

# DID YOU KNOW?

✓ **Human Development Index (HDI)** is a composite index measuring the average achievements in a country by combining indicators related to three basic dimensions of human development:

- a long and healthy life,
- access to knowledge and educational attainment
- a decent standard living.

✓ These three dimensions are proxied by life expectancy at birth, mean and expected years of schooling, and GNI per capita, respectively.

✓ Being introduced to emphasize that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone; HDI serves as a frame of reference for both social and economic development.

✓ The latest HDI (2011) has been calculated for 187 countries of which 56 are members of OIC. Somalia was not included.

✓ The HDI scores of 19 OIC Member Countries are higher than 0.682, the world average.

✓ Among those, **U.A.E, Brunei, Qatar** and **Bahrain** rank within the top 50 countries. These countries also belong to *Very High Human Development Group* though their HDI scores are below the group average of 0.889.

✓ Additionally, 12 member countries, namely **Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Kuwait, Libya, Kazakhstan, Albania, Lebanon, Iran, Oman, Azerbaijan, Turkey** and **Tunisia** are classified under *High Development Group*. The first five countries have recorded above the average of *High Development Group*, 0.741, as well.

