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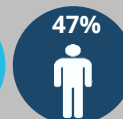
WFP Egypt Country Brief September 2020

In Numbers

US\$ 5.7 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 51.8 m six months (November 2020 – April 2021) net funding requirements

670,000 people assisted
in September 2020



* Note: cash-based transfer value and number of people assisted are estimates as assistance is ongoing at time of publication.

Operational Context

WFP Egypt's Country Strategic Plan (CSP), from July 2018 to 30 June 2023, focuses on strengthening national capacity to tackle 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 and Triangular Cooperation.

Egypt is ranked 116 out of 189 countries in the 2018 Human Development Index (HDI). Between 1990 and 2018, Egypt's HDI value increased from 0.546 to 0.700, an increase of 28.1 percent. Moreover, Egypt is ranked 55 out of 113 countries for the 2019 Global Food Security Index, up 6 ranks compared to 2018 (2019 EIU). However, national poverty rates increased to 32.5 percent in 2018 compared to 27.8 percent in 2015.

In regard to gender equality, Egypt ranks 134 out of 153 on the 2020 Global Gender Gap Index. According to the United Nations International Labour Organization, the rate of youth not in education, employment or training (NEET) was approximately 27.1 percent in 2018. This phenomenon disproportionately affects women, particularly in rural areas where the NEET rate is 40.1 percent for women compared to 19.4 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.



2018 Human Development Index:
116 out of 189

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

Population: **100.4 million** (CAPMAS, May 2020)

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Operational Updates

- As of 29 September 2020, a total of 103,079 COVID-19 cases and 5,914 deaths were confirmed in Egypt (WHO), the Government is gradually easing lockdown measures for a resumption of normal activities.
- About 28,500 families of community school students received unconditional cash transfers in 8 governorates redeemable at local retail shops. The assistance aims to protect the food security of vulnerable families from economic shock resulting from the COVID-19 crisis.
- Under Egypt's Presidential Initiative 'Life Saving Boats', WFP, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Immigration launched another online training session on irregular migration for community schoolteachers in Matrouh. This intervention follows the successful trainings that started in July 2020, with the aim of raising awareness on the challenges of irregular migration and on safe migration alternatives, while capitalising on the opportunity to promote the use of technology (tablets and internet) for social distancing measures.
- As part of WFP's women economic empowerment programme, 1,500 women received micro-loans from participating NGOs for income-generating activities with a total disbursement of EGP 7 million in September 2020. To ensure safety of both NGO staff and beneficiaries, WFP shared Egypt's Ministry of Health's and WHO's guidance on social distancing and hygiene measures with partner NGOs.
- In September, WFP extended the redemption period of general food assistance in the form of cash-based transfers for about 111,737 refugees. The assisted refugees come from 9 different nationalities.
- As part of the 'First 1,000 days' national programme and WFP's COVID-19 emergency response, WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, supported 39,034 households with children under two years of age with a monthly cash top up of EGP 200. This assistance targets households under the umbrella of the Takaful and Karama national social protection programme. This support aims to cushion the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on poor Egyptian families.

Photo Caption: Egypt's Minister of Investment and International Cooperation visited WFP's projects in Luxor where WFP introduced its holistic assistance scheme to all members of rural households.
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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in US\$)		Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
586.4 m		138.5 m
2020 Requirements (in US\$)	2020 Requirements (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2020 – April 2021)
147 m	117 m	51.8 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
- Provide crisis assistance to local populations affected by COVID-19

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.

- As part of smallholder farmer activities funded by the Dutch Government, 30 villages have been identified in the target governorates of Aswan, Luxor, Qena, Sohag and Assiut. In the selected villages, community mobilization activities were conducted to inform the communities on project activities and to align the support needed to improve their livelihoods. The identification of the remaining 30 villages covered by this fund will be completed before the end of 2020.

Challenges

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent plans and actions by the Government of Egypt, WFP has developed an emergency response plan following the Government's request for support. WFP is actively seeking the generous support of donors to mobilize required resources to maintain and upscale its response.

Highlights

Ministerial Visit to WFP Projects in Luxor

From 18 to 20 September, Egypt's Minister of Investment and International Cooperation (MOIIC) together with a delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR) and the Governor of Luxor co-led a field visit to WFP's projects in Luxor. During their visit, the delegation was introduced to WFP's holistic assistance scheme providing support to all members of the rural household. The delegation visited a village where modern agricultural and irrigation techniques are being implemented to enhance the resilience of smallholder farmer communities. The visit also included meetings with women entrepreneurs who, through loans provided by the project, launched their small business in various fields, including animal production. The Minister and the delegation also visited a community hub and the new Luxor Center for Innovation and Knowledge Sharing. The Minister praised the partnership between WFP and MALR as a model for integrated support to vulnerable communities which aligns to national priorities and development plans.

Launch of WFP and the Ministry of International Cooperation 'Beyond Food' Joint Campaign on the occasion of the UN's 75th anniversary

WFP Egypt and MOIIC launched their joint campaign to promote WFP's programme's within the framework of the Ministry's New Global Partnerships Narrative. In recognition of WFP Egypt's innovative and integrated approach to rural development, the MOIIC selected WFP as a partner for the UN's 75th anniversary wherein, the promotional thematic video, 'Beyond Food', was showcased during the UN General Assembly week. The video which was shared on the Ministry's social media platform and WFP's regional platform, showcased WFP's comprehensive and impactful partnership to strengthen communities, through agriculture and food security. WFP's Goodwill Ambassador Hend Sabry also shared the campaign on her social media accounts and promoted it among the media and local channels. The video was also broadcast on prime TV through the support of the Ministry.

Link here to video [in English](#) and [in Arabic](#).

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