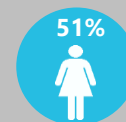




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In Numbers

129,212 people assisted
in October 2019



28.3 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$2.6 m cash-based transfers (CBT) made

US\$43.5m six months (December 2019–May 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 30.8 percent compared to 21.1 percent for men (UNFPA 2018).

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

- In partnership with Shell and PepsiCo, WFP assisted 3,722 families of community school students in Matrouh, Menia, Giza and Assiut through conditional cash transfers redeemable for nutritious food items, helping families increase their dietary diversity and food security.
- Eleven new community schools in Aswan, Assiut, and Qena were transformed into 'Community Hubs' equipped with technology, helping foster an improved learning environment for students, educators and the wider community. This brings the number of active Community Hubs developed in partnership with the Government in Egypt to 27.
- More than 20 community school teachers in Luxor received trainings organized by the Ministry of Emigration with the support of WFP, on the risks of irregular migration. The trainees will serve as advocates in areas prone to irregular migration rates among youth.
- Close to 300 women improved their entrepreneurial and business skills under WFP's livelihoods programme in Matrouh where they received trainings on enterprise, market strategies and the characteristics of a successful microbusiness.
- WFP, in partnership with UNICEF, completed the renovation of 177 community schools in 5 governorates reaching a total of 570 since the start of this partnership.
- As part of WFP's One Refugee Policy, WFP supported about 100,030 refugees from different nationalities through food assistance. Other support included livelihood trainings for 910 beneficiaries and nutrition support to about 3,902 pregnant and lactating women.
- A total of 285 smallholder farmers harvested their consolidated land of new sorghum variety while 135 farmers started sowing their fields with newly introduced wheat varieties. For efficient use of water, 220 farmers were trained on water saving techniques and collective irrigation management.
- WFP facilitated the training of 170 women and men on livelihood diversification through raising ducks, goats and bee keeping. WFP also provided microloans to a total of 682 men and women to start and maintain their micro-businesses.



2018 Human Development Index:
115 out of 188

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

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

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Photo Caption: In October 2019, WFP supported 6,419 farmers through various interventions to help improve their agricultural and livestock productions. ©WFP/Mohammad Gamal

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
458 m	72 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (December 2019 – May 2020)
99 m	43.5 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.

- WFP Egypt and the Agricultural Bank of Egypt signed an MOU in line with the Egyptian Government's strategy to strengthen capacity to

assist vulnerable populations through agricultural development projects with economic returns and financing mechanisms.

- WFP Egypt participated in the 2019 Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, in Dubai, where WFP supported the identification of practical measures to help further increase quality, scope and speed of transition to a green economy globally.
- On the occasion of Cairo Water Week, WFP, in cooperation with the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture, presented WFP's project supporting smallholders for Resilient Food Security Systems.

Highlights

WFP celebrates 10th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security in Egypt

In collaboration with the Government of Egypt and the African Union, WFP supported the 10th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security held under the auspices of the President of Egypt. The event was attended by the Egyptian Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet, the African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, high-level Government representatives from other African Countries, private sector and international development agencies. Participants gathered to formulate political, technical and financial commitments to end food insecurity in Africa by 2025. The recommendations of the conference were then officially endorsed and declared by the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture at the end of the two-day commemoration. The event featured WFP's programmes through interactive booths that showcased and involved African Governments and partners.

Shell Oil visits WFP activities in Matrouh for the first time

As part of WFP and Shell Oil's ongoing partnership in the area of social protection, the Social Performance Global Vice President of Shell Oil visited joint project activities in Matrouh. The visit featured WFP's community hubs, highlighting the positive impact of tablets and digital technology on teachers and students. The visit also introduced women trainings on enterprise and their implications on women empowerment, household dynamics and aspirations for entrepreneurial micro-projects.

USAID Food For Peace visits the successful launch of assistance to additional refugees in Egypt

The USAID Food For Peace delegation visited WFP's operations in Cairo and in Damietta in support of refugees including general food assistance and healthcare centres providing medical check-ups for pregnant and lactating women. The visit highlighted the successful launch of assistance to an additional 24,000 refugees from 7 different countries (other than Syria) in May 2019. The visit also demonstrated the need for additional funds and the potential to extend WFP assistance to more refugees in need.

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