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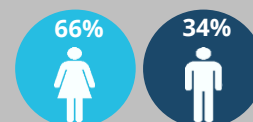
WFP Egypt Country Brief January 2021

In Numbers

US\$ 3.75 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 41.3 m six months
(February 2021 – July 2021) net funding
requirements

356,175 people assisted
In January 2021



Operational Context

WFP Egypt's Country Strategic Plan (CSP), from July 2018 to 30 June 2023, focuses on strengthening national capacities 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). Moreover, national poverty rates declined to 29.7 percent in 2019/2020 compared to 32.5 percent in 2017/2018.

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 27.2 percent in 2019. This phenomenon disproportionately affects women, particularly in rural areas where the NEET rate is 39.7 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.



2019 Human Development Index:
116 out of 189

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

Population: **100.9 million (CAPMAS, September 2020)**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Operational Updates

- As of 31 January 2021, a total of 165,418 COVID-19 cases and 9,263 deaths were confirmed in Egypt (Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center).
- WFP assisted about 26,000 families of community school children, including 4,100 newly enrolled first graders and transfer students in six governorates with cash-based transfers (CBT) 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.
- WFP and the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) launched a joint youth employment program for the provision of vocational and capacity strengthening trainings for Ministry staff managing the Ministry's employment observatory, named the "National Platform for Labour Market Information". To help launch the program, WFP conducted an online webinar to identify technical and capacity gaps of the Ministry staff. Based on findings from the webinar, WFP will upgrade two of the Ministry's mobile vocational units to enable the provision of trainings to youth on agri-business and electronics.
- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) and non-governmental organizations provided 500 women in 10 governorates with micro-loans for income-generating activities with a total value of EGP 3 million.
- WFP provided general food assistance (GFA) in the form of CBT to about 117,700 registered refugees (from nine different countries) to help secure their basic food needs during this critical period.
- 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 21,600 vulnerable Egyptian households with children under two years of age within the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama'.
- As of January 2021, a total of about 1,000 smallholder farmers from 30 rural communities in Southern Egypt were engaged through community mobilisation activities and benefited from trainings on improved agricultural practices and sustainable irrigation.

Photo Caption: WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation supports a series of improved agriculture techniques, including canal linings, land consolidation and solar-powered irrigation systems. ©WFP Egypt

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
586 m	165 m
2021 Requirements (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (February 2021 – July 2021)
117 m	41.3 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
- 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.

Monitoring

WFP end-of-year monitoring evidenced an improvement in the food security of assisted refugees receiving GFA with an increase of about 15 percent of surveyed refugees achieving acceptable food consumption levels in comparison to June 2020. Additionally, their access to food improved by about 5 percent along with a 10 percent improvement in food consumption scores for their households. The need of these beneficiaries to rely on food consumption coping strategies (such as reduction of preferred food, and number and size of daily meals) also saw a decline from June 2020.

Based on WFP monitoring, an additional 12 percent of assessed pregnant and lactating refugee women who received WFP nutrition support consumed four or more food groups of higher dietary quality in order to meet their daily energy and nutrient requirements in comparison to 2019.

Highlights

Ministry of Local Development and WFP sign new agreement for exchange of best practices

The Minister of Local Development and WFP Egypt Country Director visited the Programme's activities in Luxor and signed a new cooperation framework agreement linking the Ministry and WFP's successful projects and initiatives, to be undertaken through the '*Luxor Coordination Centre for Knowledge Sharing and Innovation to Promote Resilience in Upper Egypt*'.

Collaboration will include linking the Luxor Center with the headquarters of the North Africa Regional Office hosted by the Ministry in Cairo. This linkage will facilitate the exchange and dissemination of successful experiences related to the Ministry's projects, especially in Upper Egypt, and programmes under the '*Decent Life*' presidential initiative. During the visit, the Minister also engaged with farmers and rural communities and witnessed the transformational impact of canal linings, improved cultivation techniques, land holdings collections, solar-powered energy plants and tomatoes sun drying units run by women.

First online course of the "Bedaya Digital" Initiative launched

The Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs, WFP and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) launched the first online training session of the e-learning platform, '*Bedaya Digital*'. Attending the launch, Minister Nabila Makram and WFP Egypt Country Director Menghestab Haile delivered an online introduction and welcome note to the first group of participants of the training developed under the '*Life Saving Boats*' presidential initiative. The platform provides vocational trainings for Egyptian youth and returning Egyptian migrant workers who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Trainings are provided by AASTMT to promote job opportunities through skills development and linkages with national employment services and the private sector.

WFP partners with the Ministry of Manpower to promote employment

WFP partnered with MOM to promote youth employment under the presidential initiative '*Your Profession is Your Career*'. Through this partnership, WFP will support the development of e-skills and digital tools to allow access to jobs in the most remote areas.

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