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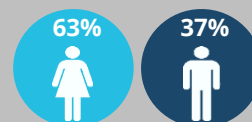
WFP Egypt Country Brief July 2021

In Numbers

US\$3.7 m cash-based transfers made

US\$57 m six month (August 2021 – January 2022) net funding requirements

335,900 people assisted
in July 2021



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

Operational Context

WFP Egypt's 2018-2023 Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 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 82nd in the 2021 Sustainable Development Goals Index, moving up one rank from the previous year. Egypt is also ranked 60 out of 113 countries for the 2020 Global Food Security Index, down 5 ranks compared to 2019 (2020 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 129 out of 153 on the 2021 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: **101.6 million (CAPMAS, February 2021)**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Operational Updates

- As of 31 July 2021, a total of 284,262 COVID-19 cases and 16,524 deaths were confirmed in Egypt (Worldometer Egypt).
- Together with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education, WFP assisted about 27,000 families of community school children in 5 governorates with cash assistance redeemable at local retail shops. The assistance aims to increase the food security of vulnerable families and help protect them from the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.
- To economically empower vulnerable women, WFP in partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) provided 650 women with micro-loans for the launch or expansion of income-generating activities with a total value of USD 230,000 in 10 governorates.
- In collaboration with Takaful Foundation, WFP conducted a training of trainers (TOT) on women enterprise, loans, and digital marketing for about 50 field trainers, including government workers and NGOs in Minya and Assiut. Trained personnel will further cascade these trainings to targeted women under the national 'Decent Life' initiative.
- In expanding the successful 'Community Hubs' model, WFP and the Ministry of Local Development (MOLD) are introducing the model within MOLD's village-level local administrative units. About 60 villages in 6 governorates in Upper Egypt have been selected by WFP and the Ministry as a pilot and relevant needs assessments are underway.
- The Ministry of Manpower and WFP launched a specialized training programme in the field of information and communication technology under the national project, 'Your skill is your profession'. The trainings take place at the Vocational Training Center of the Directorate of Manpower in Assiut and Qena.
- WFP provided food assistance through cash-based transfers to about 120,000 registered refugees (from nine countries) to help secure their basic food needs. In partnership with the National Nutrition Institute (NNI), WFP is also providing nutritional awareness sessions to a target of 3,000 pregnant and lactating refugee women as well as TOT on nutritional issues for refugee community leaders.

Photo Caption: Egypt's Minister of Manpower and the Governor of Sohag attending the launch of the training programme for youth on hotelier skills in Sohag. ©WFP/Egypt

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
586 m	185 m
2021 Requirements (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (August 2021 – January 2022)
117 m	57 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.

- In July, the third round of the WFP and Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates joint training programme, ‘Bedeya Digital’, was launched in addition to the graduation of the first group of 400 trainees. The programme supports Egyptian youth at risk of irregular migration, as well as young Egyptian returnees in accessing jobs and income-generating opportunities through skills development and vocational trainings.
- Under the auspices of MOSS and in partnership with USAID and NNI, WFP launched the fifth round of Training of Trainers programme under the national “First 1,000 Days” nutrition programme targeting community workers in North and South Sinai as well as MOSS representatives. The training aims to develop the counselling and monitoring capacity of MOSS’s community workers to increase the nutrition and health awareness of assisted pregnant and lactating mothers (of children under 2).
- As part of the ‘First 1,000 Days’ programme and WFP’s COVID-19 emergency response, WFP in collaboration with MOSS provided cash transfers to about 71,000 family members of vulnerable Egyptian children and 10,600 vulnerable children under two years of age registered under the national social protection programme, ‘*Takaful and Karama*’.
- WFP supported about 4,000 smallholder famers (men and women) in Upper Egypt to increase their agricultural production and returns through land consolidation, canal lining, establishment of solar energy stations for water pumping and the introduction of new crops.

Highlights

Afreximbank supports exchange of knowledge and innovation through Government and WFP Luxor Centre

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) announced a USD 300,000 grant to WFP in Egypt to fund, further equip and develop the ‘*Luxor Coordination Centre for Knowledge sharing and Innovation to promote Resilience in Upper Egypt*’. The Luxor Centre, established by WFP in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, provides a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, technology transfer and expertise exchange between civil society, academia and neighbouring African countries. The grant will be used to equip conference halls used to facilitate the sharing of insights from national programmes with other countries through exchange visits, workshops and conferences.

Egypt’s Ministry of Manpower and WFP launch hospitality training programme to support youth employment

WFP, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the Hilton Hotel in Luxor, launched a hospitality training programme for youth at the Ministry’s Vocational Training Center in Sohag. The 6-week programme, launched in July, includes four weeks theoretical training at the vocational center and two weeks practical application sessions at the Hilton Hotel in Luxor. The first-of-its-kind training programme covers the areas of Food and Beverage, culinary work and housekeeping with an aim to enhance vocational skills and promote job qualifications among youth in the tourism sector.

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