



June 2018

## In Numbers

**1,166 MT** of food assistance distributed

**More than USD 2 m** cash-based transfers made

**USD 28.7 m** six-month (July-December 2018) net funding requirements

**WFP Egypt**  
Country Brief

**423,265 people**  
assisted in June 2018\*

59%



41%



## Operational Context

WFP Egypt's Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) started in 1 January 2018 and is a six-month project. The TICSP serves as a smooth transition of WFP's current food security and nutrition interventions towards a more cohesive and coordinated focus, which is in line with the development priorities of the Government of Egypt.

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.

SO 3 Provide support to refugees and host communities to improve their resilience and livelihoods.

SO 4 Provide cash-based transfers to pregnant and lactating women, children aged 6-23 months in targeted areas, and support related activities.

SO 5 Provide support to vulnerable communities of smallholders and Bedouins to improve their resilience and livelihoods.

As a response to food security challenges, the Government implements a social protection system that provides for subsidies to vulnerable members of the population to improve implementation of social protection, food security and nutrition programmes.

WFP has been in Egypt since 1968.



2016 Human Development Index:

## WFP Country Strategy

Total Requirements (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (July - December 2018)
454.0 m	17.5 m*	28.7 m

### Country Strategic Plan (2018 - 2023)

\*Resource transfer is only for the US\$ 17.5 million confirmed by July 2018.

## Operational Updates

- To enhance access to education and combat child labour in Egypt, WFP supported 99,283 children attending community schools with school meals in June. Additionally, 388,200 family members received take-home entitlements while 91,428 received cash-based transfers (CBTs).
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, WFP rehabilitated 22 community schools in June, bringing the total to 1,114 schools since the start of the project. The school rehabilitation project aims to create an attractive learning environment while also helping reduce drop-out rates among school children.
- Since October 2017, WFP provided community schools with 3,500 [puppet theatres](#) to help schools raise awareness among children and their families on nutritional foods and healthy dietary habits.

- As part of its climate change adaptation programme, WFP trained 576 participants (27 women and 549 men) on various activities to help enhance their livelihoods and build community resilience to the effects of extreme weather shocks. These activities include physical asset creation, community empowerment, and provision of technical expertise, contributing to better agricultural practices and skills enhancement. As of June 2018, the cumulative number of smallholder farmers and rural women supported is 32,752.
- Under the First 1,000 Days of Life project, during the month of June, WFP assisted 16,638 beneficiaries with conditional CBTs.
- WFP supported 77,218 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.
- WFP supported a total of 100 refugee participants attending vocational training sessions. A targeting campaign is set up to allocate beneficiaries for vocational and on-the-job trainings in different governorates such as Damietta, Alexandria and Greater Cairo through individual interviews. The aim of the campaign is to find suitable trainees for soft skills and food processing trainings. All participants who completed 75 percent of the classes (100 participants out of 110) received assistance through CBTs worth more than EGP 2,000 per participant.

## Challenges

- Prices of food, goods and services are unstable following the recent increase in the price of fuel, electricity, water and gas on 15 June, as well as the earlier increase in public transportation fares during May. The prices of food commodities are expected to increase from 10 to 40 percent but with limited visibility into where the prices will settle. Compounded by the limitation in rice production starting this year due to the water shortage that Egypt is facing, the price of rice is expected to increase by approximately 40 percent. Energy price volatility is also impacting the operations of cooperating partners due to the higher transportation rates and general goods and services, including school rehabilitation activities.

## Gender

- In collaboration with the National Council for Women (NCW) and in line with the National Women's Empowerment Strategy and WFP's Gender Policy, a Memorandum of Understanding is drafted and to be signed between NCW and WFP to collaborate on enhancing the current information technology and