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RECORDS

Is there an “official” record or count maintained by a government agency of suspected child abuse cases?

COUNTRY	PHYSICAL ABUSE	PSYCHOLOGICAL MALTREATMENT	SEXUAL ABUSE	NEGLECT
Bahrain	√	√	√	√
Egypt	-	-	-	-
Jordan	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	-
Palestinian Territory	√	√	√	√
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	-
Syria	-	-	-	-

SERVICES



BAHRAIN

Services available, and capacity of these services to reach all families involved or at risk of abuse

Adequate in *MORE THAN 50%* of Country:

- Short-term hospitalization for mental illness
- Universal health screening for child
- Universal access to free medical care for child
- Universal access to free medical care for all citizens



EGYPT

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JORDAN

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Adequate in *MORE THAN 50%* of Country:

- Institutional care for abused children

PALESTINIAN
TERRITORY

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SAUDI ARABIA

Services available, and capacity of these services to reach all families involved or at risk of abuse

Adequate in *MORE THAN 50%* of Country:

- Universal access to free medical care for child
- Universal health screening for child
- Case management services/meeting basic needs
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SYRIA

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Services available, and capacity of these services to reach all families involved or at risk of abuse

Adequate in *AT LEAST* 50% of Country:

- Case management services/meeting basic needs
- Substance abuse treatments or parents



JORDAN

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- Case management services/meeting basic needs
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- Therapy programs for child victims of sexual abuse
- Home-based services to assist parents in changing their behaviors
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- Foster care with official foster parents
- Universal home visits for new parents
- Free child care
- Short-term hospitalization for mental illness

SAUDI ARABIA

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- Therapy programs for child victims of physical abuse
- Therapy programs for child victims of sexual abuse
- Home-based services to assist parents in changing their behaviors
- Financial and material support



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- Institutional care for abused children
- Family Resource Centers for parents to share experiences/concerns
- Universal home visits for all new parents
- Targeted home visits for new parents at-risk
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- Substance abuse treatments for children



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- Universal access to free medical care for all citizens

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FUNDING

Activity level of sectors in funding child abuse treatment or prevention services



	Major	Limited	None	Unknown
Int'l NGOs			◆	
Int'l Relief Organizations			◆	
National Government		◆		
Local Government		◆		
Private Foundations			◆	
Individuals			◆	
Businesses			◆	

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POLICY

Is there an official government law or policy regarding child abuse and neglect?

COUNTRY	When was the law or policy first established	Elements included in the law or policy
Bahrain	Between 1990 and 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary reporting of suspected abuse• Specific criminal penalties for child abuse
Saudi Arabia	Not applicable	Not applicable
Syria	Not applicable	Not applicable

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COUNTRY	When was the law or policy first established	Elements included in the law or policy
Egypt	Before 1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mandate reporting of suspected child abuse for specific professionals</i> • Reports must be investigated within a specific time period • Provisions for removing child from parents / caretakers to insure child's safety • Specific criminal penalties for child abuse • <i>All abusers must receive some form of services or intervention</i>
Lebanon	Between 1990 and 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Voluntary reporting of suspected abuse</i> • Specific criminal penalties for child abuse • Reports must be investigated within a specific time period • Provisions for removing child from parents / caretakers to insure child's safety

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Jordan	Between 1990 and 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate reporting of suspected child abuse for specific professionals • Reports must be investigated within a specific time period • Provisions for removing child from parents / caretakers to insure child's safety • Specific criminal penalties for child abuse • Requires development and support of prevention services • Voluntary reporting of suspected abuse
Palestinian Territory	Between 1990 and 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary reporting of suspected abuse • Specific criminal penalties for child abuse • Reports must be investigated within a specific time period • Provisions for removing child from parents / caretakers to insure child's safety • Mandate reporting of suspected child abuse for specific professionals • <i>Requires assignment of separate attorney or advocate to represent child's interests</i>

SERVICES PROVIDERS

Relative involvement in child abuse treatment and prevention services

Totally active:

Country	Hospitals / Medical Centers	Mental Health Agencies	Public social service agencies	Community -based NGOs	Universities
Bahrain	√	√	-	-	-
Palestinian Territory	√	-	√	√	√

Relative involvement in child abuse treatment and prevention services

Somewhat Active

	Bahrain	Egypt	Jordan	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia	Palestinian Territory
Courts / law enforcement	-	√	√	√	-	√
Mental Health agencies	-	-	-	√	√	√
Primary / Secondary schools	-	-	-	-	√	√
Public social service agencies	-	√	√	√	√	-
Universities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hospitals / Medical Centers	-	√	√	-	-	-
Community – based NGOs	√	√	-	√	-	-
Religious institutions	-	√	-	√	√	-
Voluntary civic organizations	√	√	√	-	-	√

Relative involvement in child abuse treatment and prevention services

Somewhat inactive

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Courts / law enforcement	√	-	-	-	√	√	-
Mental Health agencies	-	√	√	-	-	√	-
Primary / Secondary schools	√	-	√	-	-	√	-
Public social service agencies	√	-	-	-	-	-	-
Universities	√	-	√	√	√	-	-
Hospitals / Medical Centers	-	-	-	√	√	√	-
Community – based NGOs	-	-	√	-	-	√	-
Religious institutions	√	-	√	-	-	-	√
Businesses / Factories	-	-	-	-	-	-	√
Voluntary civic organizations	-	-	-	√	√	-	-

Relative involvement in child abuse treatment and prevention services

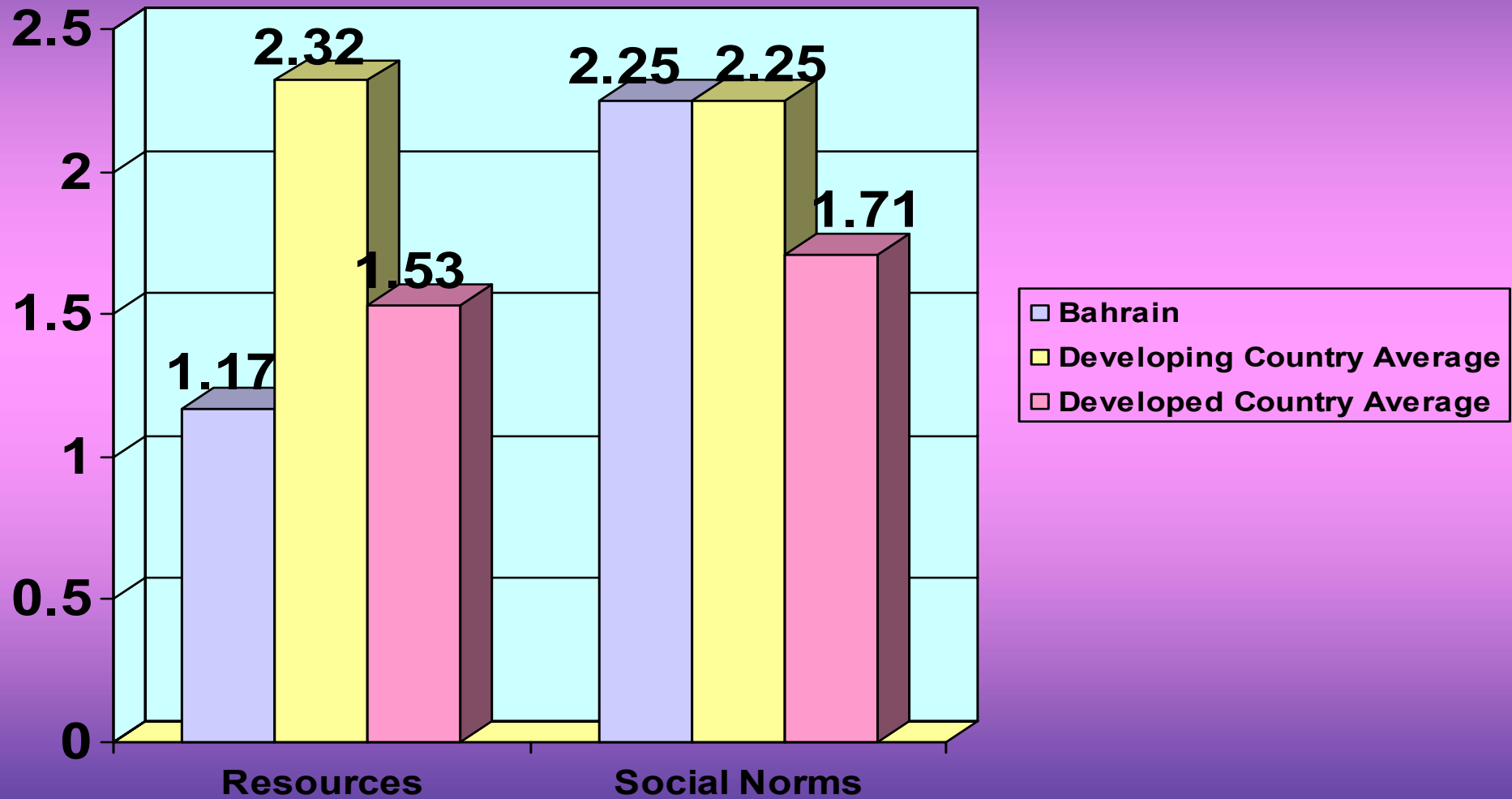
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Primary / Secondary schools	-	-	-	√	-	-	-
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Religious institutions	-	-	-	-	-	√	-
Businesses / Factories	√	√	√	√	-	√	-
Voluntary civic organizations	-	-	-	√	-	√	-

Barriers

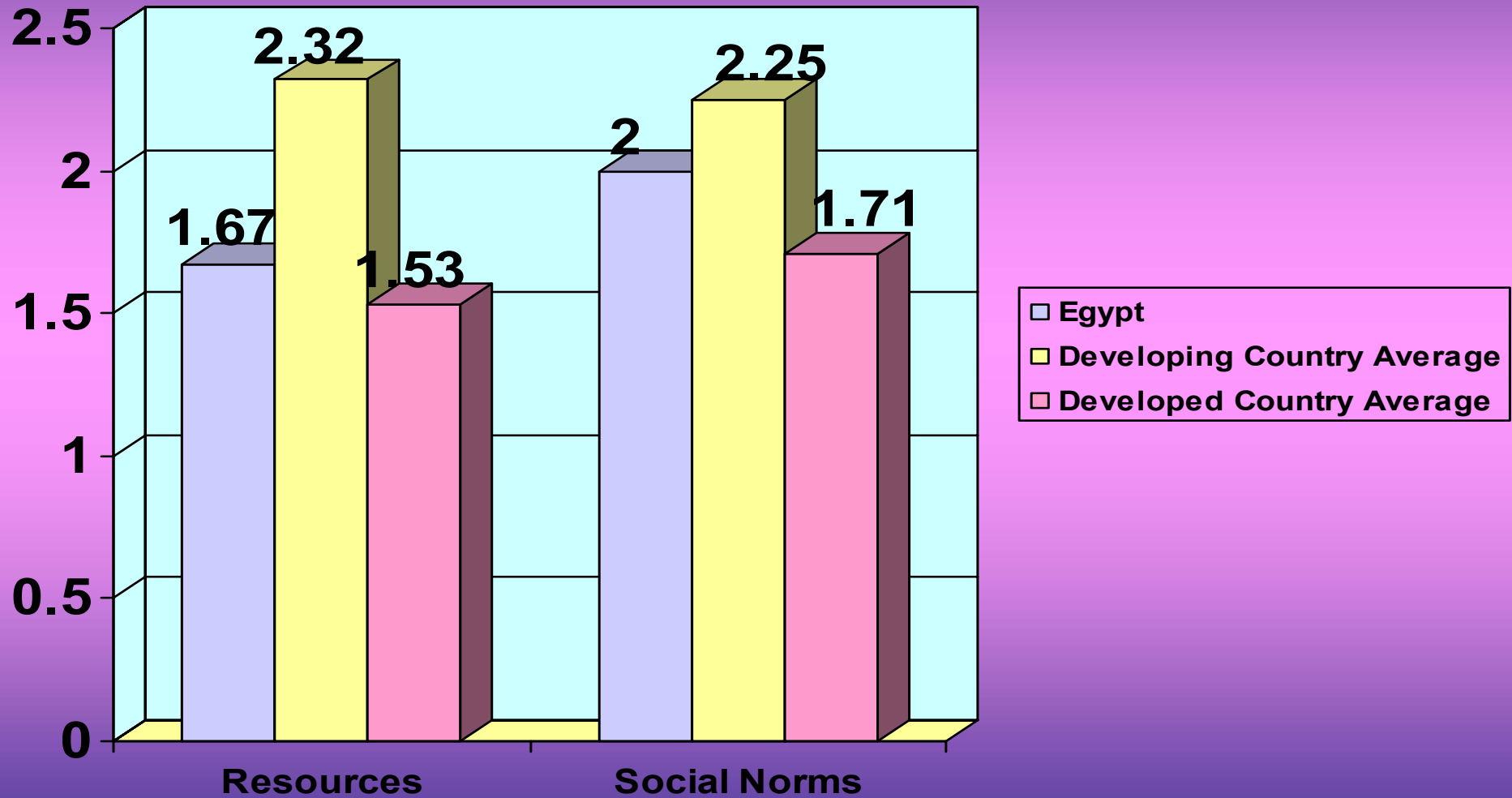
Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (BAHRIAN)

Scale: 1 = "Not significant" to 3 = "Very significant"



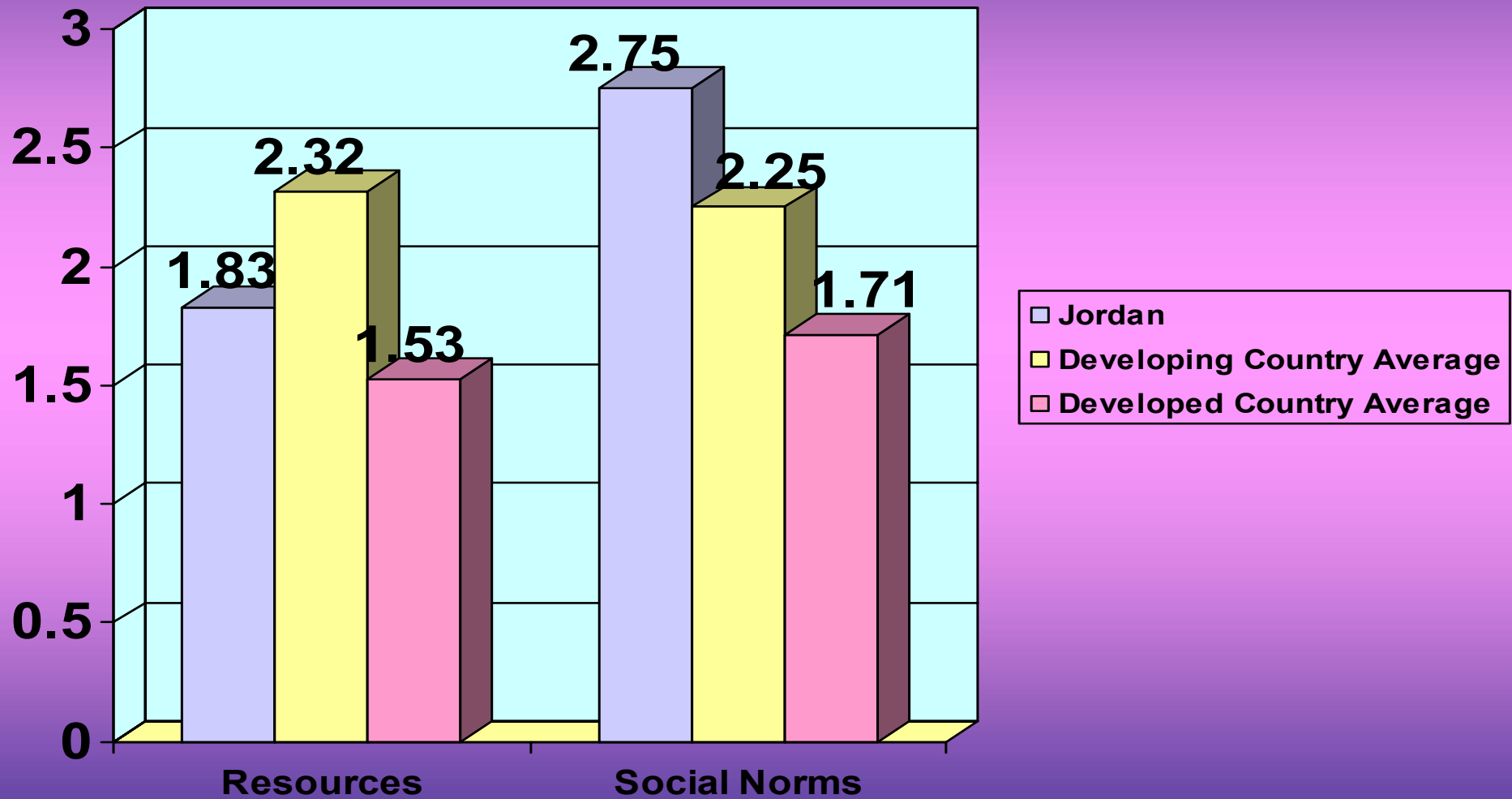
Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (EGYPT)

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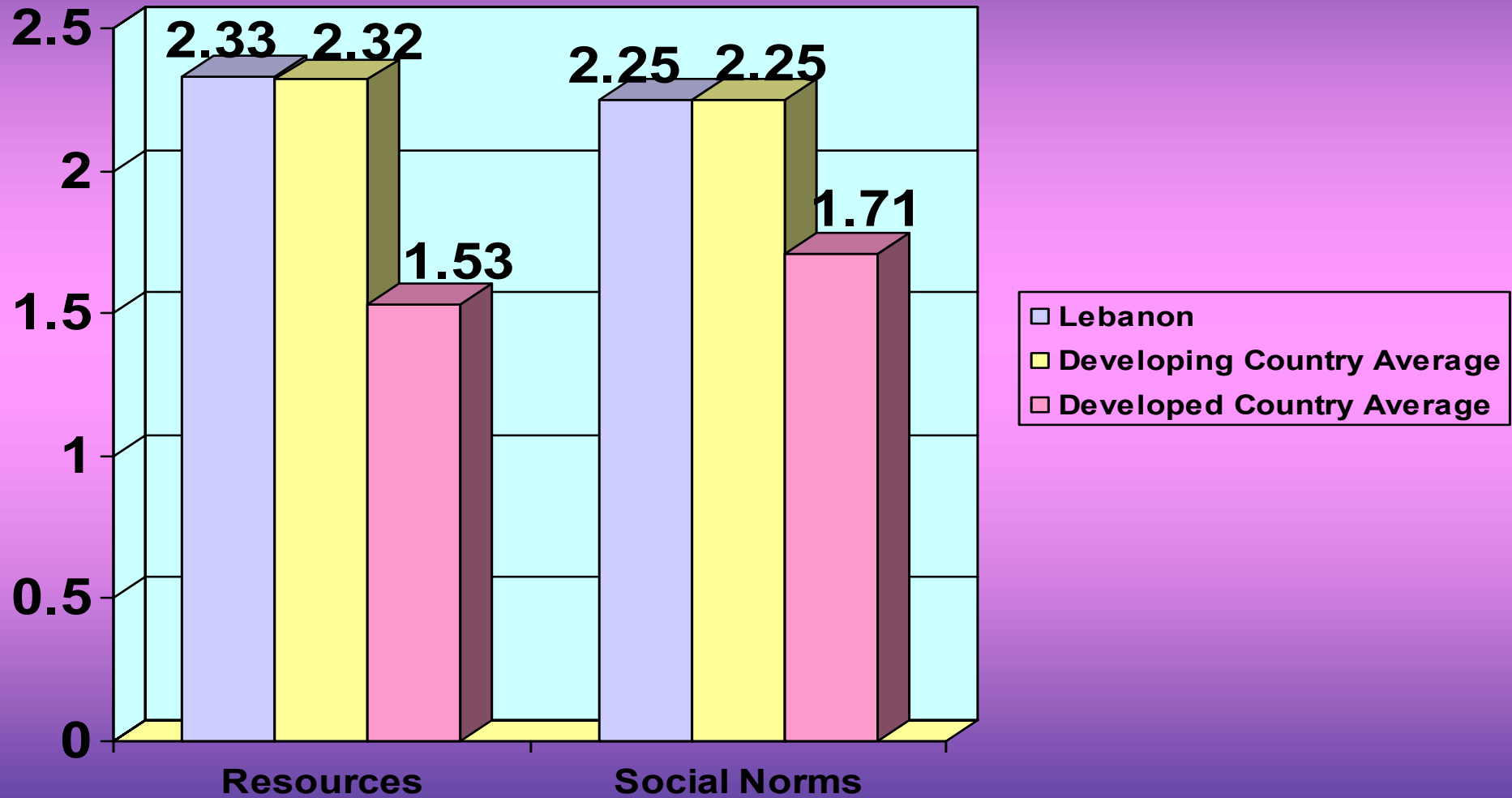
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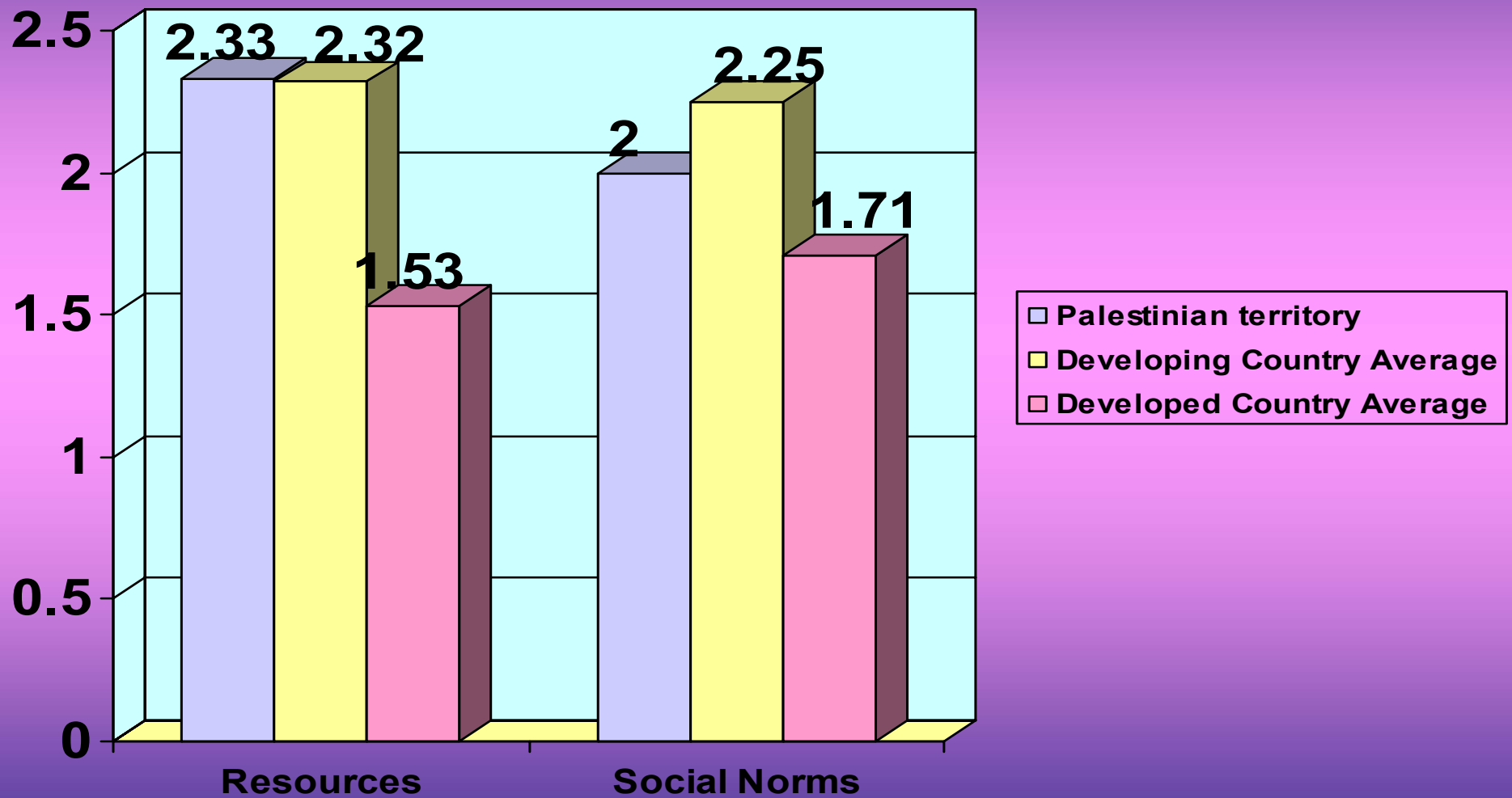
Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (LEBANON)

Scale: 1 = "Not significant" to 3 = "Very significant"



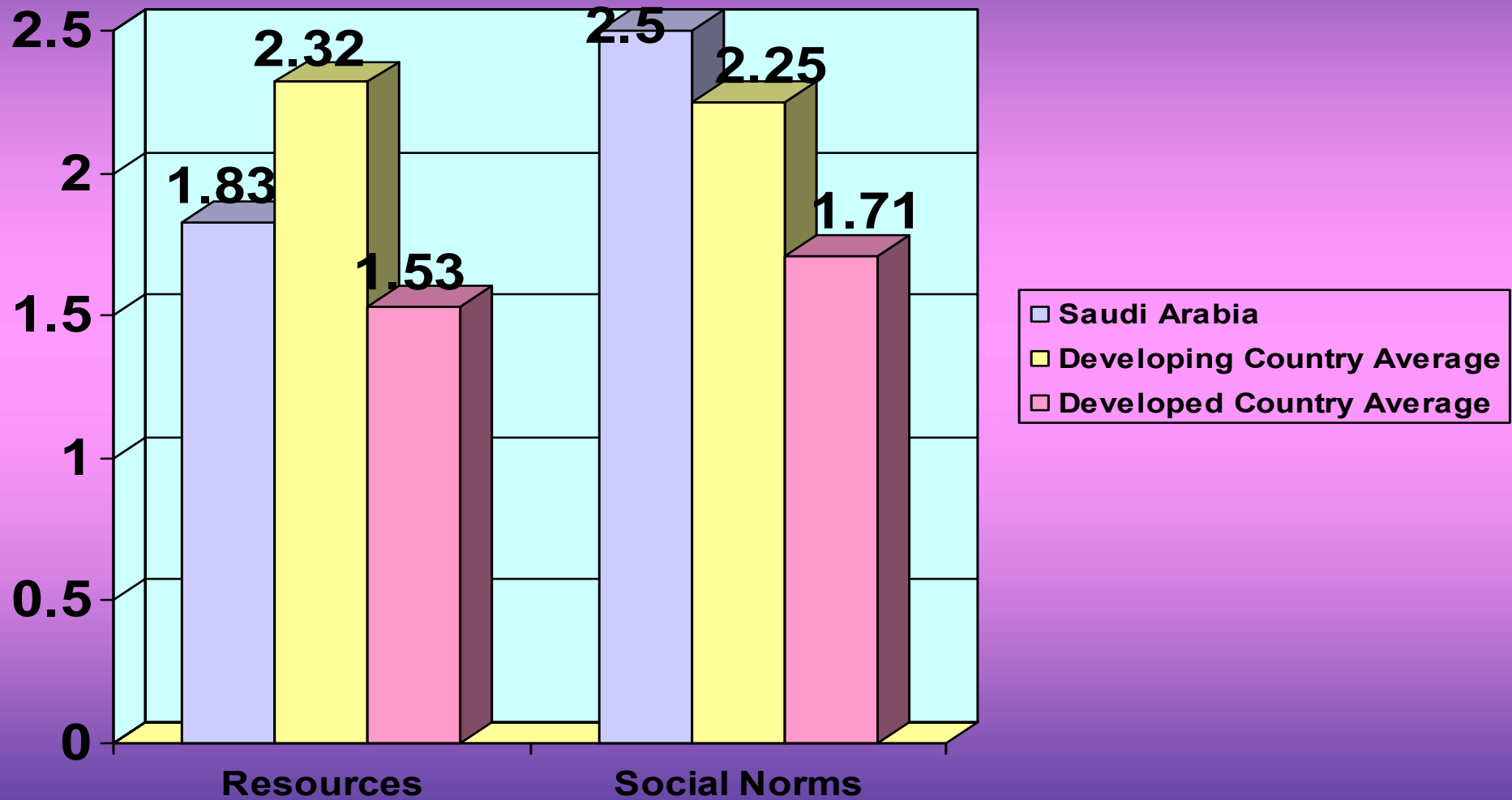
Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (PALESTINIAN TERRITORY)

Scale: 1 = "Not significant" to 3 = "Very significant"



Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (SAUDI ARABIA)

Scale: 1 = "Not significant" to 3 = "Very significant"



Average rating of limiting factors to CAN prevention (SYRIA)

Scale: 1 = "Not significant" to 3 = "Very significant"

