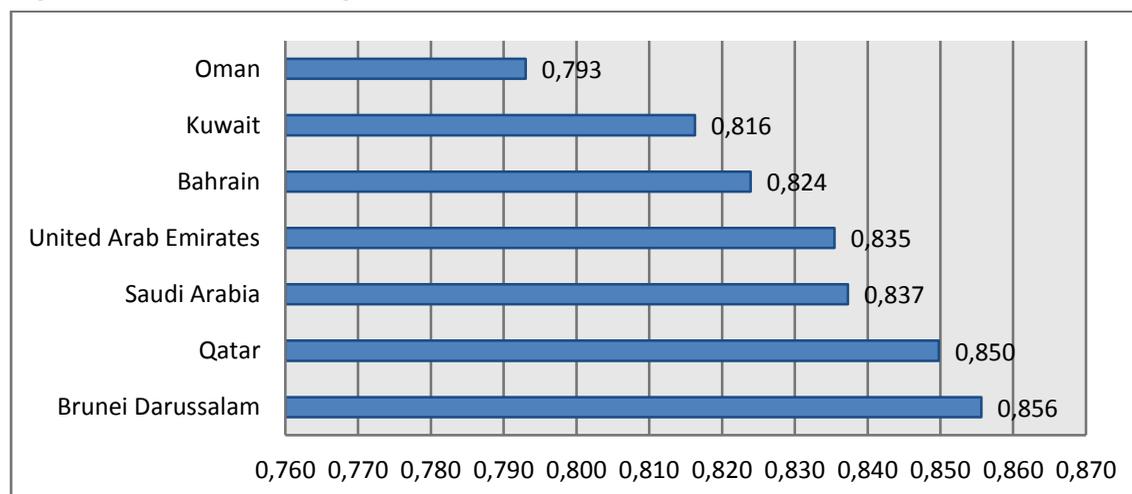
##### Human Development Index

If we analyze high income OIC Member Countries according to their HDI values, it is found that all countries in this group are in very high human development category, except Oman which is classified in high human development category (Figure 13).

<sup>16</sup> See Annex 5.

<sup>17</sup> See Annex 6.

**Figure 13: HDI Values of High Income OIC Member Countries**



Source: UNDP, 2015.

The values for the first dimension of HDI, GNI per capita (2011 PPP\$), are between US\$38,599 (Bahrain) and US\$123,124 (Qatar) for the high income countries which are above the average GNI value for the Very High Human Development (VHHD) category which is US\$41,644, except Bahrain (US\$38,599). However, for all the other dimensions (life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling and expected years of schooling) the index values of the high income OIC countries are below the average index values of the VHHD. Indeed, the index values for life expectancy at birth of these countries are between 74.4 (Kuwait) and 78.8 (Brunei Darussalam) while the average value of the VHHD is 79.9; mean years of schooling values are between 8 (Oman) and 9.4 (Bahrain) while the average value for the VHHD category is 11.2; and expected years of schooling values are between 13.3 (United Arab Emirates) and 16.3 (Saudi Arabia) while the average value for the VHHD category is 16.1.

#### Multidimensional Poverty Index

Data for multidimensional poverty index is not available for high income OIC member countries.

#### State of Hunger

High income OIC Member Countries does not experience food deficiency. Similarly, among high income OIC Member Countries only Saudi Arabia has data related to global hunger index and the index for Saudi Arabia is negligible (5.1).

### **Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries**

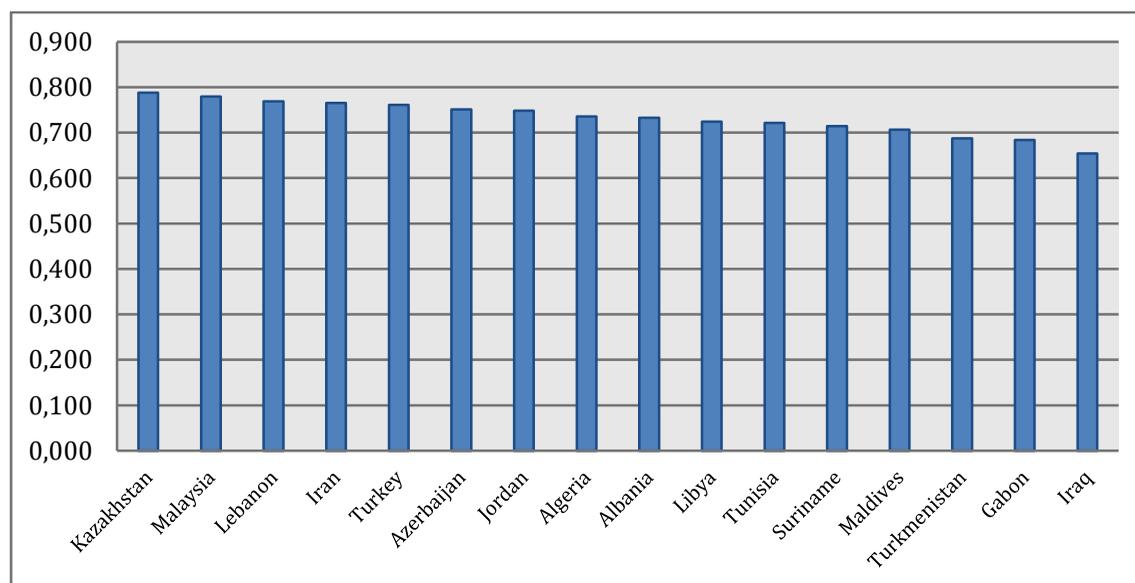
#### Human Development Index

While 13 out of 16 upper-middle OIC income countries are in high human development category, the rest are in medium human development category (Figure 14). Kazakhstan has the highest HDI value in this group and positioned at 56 in the ranking, on the other hand, Iraq's HDI value is the lowest with 0.654 positioning at 121.

Index values for the first dimension of HDI, GNI per capita (2011, PPP, US\$), are between US\$9,943 (Albania) and US\$22,762 (Malaysia) for the high income countries of which nearly

two-thirds are above the average GNI value for the High Human Development (HHD) category, which is US\$14,091. Index values for the second dimension, life expectancy at birth, are between 64.4 (Gabon) and 79.3 (Lebanon) of which more than half are below the average life expectancy at birth value for the HHD category (74.4). Regarding the third dimension, mean years of schooling, nearly two-third of the upper-middle income OIC countries have an index value that is lower than the average index value, which is 8.1), and ranges between 5.8 (Maldives) and 11.4 (Kazakhstan). Lastly, for more than half of these countries' index values for the fourth dimension, expected years of schooling, are below the average index value, which is 12.9, and range between 10.1 (Iraq) and 15.1 (Iran).

**Figure 14: HDI Values of Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries**

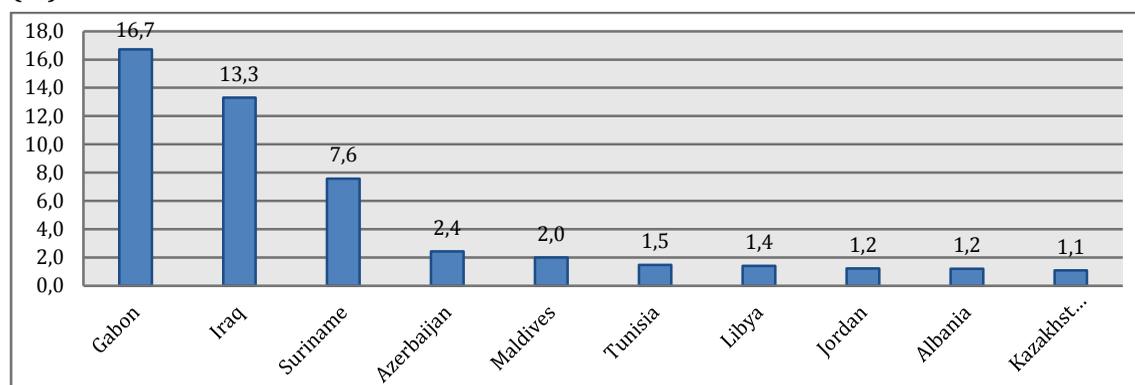


Source: UNDP, 2015.

### Multidimensional Poverty Index

Among upper-middle income countries, MPI is lowest in Jordan and Kazakhstan (0.004) and highest in Gabon (0.073). Indeed, while the multidimensional poverty rate is between 1 and 3 percent in Jordan, Kazakhstan, Albania, Tunisia, Maldives and Azerbaijan, it is more than 7 percent in Suriname, Iraq and Gabon. When the multidimensional poverty rates of these countries compared to their monetary poverty rates, it is seen that the rates of population living in multidimensional poverty exceed the rates of population living in income poverty (Figure 6 and Figure 15).

**Figure 15: Multidimensional Poverty Rate in Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries (%)**



Source: UNDP, 2015.

Note: Index values for Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Malaysia, Turkmenistan and Turkey are not calculated.

The contribution of deprivation in education to overall multidimensional poverty ranges between 4.3 (Kazakhstan) and 50.1 (Iraq), and the contribution of deprivation in living conditions ranges between 3.5 (Jordan) and 40.9 (Gabon), while the contribution of deprivation in health is generally the highest which ranges between 37.2 (Suriname) and 83.9 (Kazakhstan).

#### State of Hunger

None of the upper-middle income countries are classified under low-income food-deficit countries.<sup>18</sup> Most of the countries in this group have low or moderate levels of hunger (Table 2).

**Table 2: Global Hunger Index Values of Upper-Middle Income OIC Member Countries**

Country	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015
Albania	21,4	19,1	21,1	17,1	13,2
Algeria	17,1	18,0	14,8	12,2	8,7
Azerbaijan	-	28,3	27,2	16,7	10,0
Gabon	23,2	20,8	18,5	16,2	12,5
Iran	18,5	16,5	13,7	9,5	6,8
Iraq	17,4	24,3	24,9	23,6	22,2
Jordan	12,8	10,5	9,8	6,5	5,8
Kazakhstan	-	15,4	10,7	12,3	8,0
Lebanon	12,1	9,4	9,0	10,4	6,4
Libya	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	20,4	17,4	15,5	14,6	10,3
Suriname	18,5	16,5	16,5	13,1	10,4
Turkey	14,5	13,4	10,5	7,6	5,1
Turkmenistan	-	24,5	22,2	17,5	12,9

Source: IFPRI et al., 2015.

Note: Index value for Maldives is not calculated.

<sup>18</sup> See Annex 5.

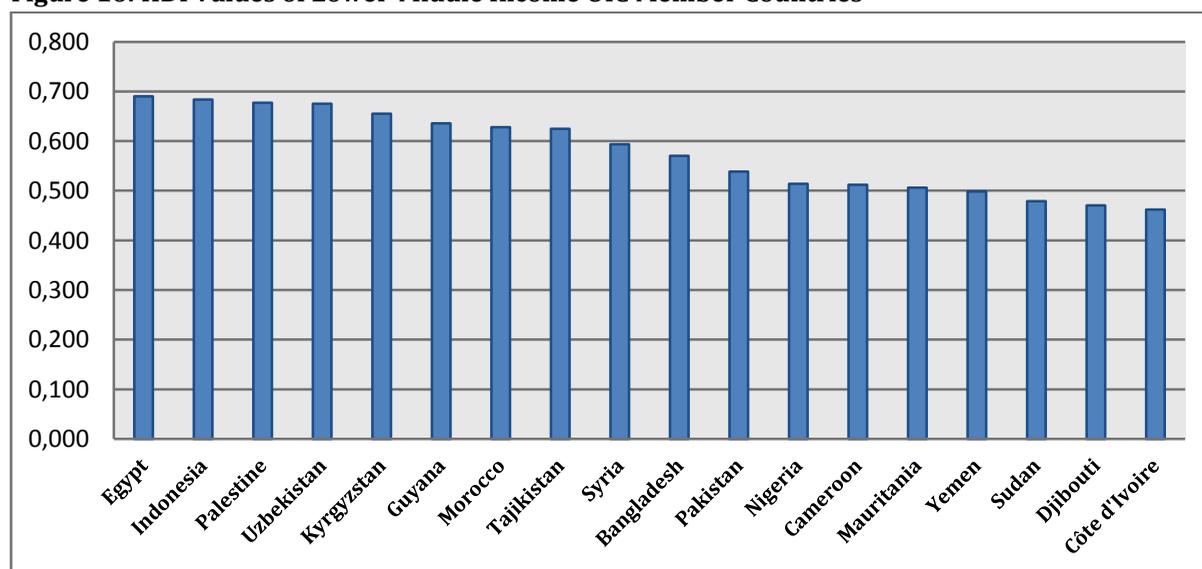
## Lower-Middle Income OIC Countries

### Human Development Index

In the lower-middle income group, more than half of the countries are in the low human development category, namely Pakistan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Yemen, Mauritania, Senegal, Sudan, Djibouti and Cote d'Ivoire and the rest is in the medium human development category, namely Bangladesh, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan (Figure 16). The highest HDI value is 0.69 and belongs to Egypt, with a position of 108 in the HDI ranking, while the lowest value is 0.462 and belongs to Côte d'Ivoire, with a position of 172.

Regarding the first dimension of HDI, GNI per capita (2011, PPP, US\$) the index values of the lower-middle income countries range between US\$2,188 and US\$10,512, and only two countries (Indonesia and Egypt) have a GNI value which is above the average GNI value for the Medium Human Development category (US\$6,906). Index values for the second dimension, life expectancy at birth, range between 51.5 (Cote d'Ivoire) and 74 (Morocco) of which more than three-fifths are below the average index value for the MHD category (68.4). For the third dimension, mean years of schooling, the index values of this group vary between 2.5 (Senegal) and 10,9 (Uzbekistan), and less than one third of them are above the average index value (8.1). Regarding the fourth dimension, expected years of schooling, nearly three-fourth of these countries have an index value less than the average index value (12.2), ranging between 6.4 (Djibouti) and 13.5 (Egypt).

**Figure 16: HDI Values of Lower-Middle Income OIC Member Countries**



Source: The UNDP, 2014.

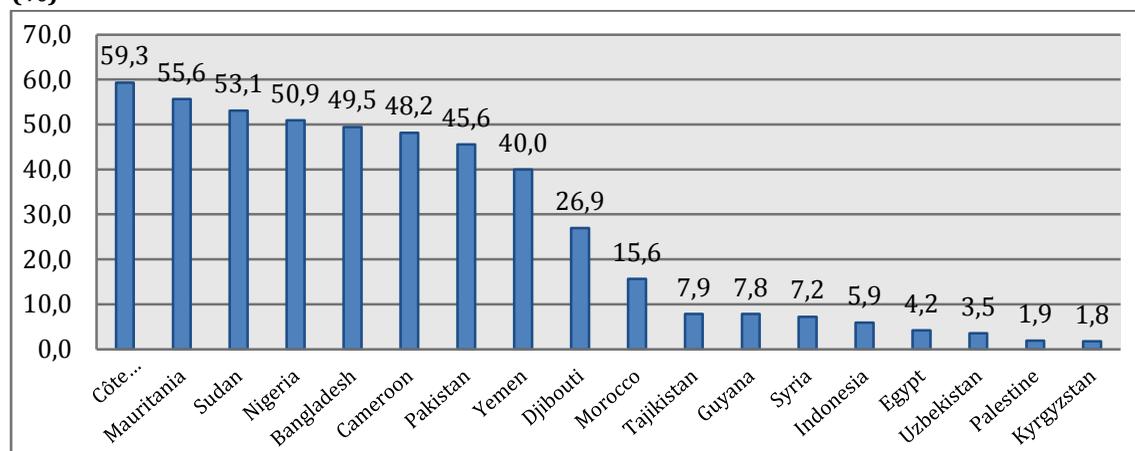
### Multidimensional Poverty Index

MPI values for the lower-middle income OIC Member Countries are in the range of 0.006 (Kyrgyzstan) – 0.307 (Cote d'Ivoire).<sup>19</sup> In the lower-middle income group, half of these

<sup>19</sup> See Annex 8.

countries have an MPI value that is two-times or more higher than the highest MPI value in the upper-middle income group. Indeed, the MPI values of half of the lower-middle income countries are above 0.073 which is the highest MPI value of the upper-middle income group (Figure 17). In this group, the share of population live in multidimensional poverty ranges between 1,8 percent (Kyrgyzstan) and 59,3 percent (Cote d'Ivoire). In almost half of the lower-middle income countries, more than 40 percent of the population is multi-dimensionally poor.

**Figure 17: Multidimensional Poverty Rate in Lower-Middle Income OIC Member Countries (%)**



Source: The UNDP (2015).

The contribution of deprivation in education to overall multidimensional poverty ranges between 3.7 (Uzbekistan) and 54.7 (Syria) and the contribution of deprivation in living conditions ranges between 7.8 (Egypt) and 48.9 (Sudan), while the contribution of deprivation in health is the highest which ranges between 20.3 (Mauritania) and 83.4 (Uzbekistan).

#### State of Hunger

In lower-middle income group, more than half of the countries, namely Bangladesh, Cameroon, Djibouti, Cote d'Ivoire, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Yemen, Uzbekistan, and Senegal, are in the position of "low income food-deficit country".<sup>20</sup> Looking at the GHI values of the countries in this group, a similar picture is observed (Table 3).

**Table 3: Global Hunger Index Values of Lower-Middle Income OIC Member Countries**

Country	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015
Bangladesh	52,2	50,3	38,5	31,0	27,3
Cameroon	39,8	43,7	40,4	34,0	24,2
Côte d'Ivoire	33,8	32,1	31,4	32,7	26,3
Djibouti	56,1	56,1	48,5	46,1	33,2
Egypt	20,5	18,9	15,1	13,1	13,5

<sup>20</sup> See Annex 5.

<b>Guyana</b>	25,4	22,7	19,0	17,3	14,4
<b>Indonesia</b>	34,8	32,5	25,3	26,5	22,1
<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	–	24,1	20,2	14,3	9,4
<b>Mauritania</b>	40,0	36,6	33,5	29,6	22,6
<b>Morocco</b>	18,7	18,8	15,7	17,7	9,5
<b>Nigeria</b>	47,7	47,1	41,0	35,2	32,8
<b>Pakistan</b>	43,6	40,9	37,9	38,3	33,9
<b>Tajikistan</b>	–	40,3	40,4	36,5	30,3
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	–	23,7	21,9	18,5	13,3
<b>Yemen, Rep.</b>	44,4	44,4	42,9	42,1	34,2

Source: IFPRI et.al., 2015.

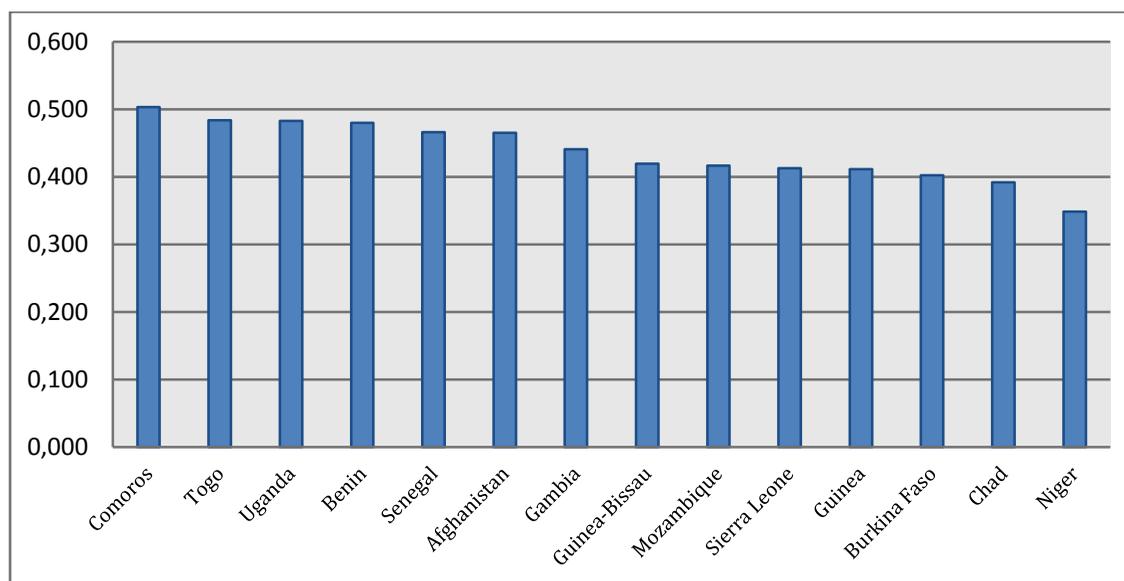
Note: Index values for Palestine, Sudan and Syria are not calculated.

### Low Income OIC Member Countries

#### Human Development Index

All the low income OIC countries are in the low human development (LHD) category. While the highest HDI value is 0.503 and belongs to Comoros, with a position of 159 in the HDI ranking, the lowest value is 0.348 and belongs to Niger, with a position of 188, which is also the lowest position in this ranking (Figure 18).

**Figure 18: HDI Values of Low Income OIC Member Countries**



Source: UNDP, 2015.

Note: Calculated index value for Somalia is not included in the index ranking.

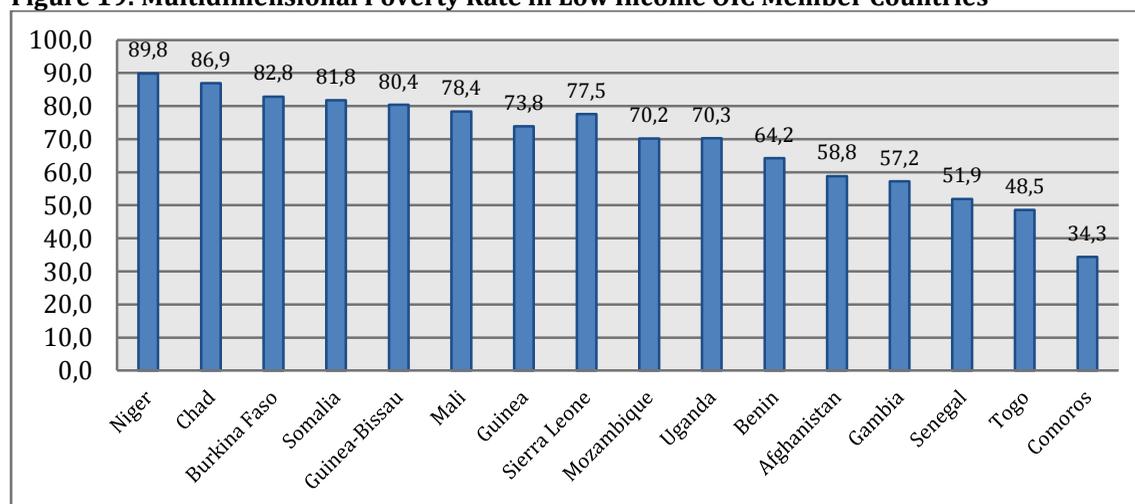
Index values for the first dimension of HDI, GNI per capita (2011, PPP, US\$), range between US\$908 (Niger) and US\$1,885 (Afghanistan) in the low income group, and the GNI values of all the countries in this group are below the average GNI value for the LHD category which is US\$3,085. Regarding the second dimension, life expectancy at birth the index values are between 50.9 (Sierra Leone) and 63.3 (Comoros). For the third dimension, mean years of

schooling, the index values of this group vary between 1.4 (Burkina Faso) and 5.4 (Uganda), and only two countries (Togo and Uganda) have index values above the LHD average value which is 4.5. Index values for the fourth dimension, expected years of schooling, is the best among the HDI dimensions, since almost half of the low income countries have an index value which is above the LHD average index value (9) ranging between 5.4 (Niger) and 11.5 (Comoros).

### Multidimensional Poverty Index

MPI values for the low income OIC Member Countries are between 0.165 (Comoros) and 0.584 (Niger).<sup>21</sup> For all the countries except Comoros and Togo in this income group, the rates of the population in multidimensional poverty are higher than 50 percent (Figure 19). The highest share belongs to Niger with almost 90 percent. The share of population in severe multidimensional poverty ranges between 14.9 percent (Comoros) and 73.5 percent (Niger), and 38 percent of the low income OIC countries more than half of the population are in severe poverty.

**Figure 19: Multidimensional Poverty Rate in Low Income OIC Member Countries**



Source: UNDP, 2015.

The contribution of deprivation in education to overall multidimensional poverty ranges between 19 (Uganda) and 45.6 (Afghanistan), the contribution of deprivation in health ranges between 18.8 (Somalia) and 30.9 (the Gambia), and the contribution of deprivation in living conditions ranges between 35.2 (Afghanistan) and 51.9 (Uganda).

### State of Hunger

All the countries in the low income group are in the position of “low income food-deficit country”. The GHI values of these countries range from 21.5 (Gambia) to 46.4 (Chad). More than half of these countries have serious hunger situation, one-third have an alarming situation, and index values for two countries are not available (Table 4).

<sup>21</sup> See Annex 8.

**Table 4: Global Hunger Index Values of Low Income OIC Member Countries**

Country	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015
Afghanistan	47,4	55,9	52,5	44,9	35,4
Benin	46,1	42,6	38,2	33,3	21,8
Burkina Faso	53,0	46,1	48,4	49,6	31,8
Chad	65,0	60,6	52,0	53,1	46,4
Gambia, The	36,4	35,4	27,9	26,3	21,5
Guinea	47,8	45,8	44,4	38,0	28,8
Mali	51,9	51,3	43,9	38,3	29,6
Mozambique	64,5	63,2	49,2	42,4	32,5
Niger	64,7	62,7	53,0	42,8	34,5
Senegal	36,8	36,9	37,9	28,5	23,2
Sierra Leone	58,8	56,0	53,5	52,4	38,9
Togo	42,5	44,1	38,6	36,4	23,0
Uganda	39,8	40,9	39,3	32,2	27,6

Source: IFPRI et.al., 2015.

Note: Index values for Comoros and Somalia are not calculated.

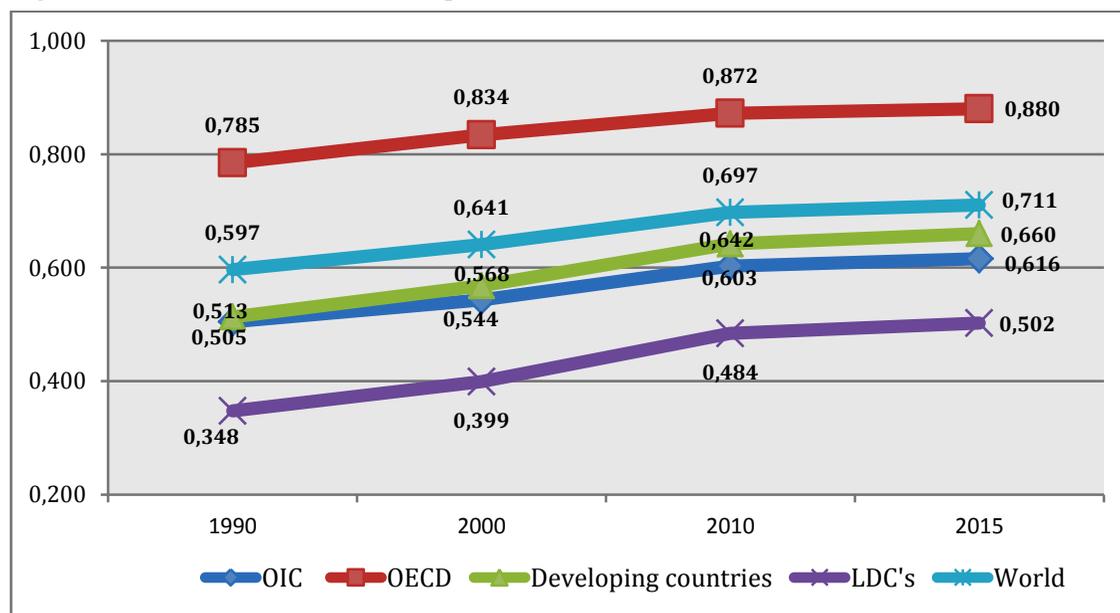
## 2. Trends in Human Development in OIC Member States

This section aims to analyze the trends in human development in OIC member states by utilizing Human Development Reports (HDR) published by UNDP. Human development requires expanding the richness of human life. This approach focuses on people and their opportunities and choices rather than economy. Based on this paradigm, UNDP produces HDR's since 1990. Last report was published in 2015.

### 2.1. International Comparison of Human Development Trends

Figure 20 shows the change in human development index (HDI) for selected country groups between 1990 and 2015. All of the selected groups experienced an increase in this period. The world average has increased from 0.597 to 0.711. The OIC average rose from 0.505 to 0.616 and remained significantly below the OECD and world average. OIC's HDI values are only higher than those of LDCs. On the other hand, the gap between the OIC and developing countries has enlarged in the last 25 years. In 1990, it was only 0.008 points whereas it has risen to 0.044 points in 2015 implying a more rapid progress in developing countries.

**Figure 20: Trends in Human Development Index, 1990-2015**



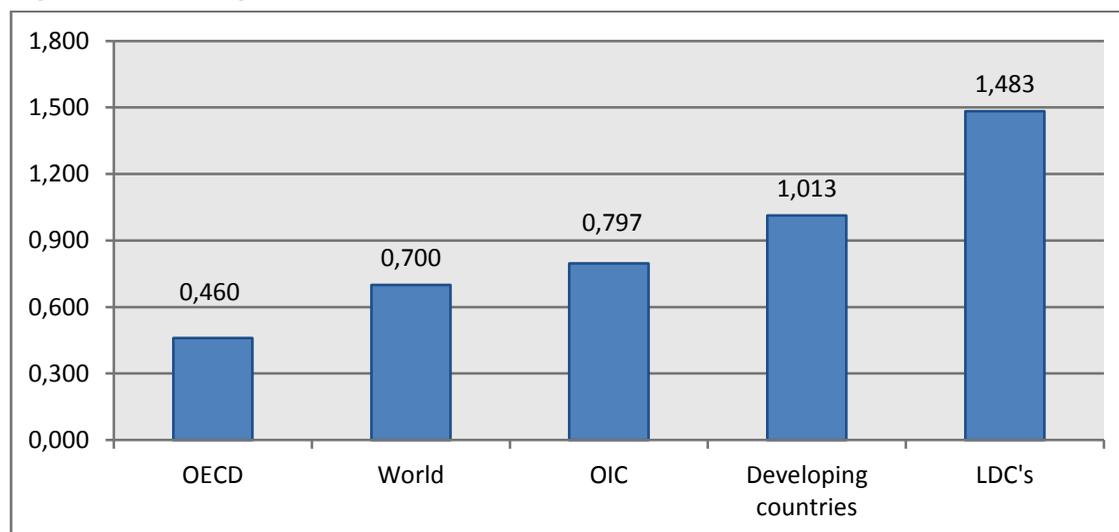
Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015).

Note: The averages are unweighted. That is, each country in the groups has the same weight irrespective of its population.

The annual growth rate in HDI values between 1990 and 2015 are given in Figure 21. Not surprisingly, the annual growth rate is higher for the groups with lower initial HDI values. During the period, OIC member states exhibit almost 0.8 percent growth per year. This rate is higher than that of OECD and world but lower than developing countries and LDCs. The difference between growth rates of OIC member states and developing countries also explains the widening gap between the HDI values of these country groups. Given the current growth rate, it will take approximately another 18 years<sup>22</sup> for the OIC to reach the current level of world average.

<sup>22</sup> Own calculations.

**Figure 21: Annual growth rate in HDI between 1990 and 2015**



Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015).

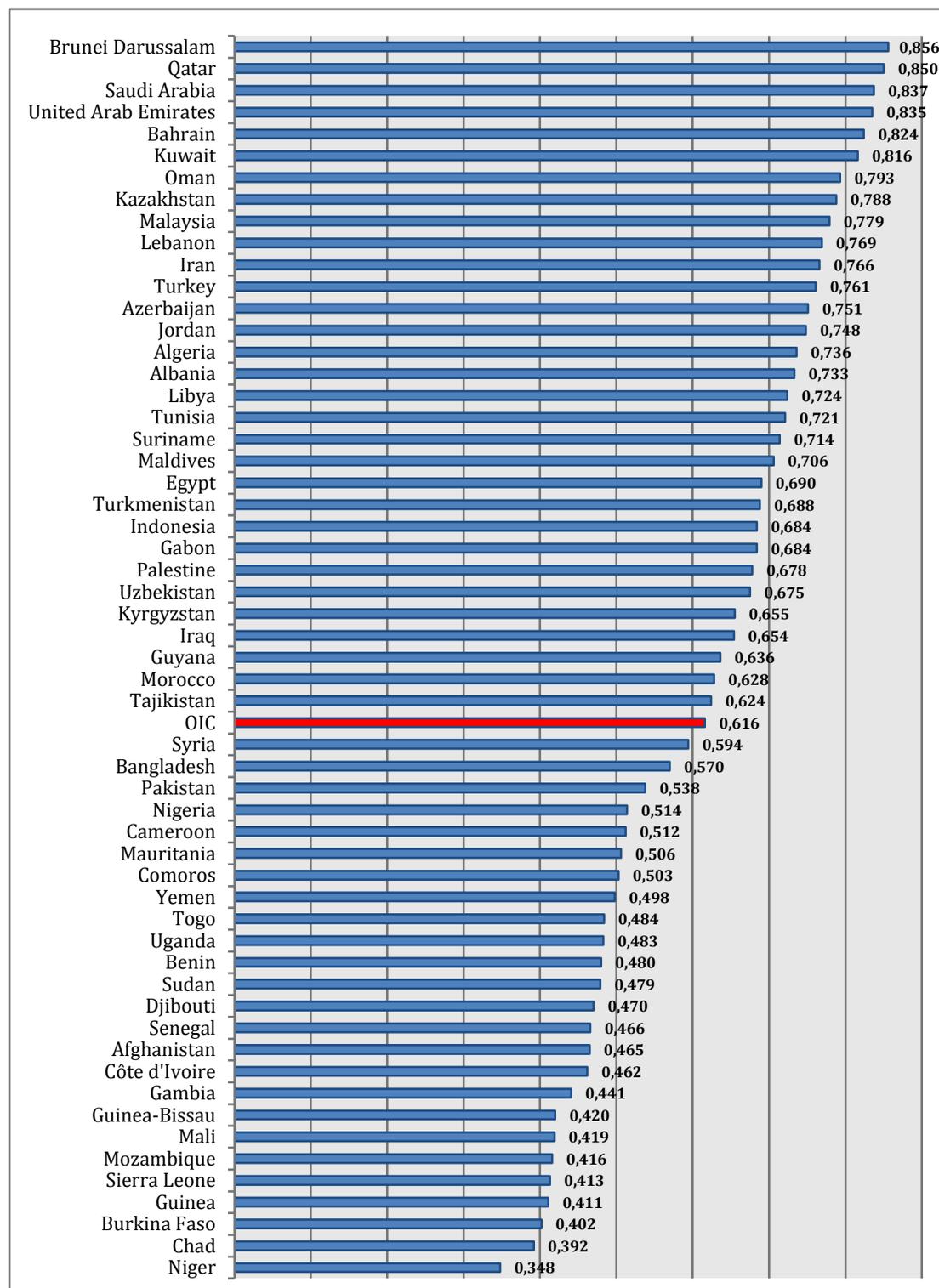
Note: The rates are calculated as the annual compound growth rate.

## 2.2. The current level of human development in OIC

The progress in human development in OIC member states is highly uneven. The HDI values varies between 0.348 (Nigeria) and 0.856 (Brunei Darussalam) according to HDR 2015. 25 out of 56 OIC member states have below OIC average HDI values and the remaining 31 have above average HDI values.

Brunei Darussalam, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait have HDI values above 0.800 and are all placed in very high human development category. This implies only 6 out of 49 very high human development countries (12.2 percent) are from OIC. Oman, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Jordan, Algeria, Albania Libya, Tunisia, Suriname and Maldives are in high human development category with their HDI values between 0.700 and 0.800. These countries constitute 25 percent of this category (14 out of 56). With HDI values between 0.550 and 0.700, Egypt, Turkmenistan, Indonesia, Gabon, Palestine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, Guyana, Morocco, Tajikistan, Syria and Bangladesh are the members of low human development category. According to HDR 2015, one of every three country in low development category is from OIC (13 out of 39). Finally, Pakistan, Nigeria, Cameroon, Mauritania, Comoros, Yemen, Togo, Uganda, Benin, Sudan, Djibouti, Senegal, Afghanistan, Côte d'Ivoire Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad and Niger are in low development category and these countries constitute 52 percent of this category (23 out of 44). Considering that OIC member states constitute nearly 30 percent of the countries that are included in HDR 2015 (56 out of 188), the figures imply OIC is significantly underrepresented in very high category and significantly overrepresented in low development category.

Figure 22: HDI value of OIC Member States in HDR 2015

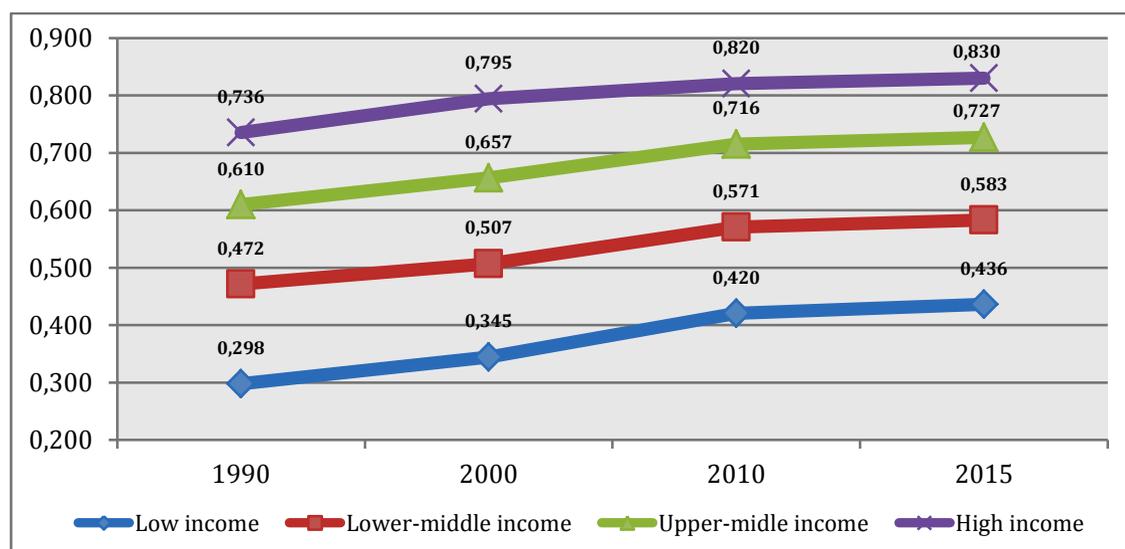


Source: UNDP (2015)

## 2.2.1. Trends in OIC

Figure 23 shows the evolution of HDI for OIC member states in different income groups between 1990 and 2015. It reveals that there is an improvement for each income group in the defined period. It also clearly shows that the HDI values are strongly associated with income level. The HDI values consistently increases as income group rises. High income and upper-middle income countries exhibit HDI trends that are over the OIC average and the lower-middle and low income countries have lower HDI values compared the OIC average.

**Figure 23: Trends in Human Development Index of OIC Member States by income groups, 1990-2015**



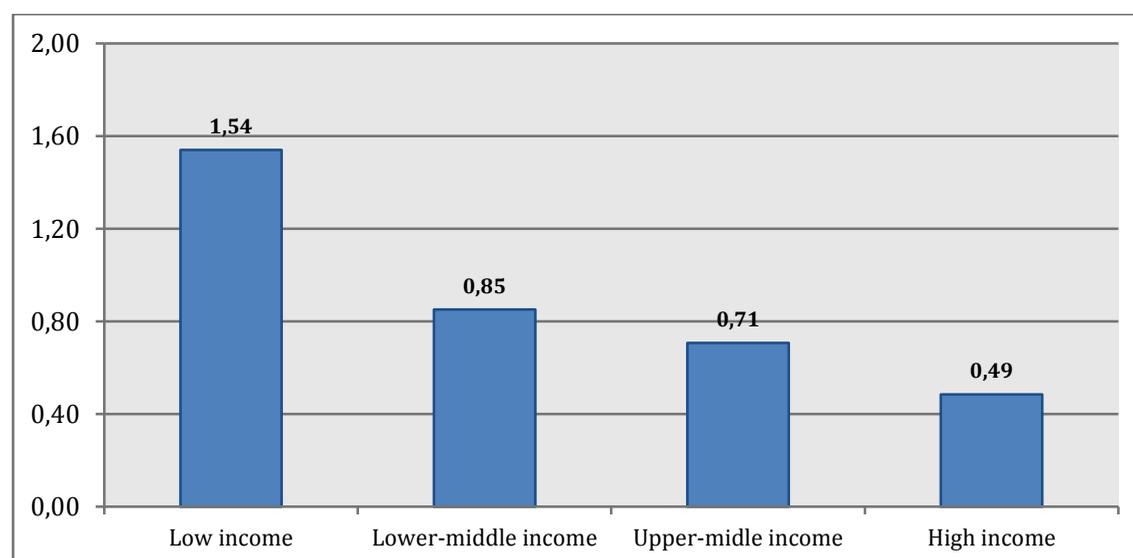
Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015)

Note: The averages are unweighted. That is, each country in the groups has the same weight irrespective of its population.

It worth mentioning that, the HDI level of low income countries in 2015 is even lower than that of OIC average in 1990. This show that the low income countries could not catch up with 1990 OIC HDI level in the last 25 years. On the other hand, Figure 24 reveals that there is a sign of convergence. Accordingly, low income countries grew at much higher rates than other income groups over the period. The growth rate of low income group was almost 3 times higher than that of high income countries and two times higher than upper middle income group.

Another thing to note is that the high income group exhibits a higher level of annual growth compared to OECD average. The same thing is true for low income countries when compared with LDC's.

**Figure 24: Annual growth rate in HDI of OIC Member States by income groups between 1990 and 2015**



Source : Own calculations from UNDP (2015)

Note: The rates are calculated as the annual compound growth rate.

Although the HDI value increases with income, the association between income and HDI rank is more ambiguous at the country level for the given income groups. The last column of Table 5 includes the difference between HDI rank and gross national income (GNI) rank for different income groups. This difference is -8,4 on average for OIC implying that human development lags behind the economic prosperity in the OIC member states in general. This difference is much smaller for low and lower-middle income countries (-2,8 and -1,3 respectively). However, it is considerable higher for upper-middle income and high income countries. The difference for high income group is almost -30 implying that this group was not able to translate its wealth into human development as much as the other high income countries.

**Table 5: Components of HDI by income groups, 2015**

	Life expectancy (years)	Expected schooling (years)	Mean schooling (years)	GNI (2011 PPP \$)	HDI-GNI rank difference
<b>OIC</b>	<b>67,6</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>15.017</b>	<b>-8,4</b>
Low income	58,5	9,0	3,0	1.545	-2,8
Lower-middle income	67,6	11,0	6,7	6.285	-1,3
Upper-middle income	72,3	12,9	8,5	14.866	-12,4
High income	76,6	14,4	8,7	66.686	-29,6

Source: Own calculations from UNDP (2015).

Note: The averages are unweighted. That is, each country in the groups has the same weight irrespective of its population.

Table 5 also contains the level of different component of HDI. On OIC average, the life expectancy is 67.6, the expected and mean years of schooling is 11.4 and 6.5 respectively and GNI is \$15,017. The level of all the 4 parameters increases by income group. For low income group, the level of life expectancy and mean years of schooling are much lower than OIC average. The lower middle income group has life expectancy, expected and mean years of schooling values that are very close to OIC average. For high income countries, all the parameters except mean years of schooling have values that are remarkably higher than upper-middle income group. However, the mean years of schooling is only 0.2 years higher than that of upper-middle income this group. Probably, it is mean years of schooling that causes such a high difference between HDI and GNI rank for high income group.

### 2.2.2. Evaluation of Human Development Categories for OIC Member States

In HDR's, the countries are grouped according to their HDI value. From the first HDR (1990) until 2009, there were three categories, namely "low", "medium" and "high" human development. However, this changed in HDR 2009 and a "very high" human development category was added to the existing three categories. For this reason, the distribution of OIC member states within these categories are given in two different tables (see Table 6 and Table 9).

In 1990, only 38 OIC member states were included in the HDR. Of these, 22 were exhibiting low human development, 14 were in medium human development category and only 2 countries in the high human development category. In 2000, the number of OIC member states covered by HDR was increased to 54. More than half (29) of these countries were in the medium development category and 5 were in high development category. The share of these two groups increased significantly compared to 1990. In 2008, the number of OIC member states remained at its 2000 level. However, the share of medium and high development categories rose further to 59 percent and 19 percent respectively.

**Table 6: OIC Member States by human development level, 1990, 2000 and 2010**

HDI Category	1990		2000		2008	
	# of Countries	%	# of Countries	%	# of Countries	%
Low Human Development	22	58	20	37	12	22
Medium Human Development	14	37	29	54	32	59
High Human Development	2	5	5	9	10	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Own calculations from corresponding years' HDR.

Note: The methodology of HDI has evolved over time. Therefore, the HDI values and hence categories are not fully comparable over time.

Table 7 and Table 8 can be interpreted as transition matrices. According to Table 7, out of 21 OIC member states which were placed in low development category in 1990, 18 ended up in the same category in 2000 and 3 climbed to medium development category. There was no transition from medium development category neither downwards nor upwards. For two countries in high development category in 1990, one country remained in the same category in 2000 and the other fell to medium category.

**Table 7: Transition between development categories from 1990 to 2000**

		2000		
		Low HD	Medium HD	High HD
1990	Low HD	18	3	0
	Medium HD	0	14	0
	High HD	0	1	1

Source: Own calculations from corresponding years' HDR.

All the transitions between 2000 and 2008 were upwards. Out of 20 OIC member states in low development category in 2000, 8 were upgraded to medium and the rest remained in the same category. For medium category in 2000, 23 stayed in the same category and 5 were placed in high development category. There was not any transition for the high development category in 2000. All the 5 countries in high category in 2000, remained in the same category in 2008.

**Table 8: Transition between development categories from 2000 to 2008**

		2008		
		Low HD	Medium HD	High HD
2000	Low HD	12	8	0
	Medium HD	0	23	5
	High HD	0	0	5

Source: Own calculations from corresponding years' HDR.

In 2009 HDR, the shares of low and medium development category were 25% and 51% respectively. That means, three out of four OIC countries were in either low or medium development category and only one in high or very high development category. This image changed slightly in 2015 HDR. Almost two thirds of the OIC member states were placed in either low or medium category. However, the share of low development category increased significantly to 41% in 2015 from 25% in 2009. These changes from 2009 to 2015 should not be interpreted as improvement or deterioration in human development of OIC member states

since the HDI methodology changed in 2010 significantly. Therefore, the HDI scores in 2009 and 2015 are not fully comparable.

**Table 9: OIC Member States by human development level, 2009 and 2015**

	2009		2015	
	# of Countries	%	# of Countries	%
Low Human Development	14	25	23	41
Medium Human Development	28	51	13	23
High Human Development	9	16	14	25
Very High Human Development	4	7	6	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Own calculations from corresponding years' HDR.

Note: The methodology of HDI has evolved over time. Therefore, the HDI values and hence categories are not fully comparable over time.

The transitions between categories from 2009 to 2015 are not suitable to interpret due to previously mentioned methodological change. However, they are given in Table 10 to provide insight.

**Table 10: Transition between development categories from 2009 to 2015**

	2015			
	Low HD	Medium HD	High HD	Very High HD
2009 Low HD	14	0	0	0
2009 Medium HD	9	12	7	0
2009 High HD	0	0	7	2
2009 Very High HD	0	0	0	4

Source: Own calculations from corresponding years HDR.

Note: The methodology of HDI has evolved over time. Therefore, the HDI values and hence categories are not fully comparable over times

### 3. Efforts on Poverty Alleviation

In this section poverty alleviation efforts in the world with a focus on MDGs and SDGs will be elaborated first. Afterwards, poverty alleviation efforts in the OIC Region will be summarized.

#### 3.1. Efforts in the World<sup>23</sup>

##### 3.1.1. Millennium Development Goals

In 2000, the world agreed upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This agreement reflect the world leaders commitment to a new global partnership to ending poverty and hunger, improving education, gender, health and promoting sustainable development. Under this understanding, eight goals with a deadline of 2015 were set. These goals, namely MDGs, were:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

Despite its multisectoral approach, the main objective of MDGs was poverty alleviation. Goal 1 was directly, the remaining were indirectly addressing poverty. In fact, Goal 2,3,4,5,6,7, and 8 under the MDGs were priority areas that must be addressed to eliminate extreme poverty. The aim was to make the nations to accept the MDGs as national goals and increase the coherence and consistency of national policies and programs while trying to achieve these goals.

Under the MDGs, 21 targets and 60 indicators were officially defined to monitor the progress of the countries. The progress during the MDG period (2000-2015) in the selected indicators is summarized below:

Under the first goal, extreme poverty (less than \$1.25 a day) declined significantly from 36 percent in 1990 to 14 per cent as of year 2015. The proportion of undernourished people in the developing regions has fallen by almost half from 23 per cent to 13 per cent in the same period. Under the goal 2, the primary school net enrolment rate has reached to 92 per cent in 2015, up from 81 per cent in 1990. Under goal 3, the target to eliminate gender disparity in primary secondary and tertiary education almost fully achieved. Under goal 4, the global under-five mortality rate has declined by more than half from 90 to 46 deaths per 1,000 live births. Under goal 5, the maternal mortality ratio has declined from 380 deaths per 100,000

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<sup>23</sup> This section is mostly adapted from the previous work of COMCEC & IDB (2015). The authors of this report made minimal contribution to the content.



live births to 210 deaths per 100,000 live births. Under goal 6, new HIV infections fell by approximately 40 per cent. Under goal 7, the share of population using improved drinking water source rose from 76 percent to 90 percent and the proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility climbed from 47 percent to 64 percent. Under goal 8, official development assistance from developed countries increased by 66 per cent in real terms between 2000 and 2014, reaching \$135.2 billion<sup>24</sup>

Despite these major achievements, there are still significant challenges on the way to reach the MDGs. For instance, related to Goal 1, hunger remains as a global challenge, since the ratios of undernourishment and child under-nutrition are still high, progress on maternal mortality rate is slow to reach the target of reducing this rate by three quarters by 2015, the proportion of vulnerable employment was not decreased with a remarkable pace, not every child has chance to enroll and complete primary school, a noteworthy change has not been realized in the proportion land area covered by forest. (COMCEC, 2015)

### 3.1.2. Sustainable Development Goals

To follow and reinforce the commitment to the unfinished Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) after 2015, the Post-2015 Development agenda in which the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are at the core has been designed and declared at the UN Special Summit in September 2015. While the MDG agenda mostly focused on the challenges of the poor countries, SDG envisages a transition to a more comprehensive development framework that concerns all countries regardless of their level of development.

The Post-2015 Development Agenda provides a unique opportunity for end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity and well-being of people. The new development framework forces a transition from the MDG agenda focused on the challenges of the poor countries to a more comprehensive sustainable development agenda that concerns all countries regardless of their level of development. Besides, the new development agenda in which SDGs at the core will have implications for all development actors from the national to the international level. International and regional development actors will have a tremendous role for translating the goals and targets into action.

The adapted 17 SDGs are listed below:

1. **No Poverty** - End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
2. **Zero Hunger** - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
3. **Good Health and Well-being** - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
4. **Quality Education** - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

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<sup>24</sup> The figures for goals 1 to 7 are from World Bank (2016). The figure for goal 8 is from UN (2015a).

5. **Gender Equality** - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. **Clean Water and Sanitation** - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
7. **Affordable and Clean Energy** - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.
8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth** - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
9. **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure** - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
10. **Reduced Inequalities** - Reduce income inequality within and among countries.
11. **Sustainable Cities and Communities** - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
12. **Responsible Consumption and Production** - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
13. **Climate Action** - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting developments in renewable energy.
14. **Life Below Water** - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
15. **Life on Land** - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
16. **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
17. **Partnerships for the Goals** - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Among these, Goal 1 directly addresses poverty alleviation in the world. Furthermore, Goals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 17 are indirectly related to poverty alleviation. However, this does not be interpreted as the other goals are completely irrelevant of poverty reduction. The remaining seven goals are also serving poverty reduction but at a lesser degree compared to others.

### 3.2. Efforts in the OIC Region

In this section main poverty alleviation efforts under the OIC umbrella will be analyzed in terms of the activities of the OIC Institutions.

#### COMCEC Strategy

Poverty alleviation has an important place in the agenda of the COMCEC. As mentioned in the first section, poverty is a significant challenge in the OIC Region particularly among the African Member countries. The COMCEC Strategy adopted by the 4th Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, has identified poverty alleviation as one of its six cooperation areas. Furthermore, "Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger in the OIC Region" has been determined as a strategic objective.



The COMCEC Strategy has identified four output areas in its Poverty Alleviation Section, which are aid effectiveness, productive capacity of the poor, effective utilization of financial resources and monitoring poverty.

The COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group has been established within the framework of the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy. The Working Group (WG) provides a regular platform in this field for the country experts to deliberate on the issues related to poverty, and to share their experiences and good practices. The Poverty Alleviation Working Group (WG) meets twice a year in Ankara. Up to now seven WG meetings of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group were held on June 27th, 2013, December 26th, 2013, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2014, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, 10-11 September 2015 and February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Ankara respectively. The eighth WG Meeting will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 with the theme of “Forced Migration in the OIC Member Countries: Policy Framework Adopted by Host Countries”.

The Strategy has also introduced a well-defined Project Cycle Management (PCM) for the realization of the COMCEC Projects. In this respect, the Member Countries’ and the relevant OIC Institutions’ technical cooperation and the capacity building projects which will serve to the realization of the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy and to multilateral cooperation are funded by the COMCEC Coordination Office. Up to now four project calls were made in September 2013, in September 2014, in September 2014 and in September 2015 respectively. The Member Countries and the relevant OIC Institutions have shown great interest in the PCM.

### **Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and Special Program for Development of Africa (SPDA)**

Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) is a special fund within the IDB. In line with the decision of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in 2005 in Makkah, the Fund was officially launched in 2007. The fund focuses on human development, alleviating poverty through enhancing the productive capacity of the poor, reducing illiteracy and eradicating diseases and epidemics, particularly Malaria, Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS, agriculture and rural development, basic infrastructure and micro enterprises. The principle target capital of the fund is US\$10 billion. The Fund was established in the form of a Waqf, meaning that the activities and projects under the ISFD can only be financed from the revenues obtained from its capital resources. The total amount of received contributions so far is US\$ 2.42 billion of which US\$ 850 million was paid by the IDB and US\$ 1.57 billion by Member States. By 2015, two Micro Finance projects in Kyrgyzstan (USD 1.7 million) and one Community Driven Development Project in Indonesia (USD 7 million) had already been completed. Additionally, 65 projects are currently active under the ISFD portfolio. The total cost of these projects is estimated at USD 97.33 million. (ISFD, IDB 2016)

In accordance with the relevant decision of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in 2005 in Makkah, Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA) has been initiated by the IDB Group with the aim of supporting African OIC Member Countries, particularly least developed ones, in their poverty alleviation and economic development endeavors for the emergence of sustainable economic growth and the reinforcement of regional integration. The target capital of the SPDA is USD 12 billion. As of January 2016, the amount of total disbursements is US\$ 1,618 million representing 43 percent of total approvals of US\$ 3,798 million. And 67 projects have been implemented under the SPDA. (SPDA, IDB 2016)

## **OIC Cotton Programme**

The OIC Cotton Programme has been initiated in 2005 with the aim of enhancing trade, investment and technology transfer in/among cotton producing Member States, particularly in Africa. Accordingly, the OIC Five-Year Cotton Action Plan (2007-2011) was prepared and it was endorsed by the 22nd Session of the COMCEC. The period of the Plan was extended for a further five years (2012-2016) by the 26th Session of the COMCEC.

Under the Cotton Action Plan, the Project and Steering Committees were formed. The IDB was designated as the Chairman of the former while the Ministry of Customs and Trade of Turkey of the latter. Six Steering Committee and six Project Committee meetings have been held so far. The 6th Steering Committee Meeting was held on November 3rd, 2015 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

So far, eight projects have been approved to be financed by the IDB. Four of the projects were implemented and Cameroon's three projects are being implemented. The total budget of these projects accounted for approximately USD 17 million. In addition, 14 different project proposals were submitted to the IDB for funding; however these proposals did not meet the eligibility criteria. Afterwards, 5th Project Committee assigned SESRIC to review and combine these proposals into one technical assistance and capacity building project, and to submit this combined project to the IDB for Funding. The 30th Session of the COMCEC took note of the report of the 5th Project Committee Meeting and requested SESRIC to combine 14 projects into one capacity building project and to submit it to the IDB for funding. Accordingly SESRIC submitted a capacity building project proposal, which combines 14 cotton projects into one project, to the IDB Group in January 2015.

The 31st Session of the COMCEC, while appreciating the positive interest of the IDB for the OIC Cotton Plan of Action, requested the IDB to finalize its consideration for the funding of the capacity building project, submitted to the IDB by SESRIC in accordance with the relevant resolution of the 30th Session of COMCEC.

Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, which was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan between 26-28 April 2016, call on the concerned Member States to resubmit their respective cotton projects in a comprehensive bankable format, approved under the OIC Cotton Action Plan, and to show considerable interest in the new projects being identified to enhance cooperation in this vital economic sector.

## **Vocational Education and Training Programme**

Vocational education and training issues have significance impacts on enhancing the productive capacity of the poor. In this respect, a programme on vocational education and training was initiated by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in 2009. The main target of this Programme (OIC-VET) is to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the public and private sectors, and to enhance the opportunities for the people in the Member Countries.

Main objectives of OIC-VET are;

- to provide the exchange of people involved in VET throughout OIC Member Countries, so as to increase placements in enterprises.
- to enhance the quality and innovation capacity of Member Countries' vocational training systems, and to facilitate the transfer of innovative practices from one country to another.



- to increase the volume of cooperation among training institutions, enterprises, social partners and other relevant bodies throughout OIC Member Countries
- to expand the transparency and recognition of qualifications and competencies, including those acquired through formal and informal learning among Member Countries.
- to support the development of innovative Information and Communication Technology based on content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning.

Capacity building programmes have been initiated in 22 different social and economic programmes with many sub-themes within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme. The beneficiaries of OIC-VET Programme are governments, local administrations, public/private institutions, companies, researchers and practitioners.

## Concluding Remarks

There is a significant level of extreme poverty in the OIC Member Countries with almost 375 million people suffering from poverty. Poverty headcount ratios of the member countries differ from zero percent to 62 percent. Likewise, non-monetary poverty indicators also vary across the OIC Member Countries. As non-monetary indicators, Human Development Index values of the OIC Member Countries are between 0.856 and 0.348, Multidimensional Poverty Index values are between zero and 0.584 among the countries for which the MPI is calculated, and Global Hunger Index values are between zero and 46,4.

Aiming to provide an overview of poverty status in the OIC Member Countries, this report elaborates on monetary and non-monetary poverty, with a special focus on human development progress in the OIC Member Countries.

The OIC Member Countries do not form a homogenous group in terms of poverty. While 7 member countries are in high income group, 16 are in upper-middle income, 18 are in lower-middle income, and 16 are in low income group. High income OIC Countries have GDP per capita (Current international PPP) levels which are above \$38,000. In the upper-middle income OIC Countries GDP per capita levels have a diverse pattern, ranging from \$10,880 to \$26,891, and all the countries in this group have low or moderate GHI values. 13 out of 16 upper-middle OIC income countries are in high human development category. On the other hand, in these countries the population living in multidimensional poverty exceeds the population living in income poverty. 14 out of 18 countries in this group have GDP per capita levels which are lower than \$6,000. On the other hand, poverty rates in this group display a diverse picture. Indeed, poverty rate ranges from less-than 1 percent to more-than 62 percent. Lower-middle income OIC countries can be classified under low or medium human development categories. Multidimensional poverty situation is more severe than monetary poverty situation in these countries, since in almost half of the lower-middle income countries, more than 40 percent of the population is multi-dimensionally poor.

Regarding low income OIC Member Countries, both monetary and non-monetary poverty indicators are striking. GDP per capita (Current international PPP) levels are less than \$ 2,430 in this group, and poverty headcount ratios are above 27 percent. All countries in this group can be classified as low-income food-deficit country. They have also serious or alarming hunger situation. Moreover, all low income OIC countries are classified under low human development category in the ranking of human development index, and multidimensional poverty rate of most of the countries in this group is higher than 50 percent.

Regarding human development progress, the OIC experienced an improvement in HDI level. Between 1990 and 2015 the average HDI level of the OIC rose from 0.505 to 0.616. However, it remained significantly below the OECD and world average. Moreover, the gap between the OIC and developing countries has enlarged in the last 25 years from 0.008 to 0.044 points. This implies the human development progress in the OIC was slower than that of in developing countries.

Furthermore, the new development agenda, namely the SDGs, will have significant implication for all countries. The implementation of the SDGs will also have an important place in the OIC development agenda. In line with the global development agenda, the OIC countries and institutions have been exerting efforts for alleviating poverty in the Member Countries through several programs such as ISFD, SPDA and OIC-VET.

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## ANNEXES

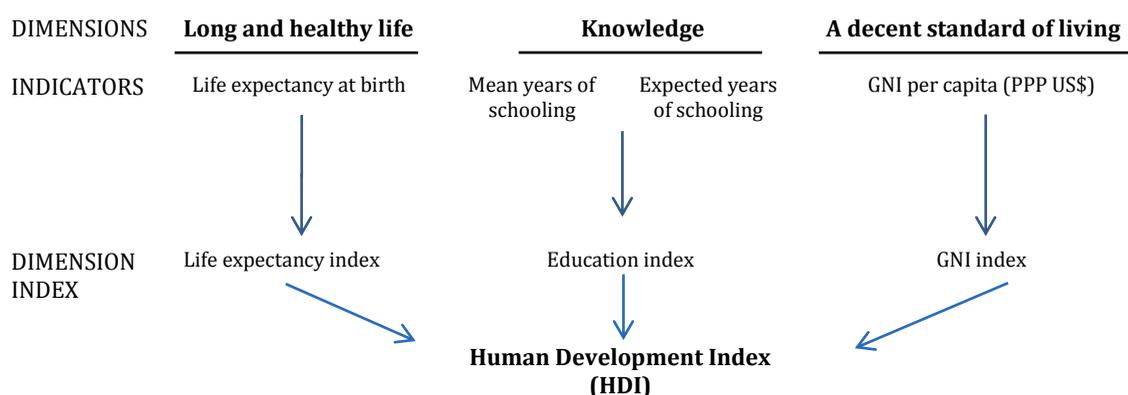
### Annex 1: The Widely Used Non-Monetary Poverty Indices

#### Human Development Index

Human development approach relies on a view that poverty is a multidimensional phenomenon. This perspective is inspired by Amartya Sen's<sup>25</sup> notion of well-being and poverty. Within the context of human development in order to investigate development by assuming that it is something beyond income and economic growth rates of countries the UNDP calculates a Human Development Index (HDI).<sup>26</sup> The HDI defines people as "the real wealth of a nation"<sup>27</sup> and posits *health, knowledge* and *income* as three basic aspects of human measures for development, and calculates a country's average achievements in these areas. In conclusion, the HDI sees poverty in terms of human poverty and defines it as a lack of income, education and health.<sup>28</sup>

The HDI utilizes four indicators, namely GNI per capita, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling and life expectancy at birth, under three dimensions (Figure 25). When being calculated the index, minimum and maximum values are set in order to transform the indicators into indices between 0 and 1. The HDI is calculated by taking the geometric mean of the three dimension indices.

**Figure 25: Dimensions of the HDI**



Source: The UNDP, 2015.

#### Multidimensional Poverty Index

Within the context of human development thinking, in addition to HDI, the UNDP have started to calculate MPI, in order to measure poverty in a much broader context, since 2010. The MPI considers multiple deprivations of the population and their overlap by utilizing the dimensions of health, education and standard of living (Figure 26). While the health and education dimensions are similar to the dimensions of HDI, but use different indicators, the standard of

<sup>25</sup>Sen 1987 quoted in Haughton and Khandker 2009, p.2.

<sup>26</sup>Klugman et al. 2011, p.250; Sagar and Najam 1998, p.251

<sup>27</sup>The UNDP 1990, p.9.

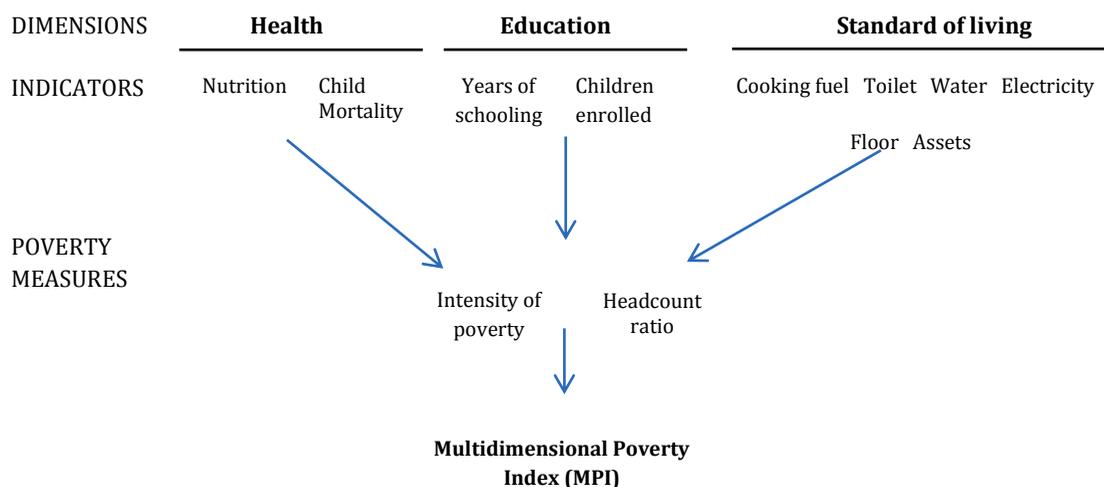
<sup>28</sup>The UNDP 1990, p.63.

living is a different dimension that consists of six indicators related to basic living standards. On the other hand, income is not included in the calculation of MPI.

Deprivation in education is examined by years of schooling and child school attendance, deprivation in health is measured by child mortality and nutrition, and deprivation in living conditions is measured by electricity, improved sanitation, drinking water, flooring, cooking fuel, and asset ownership.

Because each main dimension is equally weighted in calculation of the index, one dimension affects the index 33 percent at most. Also each component of dimensions has equal weight. MPI has maximum and minimum scores for its three dimensions and the related indicators, which demonstrates for a household a maximum deprivation value of 10 and a minimum value of zero. A household having a deprivation value of 3 and more is considered as living under multidimensional poverty, and one who has a value between 2 and 3 is recognized as being under the risk of multidimensional poverty. (The UNDP, 2010b:215-222).

**Figure 26: Dimensions of the MPI**



Source: The UNDP, 2015.

### Global Hunger Index

Global Hunger Index (GHI) which is calculated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) is a significant indicator that reveals the state of hunger for countries. The GHI displays the level of hunger by taking undernourishment<sup>29</sup>, child wasting, child stunting and under-five mortality rate into account. The methodology of GHI is revised in 2015 report. According to this new methodology, GHI scores on a 100-point scale where 0 is the best score (no hunger) and 100 the worst. In practice, neither of these extremes can be attained. A value of 100 means that the country' undernourishment, child wasting, child stunting and child mortality levels are the same as the maximum thresholds in all the dimensions. A value of zero

<sup>29</sup> "Undernourishment" indicates the calorie consumption of fewer than 1,800 a day, which is thought to represent the minimum calorie requirement that most people need to live a healthy and productive life. (FAO, 2011a quoted in IFPRI et.al., 2013:7)

imply that the country has no undernourished people, no wasted or stunted children under five year age and under-five mortality rate is zero.

A GHI value addresses to a low hunger situation when it is under 10, moderate when it is between 10.99 and 19.9, serious when it is between 20 and 34.9, alarming when it is between 35 and 49.9, and extremely alarming when it is above 50.

For technical details on the GHI methodology go to <http://ghi.ifpri.org/methodology/>

## Annex 2: OIC Member Countries by Income Categories

High Income Countries	Upper-middle Income Countries	Lower-middle Income Countries	Low Income Countries
Bahrain	Albania	Bangladesh	Afghanistan
Brunei Darussalam	Algeria	Cameroon	Benin
Kuwait	Azerbaijan	Cote d'Ivoire	Burkina Faso
Oman	Gabon	Djibouti	Chad
Qatar	Iran	Egypt	Comoros
Saudi Arabia	Iraq	Guyana	Gambia
United Arab Emirates	Jordan	Indonesia	Guinea
	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyz Republic	Guinea-Bissau
	Lebanon	Mauritania	Mali
	Libya	Morocco	Mozambique
	Malaysia	Nigeria	Niger
	Maldives	Pakistan	Senegal
	Suriname	Palestine	Sierra Leone
	Tunisia	Sudan	Somalia
	Turkey	Syria	Togo
	Turkmenistan	Tajikistan	Uganda
		Uzbekistan	
		Yemen	

Source: The World Bank, 2015b.

### Annex 3: 2015 MPI Values

Country	MPI Value	Country	MPI Value
Afghanistan	0,293	Libya	0,005
Albania	0,005	Madagascar	0,420
Argentina	0,015	Malawi	0,332
Armenia	0,002	Maldives	0,008
Azerbaijan	0,009	Mali	0,456
Bangladesh	0,237	Mauritania	0,291
Barbados	0,004	Mexico	0,024
Belarus	0,001	Moldova	0,004
Belize	0,030	Mongolia	0,047
Benin	0,343	Montenegro	0,002
Bhutan	0,128	Morocco	0,069
Bolivia	0,097	Mozambique	0,390
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,006	Namibia	0,205
Brazil	0,011	Nepal	0,197
Burkina Faso	0,508	Nicaragua	0,088
Burundi	0,442	Niger	0,584
Cambodia	0,211	Nigeria	0,279
Cameroon	0,260	Pakistan	0,237
Central African Republic	0,424	Palestine	0,007
Chad	0,545	Peru	0,043
China	0,023	Philippines	0,033
Colombia	0,032	Rwanda	0,352
Comoros	0,165	Saint Lucia	0,003
Congo	0,192	Sao Tome and Principe	0,217
Congo DR	0,369	Senegal	0,278
Côte d'Ivoire	0,307	Serbia	0,002
Diibouti	0,127	Sierra Leone	0,411
Dominican Republic	0,025	Somalia	0,500
Ecuador	0,015	South Africa	0,041
Egypt	0,016	South Sudan	0,551
Ethiopia	0,537	Sudan	0,290
Gabon	0,073	Suriname	0,033
Gambia	0,289	Swaziland	0,113
Georgia	0,008	Syria	0,028
Ghana	0,144	Tajikistan	0,031
Guinea	0,425	Tanzania	0,335
Guinea-Bissau	0,495	Thailand	0,004
Guyana	0,031	Macedonia	0,007
Haiti	0,242	Timor-Leste	0,322
Honduras	0,098	Togo	0,242
India	0,282	Trinidad and Tobago	0,007
Indonesia	0,024	Tunisia	0,006
Iraq	0,052	Uganda	0,359
Jamaica	0,014	Ukraine	0,001
Jordan	0,004	Uzbekistan	0,013
Kazakhstan	0,004	Vanuatu	0,135
Kenya	0,226	Viet Nam	0,026
Kyrgyzstan	0,006	Yemen	0,200
Lao People's DR	0,186	Zambia	0,264
Lesotho	0,227	Zimbabwe	0,128
Liberia	0,356		

Source: UNDP, 2015.

#### Annex 4: GDP Per Capita for the OIC Member Countries between 1990 and 2015

Country	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
<b>Afghanistan</b>				1.039	1.629	1.934
<b>Albania</b>	2.749	2.809	4.046	6.200	9.304	11.305
<b>Algeria</b>	6.618	6.779	8.094	10.976	12.637	14.687
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	5.502	2.420	3.534	7.169	15.628	17.740
<b>Bahrain</b>	22.879	31.529	35.792	39.771	39.424	46.946
<b>Bangladesh</b>	834	1.051	1.304	1.724	2.402	3.333
<b>Benin</b>	941	1.090	1.305	1.508	1.724	2.110
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	49.815	57.164	59.254	67.367	70.486	70.817
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	531	633	829	1.097	1.394	1.659
<b>Cameroon</b>	1.789	1.595	1.905	2.256	2.523	3.123
<b>Chad</b>	718	759	787	1.597	1.885	2.171
<b>Comoros</b>	990	1.003	1.122	1.251	1.319	
<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	2.082	2.133	2.360	2.415	2.671	3.496
<b>Djibouti</b>	2.012	1.726	1.678	2.025	2.645	
<b>Egypt, Arab Rep.</b>	3.887	4.681	5.990	7.297	9.898	10.891
<b>Gabon</b>	12.603	14.502	14.090	15.419	16.004	20.010
<b>Gambia, The</b>	980	1.056	1.240	1.378	1.621	
<b>Guinea</b>	727	762	897	1.067	1.147	1.207
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	973	1.147	1.019	1.122	1.300	1.453
<b>Guyana</b>	1.893	2.982	3.630	4.223	5.666	7.506
<b>Indonesia</b>	2.894	4.391	4.602	6.089	8.294	11.035
<b>Iran</b>	6.576	7.977	9.436	13.012	17.163	
<b>Iraq</b>	7.443	4.781	9.648	9.698	12.418	14.895
<b>Jordan</b>	4.306	5.321	6.137	8.395	10.230	10.880
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	8.791	6.294	8.221	14.861	20.521	25.877
<b>Kuwait</b>		58.118	58.904	83.703	72.204	71.312
<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	2.246	1.237	1.644	2.110	2.734	3.427
<b>Lebanon</b>	4.999	8.934	9.777	10.915	15.948	13.938
<b>Libya</b>			17.436	23.154	28.583	14.154
<b>Malaysia</b>	6.755	10.528	12.798	16.453	20.675	26.891
<b>Maldives</b>				7.110	10.302	12.637
<b>Mali</b>	577	670	810	1.130	1.747	2.428
<b>Mauritania</b>	1.820	2.080	2.179	2.639	3.266	
<b>Morocco</b>	2.521	2.846	3.543	4.796	6.365	7.821
<b>Mozambique</b>	242	270	440	655	895	1.186
<b>Niger</b>	585	579	604	686	804	954
<b>Nigeria</b>	1.959	1.997	2.248	3.677	5.019	5.992
<b>Oman</b>	22.645	28.090	35.288	36.973	45.885	38.234
<b>Pakistan</b>	1.976	2.453	2.776	3.586	4.210	5.042
<b>Palestine</b>		2.034	3.331	4.010	4.078	5.010

<b>Qatar</b>			86.726	102.253	125.088	143.788
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	22.843	25.755	28.013	34.552	43.352	53.430
<b>Senegal</b>	1.204	1.299	1.525	1.882	2.143	2.431
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	887	777	814	1.042	1.335	1.591
<b>Sudan</b>	1.133	1.402	1.770	2.351	3.175	4.173
<b>Suriname</b>	6.841	7.017	7.622	11.050	14.217	16.970
<b>Tajikistan</b>	2.350	923	940	1.531	2.080	2.780
<b>Togo</b>	873	873	1.032	1.071	1.205	1.460
<b>Tunisia</b>	3.682	4.570	6.125	7.933	10.365	11.397
<b>Turkey</b>	4.439	5.411	9.321	11.512	16.166	19.618
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	5.399	3.370	4.241	5.792	9.829	16.499
<b>Uganda</b>	500	674	844	1.110	1.522	1.825
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	74.017	77.467	84.975	84.338	56.245	70.238
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	1.959	1.614	1.959	2.698	4.100	5.996
<b>Yemen</b>	2.192	2.614	3.136	3.757	4.286	

Source: Calculated from the World Bank, 2015a.

Note: Data for Somalia and Syria are not available.

**Annex 5: HDI Values and Human Development Categories of the Countries, 2015**

HDI rank	Country	Value
<b>VERY HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
1	Norway	0,944
2	Australia	0,935
3	Switzerland	0,930
4	Denmark	0,923
5	Netherlands	0,922
6	Germany	0,916
6	Ireland	0,916
8	United States	0,915
9	Canada	0,913
9	New Zealand	0,913
11	Singapore	0,912
12	Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0,910
13	Liechtenstein	0,908
14	Sweden	0,907
14	United Kingdom	0,907
16	Iceland	0,899
17	Korea (Republic of)	0,898
18	Israel	0,894
19	Luxembourg	0,892
20	Japan	0,891
21	Belgium	0,890
22	France	0,888
23	Austria	0,885
24	Finland	0,883
25	Slovenia	0,880
26	Spain	0,876
27	Italy	0,873
28	Czech Republic	0,870
29	Greece	0,865
30	Estonia	0,861
31	Brunei Darussalam	0,856
32	Cyprus	0,850
32	Qatar	0,850
34	Andorra	0,845
35	Slovakia	0,844
36	Poland	0,843
37	Lithuania	0,839

37	Malta	0,839
39	Saudi Arabia	0,837
40	Argentina	0,836
41	United Arab Emirates	0,835
42	Chile	0,832
43	Portugal	0,830
44	Hungary	0,828
45	Bahrain	0,824
46	Latvia	0,819
47	Croatia	0,818
48	Kuwait	0,816
49	Montenegro	0,802
<b>HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
50	Belarus	0,798
50	Russian Federation	0,798
52	Oman	0,793
52	Romania	0,793
52	Uruguay	0,793
55	Bahamas	0,790
56	Kazakhstan	0,788
57	Barbados	0,785
58	Antigua and Barbuda	0,783
59	Bulgaria	0,782
60	Palau	0,780
60	Panama	0,780
62	Malaysia	0,779
63	Mauritius	0,777
64	Seychelles	0,772
64	Trinidad and Tobago	0,772
66	Serbia	0,771
67	Cuba	0,769
67	Lebanon	0,769
69	Costa Rica	0,766
69	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0,766
71	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0,762
72	Turkey	0,761
73	Sri Lanka	0,757
74	Mexico	0,756
75	Brazil	0,755
76	Georgia	0,754
77	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0,752

78	Azerbaijan	0,751
79	Grenada	0,750
80	Jordan	0,748
81	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0,747
81	Ukraine	0,747
83	Algeria	0,736
84	Peru	0,734
85	Albania	0,733
85	Armenia	0,733
85	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,733
88	Ecuador	0,732
89	Saint Lucia	0,729
90	China	0,727
90	Fiji	0,727
90	Mongolia	0,727
93	Thailand	0,726
94	Dominica	0,724
94	Libya	0,724
96	Tunisia	0,721
97	Colombia	0,720
97	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0,720
99	Jamaica	0,719
100	Tonga	0,717
101	Belize	0,715
101	Dominican Republic	0,715
103	Suriname	0,714
104	Maldives	0,706
105	Samoa	0,702
<b>MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
106	Botswana	0,698
107	Moldova (Republic of)	0,693
108	Egypt	0,690
109	Turkmenistan	0,688
110	Gabon	0,684
110	Indonesia	0,684
112	Paraguay	0,679
113	Palestine, State of	0,677
114	Uzbekistan	0,675
115	Philippines	0,668
116	El Salvador	0,666
116	South Africa	0,666

116	Viet Nam	0,666
119	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0,662
120	Kyrgyzstan	0,655
121	Iraq	0,654
122	Cabo Verde	0,646
123	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0,640
124	Guyana	0,636
125	Nicaragua	0,631
126	Morocco	0,628
126	Namibia	0,628
128	Guatemala	0,627
129	Tajikistan	0,624
130	India	0,609
131	Honduras	0,606
132	Bhutan	0,605
133	Timor-Leste	0,595
134	Syrian Arab Republic	0,594
134	Vanuatu	0,594
136	Congo	0,591
137	Kiribati	0,590
138	Equatorial Guinea	0,587
139	Zambia	0,586
140	Ghana	0,579
141	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0,575
142	Bangladesh	0,570
143	Cambodia	0,555
143	Sao Tome and Principe	0,555
<b>LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
145	Kenya	0,548
145	Nepal	0,548
147	Pakistan	0,538
148	Myanmar	0,536
149	Angola	0,532
150	Swaziland	0,531
151	Tanzania (United Republic of)	0,521
152	Nigeria	0,514
153	Cameroon	0,512
154	Madagascar	0,510
155	Zimbabwe	0,509
156	Mauritania	0,506
156	Solomon Islands	0,506

158	Papua New Guinea	0,505
159	Comoros	0,503
160	Yemen	0,498
161	Lesotho	0,497
162	Togo	0,484
163	Haiti	0,483
163	Rwanda	0,483
163	Uganda	0,483
166	Benin	0,480
167	Sudan	0,479
168	Djibouti	0,470
169	South Sudan	0,467
170	Senegal	0,466
171	Afghanistan	0,465
172	Côte d'Ivoire	0,462
173	Malawi	0,445
174	Ethiopia	0,442
175	Gambia	0,441
176	Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	0,433
177	Liberia	0,430
178	Guinea-Bissau	0,420
179	Mali	0,419
180	Mozambique	0,416
181	Sierra Leone	0,413
182	Guinea	0,411
183	Burkina Faso	0,402
184	Burundi	0,400
185	Chad	0,392
186	Eritrea	0,391
187	Central African Republic	0,350
188	Niger	0,348

Source: The UNDP, 2015.

### Annex 6: Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries

Africa	Asia	Americas	Oceania
Benin	Afghanistan	Haiti	Papua N. G.
Burkina Faso	Bangladesh	Honduras	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Bhutan	Nicaragua	
Cameroon	D.P.R. Korea		
Central African Rep.	India		
Chad	Kyrgyzstan		
Comoros	Mongolia		
Congo	Nepal		
Côte d'Ivoire	Syria		
D.R.Congo	Tajikistan		
Djibouti	Uzbekistan		
Eritrea	Yemen		
Ethiopia			
The Gambia			
Ghana			
Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau			
Kenya			
Lesotho			
Liberia			
Madagascar			
Malawi			
Mali			
Mauritania			
Mozambique			
Niger			
Nigeria			
Rwanda			
Sao Tome and Principe			
Senegal			
Sierra Leone			
Somalia			
South Sudan			
Sudan			
Togo			
Uganda			
Tanzania			
Zimbabwe			

Source: FAO, 2015.

### Annex 7: The GHI Values of the Countries

Country	1990	1995	2000	2005	2015
<b>Afghanistan</b>	47,4	55,9	52,5	44,9	35,4
<b>Albania</b>	21,4	19,1	21,1	17,1	13,2
<b>Algeria</b>	17,1	18,0	14,8	12,2	8,7
<b>Angola</b>	67,3	66,8	58,3	45,3	32,6
<b>Argentina</b>	7,7	7,2	5,3	5,0	<5
<b>Armenia</b>	-	21,8	17,4	14,1	11,2
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	-	28,3	27,2	16,7	10,0
<b>Bahrain</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Bangladesh</b>	52,2	50,3	38,5	31,0	27,3
<b>Belarus</b>	-	<5	<5	<5	<5
<b>Benin</b>	46,1	42,6	38,2	33,3	21,8
<b>Bhutan</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Bolivia</b>	38,9	35,1	30,5	27,2	16,9
<b>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</b>	-	10,8	9,6	6,8	<5
<b>Botswana</b>	31,3	34,3	33,2	31,2	23,1
<b>Brazil</b>	18,2	15,0	12,0	6,7	<5
<b>Bulgaria</b>	8,1	10,2	9,4	9,2	8,5
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	53,0	46,1	48,4	49,6	31,8
<b>Burundi</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cambodia</b>	46,9	45,2	45,0	29,8	22,6
<b>Cameroon</b>	39,8	43,7	40,4	34,0	24,2
<b>Central African Republic</b>	51,9	51,0	51,4	51,0	46,9
<b>Chad</b>	65,0	60,6	52,0	53,1	46,4
<b>Chile</b>	6,8	<5	<5	<5	<5
<b>China</b>	25,1	23,2	15,9	13,2	8,6
<b>Colombia</b>	16,7	13,0	11,4	10,7	8,8
<b>Comoros</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Congo, Dem. Rep.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Congo, Rep.</b>	38,9	41,1	38,1	33,5	26,6
<b>Costa Rica</b>	7,5	7,0	6,1	5,7	<5
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	33,8	32,1	31,4	32,7	26,3
<b>Croatia</b>	-	8,6	6,1	<5	<5
<b>Cuba</b>	8,0	13,5	6,1	<5	<5
<b>Djibouti</b>	56,1	56,1	48,5	46,1	33,2
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	26,3	20,3	19,4	18,1	10,8

<b>Ecuador</b>	23,8	19,7	20,2	19,0	14,0
<b>Egypt, Arab Rep.</b>	20,5	18,9	15,1	13,1	13,5
<b>El Salvador</b>	22,4	18,6	16,8	13,1	11,1
<b>Eritrea</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Estonia</b>	-	10,0	6,8	5,6	<5
<b>Ethiopia</b>	71,7	67,3	58,6	48,5	33,9
<b>Fiji</b>	12,5	11,2	10,1	9,3	8,7
<b>Gabon</b>	23,2	20,8	18,5	16,2	12,5
<b>Gambia, The</b>	36,4	35,4	27,9	26,3	21,5
<b>Georgia</b>	-	31,8	15,2	10,2	8,5
<b>Ghana</b>	45,7	36,8	29,9	23,3	15,5
<b>Guatemala</b>	28,8	27,8	28,0	23,9	21,1
<b>Guinea</b>	47,8	45,8	44,4	38,0	28,8
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	46,1	42,1	44,2	41,8	30,3
<b>Guyana</b>	25,4	22,7	19,0	17,3	14,4
<b>Haiti</b>	52,1	52,1	42,8	45,4	37,3
<b>Honduras</b>	26,5	24,7	20,4	17,8	13,4
<b>India</b>	48,1	42,3	38,2	38,5	29,0
<b>Indonesia</b>	34,8	32,5	25,3	26,5	22,1
<b>Iran, Islamic Rep.</b>	18,5	16,5	13,7	9,5	6,8
<b>Iraq</b>	17,4	24,3	24,9	23,6	22,2
<b>Jamaica</b>	12,5	10,7	8,8	8,2	8,1
<b>Jordan</b>	12,8	10,5	9,8	6,5	5,8
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	-	15,4	10,7	12,3	8,0
<b>Kenya</b>	34,8	40,0	37,9	36,6	24,0
<b>Kuwait</b>	24,3	16,0	<5	<5	5,0
<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	-	24,1	20,2	14,3	9,4
<b>Lao PDR</b>	52,9	51,1	48,7	36,9	28,5
<b>Latvia</b>	-	7,7	8,3	5,4	<5
<b>Lebanon</b>	12,1	9,4	9,0	10,4	6,4
<b>Lesotho</b>	25,8	28,5	32,7	30,2	23,5
<b>Liberia</b>	54,4	55,2	46,8	41,5	30,8
<b>Libya</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Lithuania</b>	-	9,4	6,7	5,1	<5
<b>Macedonia, FYR</b>	-	11,2	7,9	8,6	5,9
<b>Madagascar</b>	44,8	45,1	44,1	44,4	36,3
<b>Malawi</b>	58,9	55,9	45,3	39,1	27,3
<b>Malaysia</b>	20,4	17,4	15,5	14,6	10,3

<b>Mali</b>	51,9	51,3	43,9	38,3	29,6
<b>Mauritania</b>	40,0	36,6	33,5	29,6	22,6
<b>Mauritius</b>	18,2	17,0	16,1	15,2	12,9
<b>Mexico</b>	16,8	16,9	10,8	8,9	7,3
<b>Moldova</b>	–	16,0	15,3	15,7	9,1
<b>Mongolia</b>	32,0	39,3	33,1	27,0	14,7
<b>Montenegro</b>	–	–	–	–	<5
<b>Morocco</b>	18,7	18,8	15,7	17,7	9,5
<b>Mozambique</b>	64,5	63,2	49,2	42,4	32,5
<b>Myanmar</b>	56,3	53,3	45,1	37,4	23,5
<b>Namibia</b>	35,8	37,0	32,5	28,8	31,8
<b>Nepal</b>	44,5	40,3	36,9	31,6	22,2
<b>Nicaragua</b>	38,3	32,2	25,6	17,8	13,6
<b>Niger</b>	64,7	62,7	53,0	42,8	34,5
<b>Nigeria</b>	47,7	47,1	41,0	35,2	32,8
<b>North Korea</b>	30,1	35,9	40,4	32,4	28,8
<b>Oman</b>	20,1	18,4	13,1	11,4	–
<b>Pakistan</b>	43,6	40,9	37,9	38,3	33,9
<b>Panama</b>	21,5	18,4	20,1	18,1	9,6
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Paraguay</b>	17,2	15,8	13,5	12,0	10,5
<b>Peru</b>	30,7	25,0	20,9	18,8	9,1
<b>Philippines</b>	30,7	28,9	26,2	22,1	20,1
<b>Qatar</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Romania</b>	9,1	9,6	8,6	6,1	5,3
<b>Russian Federation</b>	–	11,7	10,4	7,2	6,6
<b>Rwanda</b>	53,9	66,3	58,5	44,5	30,3
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	15,8	14,3	10,4	11,8	5,1
<b>Senegal</b>	36,8	36,9	37,9	28,5	23,2
<b>Serbia</b>	–	–	–	–	7,1
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	58,8	56,0	53,5	52,4	38,9
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	–	8,2	8,0	7,4	5,2
<b>Somalia</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>South Africa</b>	18,7	16,5	18,6	21,0	12,4
<b>South Sudan</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	31,3	29,7	27,0	25,9	25,5
<b>Sudan</b>	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Suriname</b>	18,5	16,5	16,5	13,1	10,4

<b>Swaziland</b>	22,8	25,8	30,4	27,4	26,0
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tajikistan</b>	-	40,3	40,4	36,5	30,3
<b>Tanzania</b>	42,2	45,2	42,5	36,4	28,7
<b>Thailand</b>	28,4	22,3	17,6	13,6	11,9
<b>Timor-Leste</b>	-	-	-	42,7	40,7
<b>Togo</b>	42,5	44,1	38,6	36,4	23,0
<b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>	13,7	14,7	12,3	11,4	8,3
<b>Tunisia</b>	11,5	14,2	8,9	6,7	5,6
<b>Turkey</b>	14,5	13,4	10,5	7,6	5,1
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	-	24,5	22,2	17,5	12,9
<b>Uganda</b>	39,8	40,9	39,3	32,2	27,6
<b>Ukraine</b>	-	7,1	13,4	<5	<5
<b>Uruguay</b>	12,2	9,4	7,6	8,1	5,7
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	-	23,7	21,9	18,5	13,3
<b>Venezuela, RB</b>	16,3	15,3	15,2	13,1	7,0
<b>Vietnam</b>	44,6	38,8	30,3	24,6	14,7
<b>Yemen, Rep.</b>	44,4	44,4	42,9	42,1	34,2
<b>Zambia</b>	47,0	49,0	50,9	46,7	41,1
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	33,3	38,1	40,8	39,2	30,8

Source: IFPRI et.al., 2015.

### Annex 8: The Official 3 Regional Groups of the OIC Member Countries

Arab Group	Asian Group	African Group
Algeria	Afghanistan	Benin
Bahrain	Albania	Burkina Faso
Comoros	Azerbaijan	Cameroon
Djibouti	Bangladesh	Chad
Egypt	Brunei Darussalam	Cote d'Ivoire
Iraq	Indonesia	Gabon
Jordan	Iran	The Gambia
Kuwait	Kazakhstan	Guinea
Lebanon	Kyrgyzstan	Guinea-Bissau
Libya	Malaysia	Mali
Mauritania	Maldives	Mozambique
Morocco	Pakistan	Niger
Oman	Tajikistan	Nigeria
Palestine	Turkey	Senegal
Qatar	Turkmenistan	Sierra Leone
Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan	Togo
Somalia	Guyana*	Uganda
Sudan	Suriname *	
Syria		
Tunisia		
United Arab Emirates		
Yemen		

*Note: Guyana and Suriname are in Latin America Region. However due to the limited number of countries in that region, they are included in the Asian Group.*