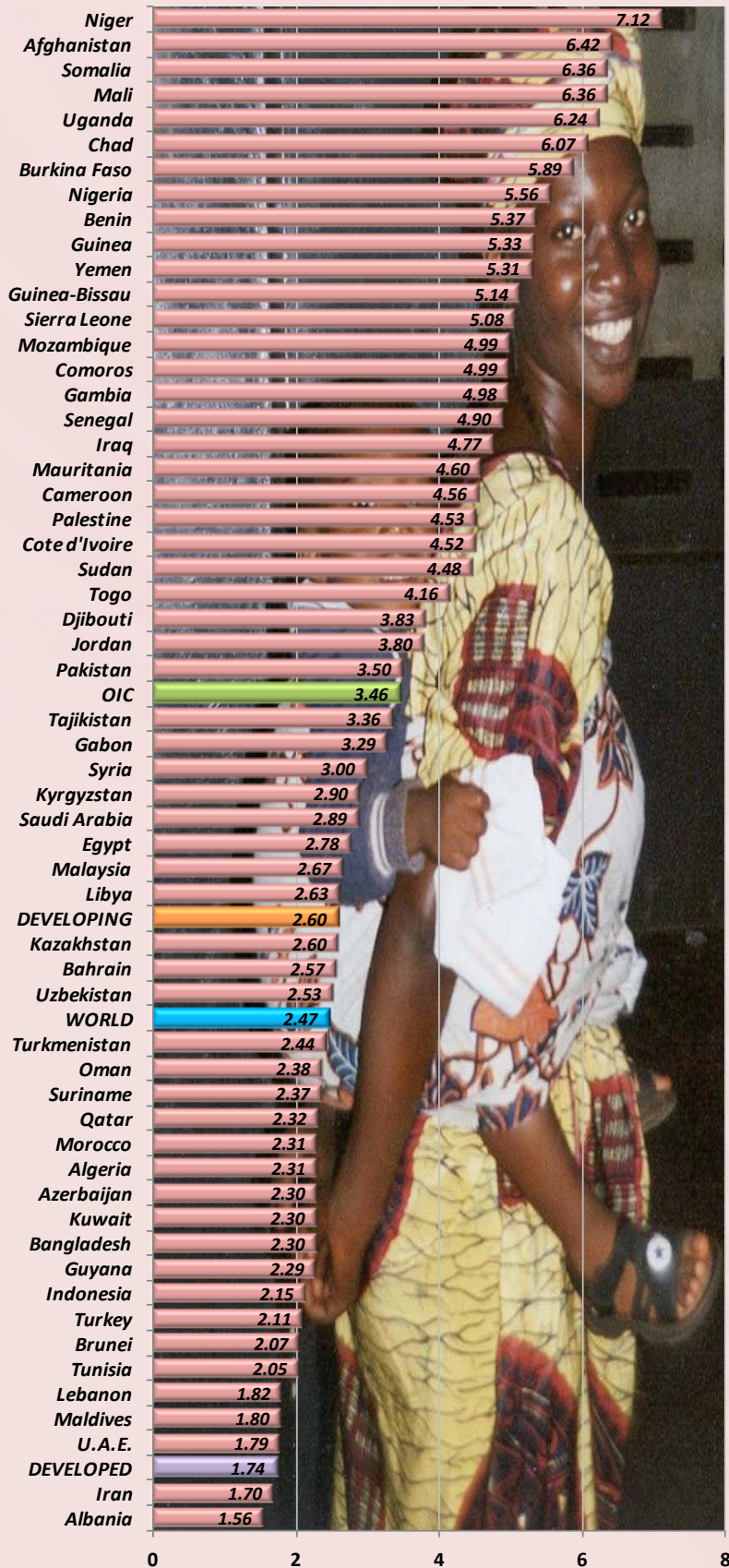


DID YOU KNOW?

Fertility Rate (Births per Woman) in 2009



Source: World Bank, WDI Online

- Total fertility rate (TFR) represents the number of children that would be born to a woman if she were to live to the end of her childbearing years and bear children in accordance with current age-specific fertility rates.
- The average fertility rate in OIC member countries was declined from 3.92 in 1999 to 3.46 in 2009 and this was nearly one child more than the world average of 2.47.
- The births per woman were higher than the OIC average in 27 member counties, 16 of which had fertility rates more than **twice** of world average.
- With 7.12 births on average, the number of children born to a woman is the highest in **Nigeria**. Nigeria was succeeded by **Afghanistan, Somalia** and **Mali** having 6.42, 6.36 and 6.36 births per woman, respectively.
- The women of 19 member countries gave births less than the world average of 2.47 children. Among them, the fertility rates were below the generally accepted replacement fertility rate of 2.1, in **Brunei, Tunisia, Maldives, U.A.E., Iran** and **Albania**, while **Turkey** was in the border with having 2.11 births per woman.