



WFP Egypt Country Brief

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Operational Context

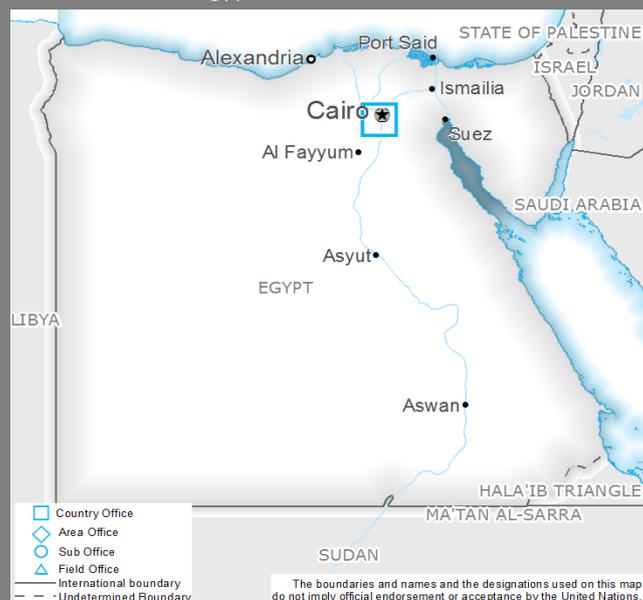
WFP Egypt's Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) started in 1 January 2018 and is a six-month project. The T-ICSP serves as a smooth transition of WFP's current food security and nutrition interventions towards a more cohesive and coordinated focus, which is well established within the development priorities of the Government of Egypt.

Egypt is ranked 111 out of 188 countries in the 2016 UNDP Human Development Index, up three ranks from 2014. National poverty rates have increased to 27.8 percent of the population in 2015 unable to meet minimum food needs compared to 26.3 percent in 2012.

In the poorest areas of the country, 20 percent of children have never attended school, a further 13 percent are noted to drop out of school early. Women's illiteracy rate stands at 35 percent compared to 18 percent for men.

As a response to food security challenges, the Government implements a social protection system that provides food subsidies to vulnerable members of the population.

WFP has been in Egypt since 1968.



Population: **96.7 million**

2016 Human Development Index:
111 out of 188

Income Level: **Lower Middle**

Gross National Income per capita:
US\$ 10,980

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Caption: WFP provides school meals (locally produced date bars) covering 25 percent of the children daily nutrition needs and encouraging regular school attendance.

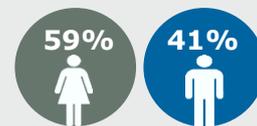
In Numbers

1,894 MT of food assistance distributed

USD 2 m cash based transfers made

USD 23.6 m six months (May-October 2018)
net funding requirements

820,000 people
assisted in April 2018



Operational Updates

- To enhance access to education and combat child labour in Egypt, WFP assisted 111,170 children attending community schools with school meals. The take-home entitlements received by the school children benefited 384,576 family members and 21,477 beneficiaries received cash-based transfers (CBT).
- Following a Government request, WFP resumed implementation of school meals distributions in public schools.
- In April 2018, WFP has rehabilitated 188 community schools – bringing the total since the start of the project to 965 schools– in collaboration with the Ministry of Education's relevant directorates to create an attractive learning environment and help reduce drop-out rates.
- in April 2018, WFP trained 7,318 women and 1,023 men on active learning, child protection and nutrition education.
- Since October 2017, WFP provided community schools with 3,500 [puppet theatres](#) to help schools raise awareness among children and their families.
- WFP trained 122 government labour inspectors and 70 NGO staff members on monitoring and preventing child labour across 16 governorates on social safety networks and legislations of child protection. In addition, WFP held awareness seminars on child labour that were attended by 2,600 community members as of April 2018.
- WFP trained 2,547 participants (1,111 women and 1,436 men) to enhance their livelihoods and build community resilience to the effects of extreme weather shocks. WFP's climate change activities include physical asset creation, community empowerment, and provision of technical expertise, contributing to better agricultural practices and skills enhancement. As of April 2018, the cumulative number of smallholder farmers and rural women reached is 27,083.
- WFP provided 5,611 registered pregnant and nursing mothers (PNM), who attended their monthly health follow-up visits, with conditional cash transfers.
- WFP supported 77,529 Syrian and Palestinian refugees from Syria through monthly CBT entitlements in the form of food vouchers. WFP food voucher is valued at EGP 400, equivalent to USD 22.

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WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirements (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Months* Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (January - June 2018)		
38.7 m	43.7 m	23.6 m

*Net Funding Requirements from May to October.
The Total Contributions and Net Funding Requirements are calculated to include the estimate for the ongoing Country Planned Budget under the upcoming CSP, from July onwards.
Egypt Country Office is in the process of finalizing the Budget Plan for the upcoming CSP and it is anticipated that requirements starting from July will amount to USD 46.7 m until December.
There is an expected carry-over for EU and Canadian funds to the CSP of USD 11 m and the CO is working on extending the grant durations.

WFP Country Activities

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| SO 1 | Complement the Government's school meals programme by providing nutritious in-school snacks, take-home entitlements and support to related activities. |
| SO 2 | Provide food assistance to refugees and host communities.
Provide support to refugees and host communities to improve their resilience and livelihoods. |
| SO 3 | Provide cash-based transfers to pregnant and lactating women, children aged 6-23 months in targeted areas, and support related activities. |
| SO 4 | Provide support to vulnerable communities of smallholders and Bedouins to improve their resilience and livelihoods. |
| SO 5 | Provide technical assistance to the Government to improve implementation of social protection, food security and nutrition programmes. |

Monitoring

- In collaboration with the Government of Egypt, WFP conducted monitoring visits to 500 targeted community schools and corresponding beneficiary households receiving take-home entitlements and CBT assistance. WFP received positive feedback from beneficiary households receiving CBT assistance on the six new commodities added to the food basket; allowing beneficiaries to access a wider variety of goods and ensure better dietary diversity.
- Preliminary monitoring of community schools in the first quarter of 2018 showed that the average attendance rate has increased by 4 percent points between January and March. Teachers and students reportedly enjoyed an enhanced and attractive learning environment. During the monitoring interviews, 87 percent of the teachers expressed that school meals have a significant positive effect on children's health and cognitive capacity.
- Under the Implementation of the 1,000 days' project, a baseline survey was conducted by phone covering more than 600 Pregnant and Nursing Mothers (PNM) in Sohag, Assuit and Qena. The data was validated by six Focus Group Discussions in the three governorates. The baseline survey assesses the

nutrition status and food consumption of the mothers and their children. The results show that only one-third (32.4 percent) of the children in the sample are achieving Minimum Acceptable Diet (MAD), while 52 percent of the targeted women are achieving Minimum Diet Diversity for Women (MDDW).

Challenges

- Daily deliveries of school meals to public schools cost higher due to the additional transportation and handling costs compared to weekly deliveries. Consequently, WFP was forced to reduce the duration of its assistance and number of students supported in public schools.

Teacher's Training

- WFP, alongside the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Professional Academy for Teachers for accreditation, is developing teacher's trainings manuals on nutrition awareness, emergency preparedness, gender and drama based tools for mental health in education. Through teacher's training, WFP emergency trainers supported the training of 14 MOE security officers on emergency preparedness. The trainers will be responsible for training 1,000 teachers in four selected governorates during 2018.

Gender

- In coordination with the National Council of Women, WFP conducted workshops on girls' education in 4 selected governorates. The workshops titled: "The Role of Girls Education in Providing Future Economic and Social Opportunities", were held during the last week of April and aimed to increase awareness of gender concepts and roles among target communities. Participants included female and male community leaders, NGO staff members, as well as participants from the National Council of Women.

EU Drawing Competition

- A drawing competition for grades 4-6 students enrolled in community schools funded under the EU project in the 3 governorates of Fayoum, Giza and Menia was launched in April 2017. The award ceremony for the EU drawing competition was organized on 16 April 2018 in Fayoum. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the European Union and WFP. WFP Egypt covered the ceremony on regional social media platforms, the footage could also be viewed on the EU social media platforms.

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