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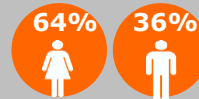
WFP Egypt Country Brief November 2020

In Numbers

US\$ 3.8 m cash based transfers made

US\$ 21.6 m six months
(December 2020 – May 2021) net
funding requirements

340,685 people assisted
in November 2020



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

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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 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) and ranks 83rd in the 2020 Sustainable Development Goals Index, moving up 9 ranks from the previous year. 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 Labor 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.

Operational Updates

- As of 30 November 2020, a total of 115,541 COVID-19 cases and 6,636 deaths were confirmed in Egypt (EgyptToday). The Government has warned of a gradual increase in COVID-19 cases and issued stricter enforcement of protective measures (e.g. use of facemasks) in all public spaces and transportation.
- As part of the global campaign of '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence', WFP in coordination with the Ministry of Education and National Council for Women are providing online webinars targeting community school students in 7 governorates. The webinars are conducted online through the use of interactive and engaging educational content on gender-based violence delivered through the use of tablets provided by WFP.
- WFP assisted about 26,400 families of community school children in six governorates with cash transfers 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.
- Building on WFP's extensive expertise and support to Egypt's Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) in micro-loans and livelihood support, the Ministry and WFP are working towards strengthening institutional and individual capacities of the national Takaful Foundation (affiliated to the Ministry's financial and non-financial entrepreneurship services for those in need) as well as the development of an e-payment solution for microloans that would allow for minimal human interaction in time of COVID-19.
- WFP, together with the Ministry of Education and its local departments in Qena, Fayoum and Luxor, concluded the physical assessment of about 690 community schools for their transformation into 'Community Hubs'. The 'Community Hubs' model involves the transformation of regular community schools into learning hubs equipped with teaching technologies (such as a tablet, internet access, projector screen, etc.). As of November 2020, a total of 69 Community Hubs have been established across Egypt.



2019 Human Development Index:
116 out of 189

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

Population: **100.5 million (CAPMAS, June 2020)**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Photo Caption: WFP's partnership with Fawry (a financial service provider) helps empower women economically through their hiring as 'Fawry Agents', managing the use of point-of-service machines for the redemption of WFP cash-based transfers'. ©WFP Egypt

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
586 m	163 m
2021 Requirements (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (December 2020 – May 2021)
117 m	21.6 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.

- WFP provided food assistance in the form of cash-based transfers to about 108,000 refugees to help secure their basic food needs during this critical period. 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 MOSS, provided cash top-ups of EGP 200 through the Egyptian Post Office to about 40,600 households with children under two years of age under the umbrella of the national social protection programme, ‘Takaful and Karama’.

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 to respond to 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

Egypt’s Minister of Supply and Internal Trade visits WFP projects in Luxor

Early November, Egypt’s Minister of Supply and Internal Trade, Ali El Moselhi, visited WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation’s joint project in support of smallholder farmers in Luxor. The project involves a series of interventions including the provision of enhanced seed varieties, canal lining, the use of renewable energy sources and enhancement of food chains to help increase productivity and food security among farming communities. Recognizing the success and potential to up-scale these interventions, Minister Al-Moselhy praised the project and expressed the Ministry’s willingness to procure farmers’ production of wheat and other strategic crops, as well as the provision of necessary fertilizers to ensure high-quality production.

WFP, the Ministry of Social Solidarity and USAID launch new collaboration in support of mothers and children

On 22 November, WFP Egypt, MOSS and USAID Egypt launched their new partnership in support of 40,000 vulnerable women and children across Egypt through projects at a value of US\$ 5 million. The collaboration will facilitate the provision of food assistance and livelihood support to vulnerable communities impacted by the socio-economic repercussions of COVID-19. The announcement was made during a press conference attended by the US Ambassador to Egypt, Egypt’s Minister of Social Solidarity; Assistant Minister of International Cooperation, WFP Head of Programme, and USAID Mission Director.

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