



H.E. Dr Adel Adawy, Minister of Health and Population, and Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative in Egypt, outline the white paper for the media. Dr Awad Tag Eldin (far left), ex Minister of Health and Population and member of the Supreme Health Council.

21 August 2014, Cairo – At a press conference on 21 August, the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population released a white paper entitled "Framing national health policy". The white paper is in response to the new Constitution's focus on health; it defines the principles and directions that will guide the Egyptian health sector in translating the constitutional aspirations of the right to health and access to health services into reality.

The new Constitution defines the target for government spending on health to be at least 3% of gross domestic product – doubling the current amount spent on public health.

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