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## WFP Egypt Country Brief February 2020

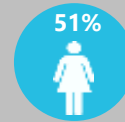
## In Numbers

13.3 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$2.78 m cash based transfers made

US\$48.4 m six months (April - September 2020) net funding requirements

118,713 people assisted  
in February 2020



### Operational Context

WFP Egypt's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) , from July 2018 to 30 June 2023, focuses on strengthening national capacity to tackle the underlying causes of vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition while responding to humanitarian needs. Further, 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 32.5 percent in 2018 from 27.8 percent in 2015.

In regard to gender equality, Egypt ranked 134 out of 153 on the 2020 Global Gender Gap Index. According to the World Bank, the rate of youth not in education, employment or training (NEET) was approximately 26.9 percent in 2017. This phenomenon disproportionately affects women, particularly in rural areas where structural biases against women allow fewer girls to attend primary and secondary school compared to boys (2018 OECD).

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 PepsiCo, WFP assisted 3,518 families of community school students in Menia, Giza and Assiut by providing in-school snacks and conditional cash transfers redeemable for nutritious food items. WFP's assistance contributes to children's micronutrient intake, families' dietary diversity and food security.
- Together with the Ministry of Education, WFP launched a series of awareness raising activities in Community Hubs in 6 governorates. The first awareness-raising session on first aid and emergency preparedness took place in Menia reaching over 32 men and women.
- WFP renovated, equipped and transformed 7 new community schools into 'Community Hubs' in Matrouh. Among the assisted schools, 14 teachers were trained on how to access the Egyptian Knowledge Bank and use technology to enhance teaching content and methods.
- WFP renovated 136 community schools in partnership with UNICEF reaching a total of 933 schools since the start of the partnership in 2019.
- Under WFP's One Refugee Policy, WFP supported 99,932 refugees of different nationalities through general food assistance. Other support included livelihood trainings for 230 refugees and host communities and nutrition support to 3,281 pregnant and lactating Syrian women.
- WFP tested digital nutrition modules in a Community Hub in Luxor. This encouraged the use of digital tools and helped to gather feedback from teachers and Education supervisors for further development of learning modules as well as Social Behavioural Change Campaigns on nutrition for school-age children.
- WFP's supported 5,446 smallholder famers (men and women) in Upper Egypt to increase their livestock and agricultural production and returns through land consolidation, and introduction of new crops.
- To help diversify smallholders agriculture-based livelihoods, WFP trained 274 men and 364 women on raising ducks, goats and bee keeping. Further, 871 women and 436 men received ducks and goats as in-kind microloans to launch or expand previously launched livelihood projects.



2018 Human Development Index:  
116 out of 189

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

Population: 98.1 million (CAPMAS,  
Jan 2019)

Income Level: Lower middle

**Photo Caption:** WFP's 'SheCan' programme helps empower women through trainings and microloans to help launch and manage their own small businesses. ©WFP/Mohamed Gamal

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## Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
<b>555 m</b>	<b>101 m</b>
2020 Requirements (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>115 m</b>	<b>48.4 m</b>

### 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

Based on on-site monitoring of WFP nutrition assistance for pregnant and lactating Syrian women, participants were highly satisfied with the

quality and variation in medical services provided. The assisted women noted that WFP's assistance has helped provide periodic check-ups for them and their children, which they would have otherwise not been able to afford. Further, assisted women recommended the expansion of assistance to include more services such as the cost of giving birth, medications and blood and urine examinations.

## Highlights

### Transforming lives of rural communities through holistic development

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and WFP held a workshop titled "*Transforming the lives and livelihoods of rural communities in Upper Egypt through a scale-up of holistic development interventions*". The workshop involved government officials, non-governmental organizations, academia, private sector, development partners, UN agencies, and international development organizations. The two-day workshop facilitated discussions and the exchange of expertise for the scale-up of an integrated rural development approach in Upper Egypt. Following the workshop, WFP Egypt Country Director and the African Union Development Agency's Head of Programme and Coordination, Estherine Fotabong, held consultative meetings with the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Minister of Planning, and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Meetings involved discussions on the enhancement of South-South collaboration efforts for women and youth empowerment, smallholder resilience building as well as the establishment of a Climate Center to share best practices and mitigate impacts of climate change.

### WFP and E-finance introduce AgriMisr Platform to smallholders

WFP Egypt held a kick-off training in Luxor for WFP partner Community Development Associations (CDAs). The training introduced E-Finance's AgriMisr Platform, an online Business-to-Business marketplace where farmers, CDAs and agribusinesses can buy and exchange goods online. Moving forward, WFP Egypt aims to integrate this platform in its programme to provide market linkages and financial opportunities for smallholders.

### WFP Assistant Executive Director meets Egypt's Minister of Supply and Internal Trade

WFP's Assistant Executive Director for Partnerships & Advocacy, Ute Klamert, met with Egypt's Minister of Supply and Internal Trade. Discussions supported the establishment of an international logistics hub for wheat in Egypt and the launch of the Government's Wheat Fortification Programme.

### WFP Egypt wins USAID award for 'SheCan' Programme

WFP Egypt's 'She Can' programme, presented at the WFP Innovation Accelerator Boot Camp held in Munich, received a pledge of USD 100,000 from USAID. The pledged funds will be used for the scale up of the 'SheCan' initiative for the economic empowerment of women.

## Donors

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