



World Food Programme

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In Numbers

106,499 people assisted
in August 2019



US\$ 2.9 m cash-based transfers (CBT) made

US\$ 39.3 m six months (October 2019–March 2020)
net funding requirements

Operational Context

WFP Egypt's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) started on 01 July 2018 and is expected to end on 30 June 2023. The CSP focuses on strengthening national capacity to tackle the underlying causes of vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition while responding to humanitarian needs. Furthermore, the CSP promotes the exchange of knowledge and best practices on food security and nutrition through South-South Cooperation.

Egypt is ranked 115 of 189 countries in the 2018 United Nations Development Programme Human Development Index, up five ranks from 2014. National poverty rates increased to 27.8 percent in 2015 from 26.3 percent in 2012.

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

As a response to food security challenges, the Government of Egypt implements an extensive social protection system that assists vulnerable members of the population. WFP's programmes support these social safety nets through various interventions. WFP has been operating in Egypt since 1968.

Operational Updates

- WFP is working to transform community schools to 'community hubs' with technology and services that bring the community together. As part of WFP's community hub activities in Luxor, First Aid trainings were provided by the Egyptian Red Crescent for 60 siblings of community school children.
- More than 80 students attended awareness training sessions on personal hygiene as part of a community-wide awareness campaign in 12 community hubs in Luxor. Teachers at the community hubs delivered the trainings under the supervision of relevant Ministry of Education directorate units. Also, over 60 farmers, received training on water saving irrigation techniques by the Directorate of Agriculture through the community hubs.
- WFP launched its Livelihood Support Programme for Women Empowerment in Matrouh governorate in partnership with Shell Oil. Programme trainers participated in a five-day training on the 'Get Ahead for Women' manual that provides for the practical and strategic needs of low-income women in enterprise by strengthening their basic business and people management skills.
- WFP completed renovation of 50 community schools in 3 Governorates in a partnership with UNICEF.
- As part of WFP's refugee response, WFP supported 102,618 Syrian, African, Yemeni and Iraqi refugees through food assistance. Other support included livelihood trainings benefiting 1,770 beneficiaries and nutrition support to 4,362 pregnant and lactating women.
- The Ministry of Health and Population, Egyptian Lactation Consultants Association, International Baby Foods Action Network, and WFP celebrated the World Breastfeeding Week with two national nutrition advocacy events focusing on breastfeeding and the baby-friendly facilities initiative.
- WFP Egypt supported a Training of Trainers on nutrition for Libya's Ministry of Education. The training was coordinated with WFP Libya, along with Egypt's National Nutrition Institute (NNI) within the scope of the South-South cooperation between Egypt and Libya. NNI experts led the trainings which aim to expand and reach a total of 4,000 school teachers and officials to create a foundation for the launch of WFP's School Feeding Programme in Libya.



2018 Human Development Index:
115 out of 188

Chronic malnutrition: **21.4% of children between 6 and 59**

Population: **98.1 million (CAPMAS, Jan 2019)**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Photo Caption: WFP provides holistic education enhancement activities at community schools. ©WFP/Mohammad Gamal

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
458.4 m	68 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (October 2019 – March 2020)
98.8 m	39.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food insecure and most vulnerable children and families in targeted areas of Egypt have access to food all year round.

Focus area: *Root causes of food insecurity, vulnerability and inadequate education*

Activities:

- Support and complement the Government's social protection programmes to ensure the food and nutritional needs of school children are met.
- Provide livelihood and capacity strengthening activities to urban and rural communities, especially adolescent youth.

Strategic Outcome 2: Food insecure refugees, displaced populations and host communities in Egypt have access to adequate food all year round.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- Provide food and nutrition assistance and activities that build the resilience of refugees, displaced populations, and host communities

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Targeted populations in Egypt have improved nutritional status by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes of the double burden of malnutrition*

Activities:

- Support and complement the Government's programmes to nutritionally vulnerable communities (with focus on pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-23 months) in targeted areas and support related activities such as awareness raising.

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 4: Vulnerable smallholder farmer and Bedouin communities in targeted Governorates of Egypt have resilient livelihoods by 2030.

Focus area: *Resilience building*

Activities:

- Provide support to vulnerable smallholder farmer and Bedouin communities to improve their resilience through technology transfer, market-access training, diversification of livelihoods, and the creation and rehabilitation of assets.

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: The Government of Egypt has enhanced capacity to target and assist vulnerable populations and share its experience with selected countries to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.

Focus area: *Root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition*

Activities:

- Provide institutional capacity strengthening to the Government and develop innovative solutions to enhance social protection and resilience building programmes and systems.
- Facilitate regional and international knowledge and technological exchanges between countries to achieve common development goals.

Monitoring

- According to WFP's quarterly monitoring survey, (involving 263 community school teachers and 338 assisted households), 80 percent of teachers shared that students continue their preparatory education into public schools. However, 20 percent shared that some students drop out due to various cultural and social reasons, particularly girls. Additionally, 83 percent of the surveyed families expressed their commitment to send their children to community schools, as they are happy with the quality of education being provided at the assisted community schools and find education to be important.
- WFP's Food Security Outcome Monitoring Survey for Syrian refugees in Q2-2019 revealed that a greater number of beneficiaries are achieving acceptable food consumption scores and using less consumption-based coping strategies when compared to non-beneficiaries.
- Process monitoring for non-Syrian refugees and focus group discussions in Haram districts, showed that the majority of non-Syrian refugees consider food vouchers provided by WFP to be critical in securing their basic needs. Yet, both Syrian and non-Syrian refugees requested increasing the voucher value to allow for the purchase of other essential items.

Highlights

WFP partners with the Arab Academy for Science Technology, and Maritime Transportation in providing vocational support for refugees

WFP launched its new partnership with the Arab Academy for Science Technology, and Maritime Transportation (AASTMT) through the delivery of vocational training courses in linguistics, business management and entrepreneurial skills for Syrian Refugees and youth from host communities. This contributes to WFP's partnership with the AASTMT in the promotion of innovative programmes through enhanced common access to data and information, as well as technical training opportunities and resources.

International Youth Day 2019

WFP Egypt participated in World Youth Day celebration organized by the UN Country Team in Egypt and the Ministry of Youth and Sports in partnership with youth-led organization, AIESEC. The event involved 500 youth from across the country and provided various sessions with the theme of 'transforming education' and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. WFP contributed to sessions on water management and education and also presented on WFP's successful Community Hub initiative and support to smallholder farmers as well as opportunities for youth engagement at WFP.

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