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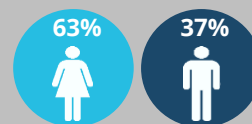
WFP Egypt Country Brief September 2021

In Numbers

USD 3.7 m cash-based transfers made

USD 63 m six month (October 2021 – March 2022) net funding requirements

330,200 people assisted in September 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. Through the Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023), 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: **101.8 million (CAPMAS, May 2021)**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Operational Updates

- As of 30 September 2021, a total of 304,524 COVID-19 cases and 17,331 deaths were confirmed in Egypt (Worldometer Egypt).
- WFP and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education continued to provide assistance to about 27,000 families of community school children in 5 governorates with cash assistance (USD 11 per child) redeemable at local retail shops. The assistance aims to increase food security of vulnerable families negatively affected by the pandemic.
- In collaboration with the Ministries of Social Solidarity (MOSS) and Local Development, WFP delivered training of trainers (TOT) on micro-enterprises management, lending, and digital marketing to about 40 local officials who cascaded the training to over 2,200 trainees from villages under the 'Decent Life' national programme (in Minya, Assiut and Luxor). In partnership with the Matrouh Governorate, Directorate of Agriculture and Union of Agricultural councils, the TOT was also delivered to over 20 officials who are cascading the training at village-level, promoting women's financial inclusion and reaching 40 women thus far.
- To economically empower vulnerable women, WFP in partnership with MOSS and non-governmental organizations provided 240 women with revolving micro-loans for the launch or expansion of income-generating activities with a total value of USD 108,200 in 5 governorates. Additionally, to help strengthen national capacities, WFP trained loan employees of the 'Takaful (solidarity) Association' in Minya on lending procedures and the management of financial and accounting systems.
- As part of the partnership between WFP and the National Council for Women, WFP and UNWOMEN conducted a joint capacity strengthening training on the management of gender-based violence (GBV) reports for about 70 frontline lawyers of the National Council for Women's complaints office. Staff were trained on Customer Services basics and how to professionally handle inbound and outbound calls and how to deal with face-to-face branch visitors.
- WFP provided food assistance through cash (USD 25 each) to about 100,000 registered refugees from different nationalities to help secure their basic food needs.
- As part of the 'First 1,000 Days' programme, WFP in collaboration with MOSS provided cash top ups (USD 13 per woman) to about 23,000 pregnant and lactating women registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama' (Solidarity and Dignity).

Photo Caption: Ambassador of the Netherlands to Egypt visiting the joint Government and WFP rural development project funded by the Netherlands in Luxor. ©WFP/Egypt

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
586 m	188 m
2021 Requirements (in US\$)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (October 2021 – March 2022)
117 m	60.3 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.

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- In partnership with MOSS, USAID and the National Nutrition Institute, WFP continued the TOT programme under the national "First 1,000 Days" nutrition programme targeting MOSS community workers in Qalubeya, Alexandria and Minya. The training aims to develop the counselling and monitoring capacity of MOSS's community workers to increase the nutrition and health awareness of assisted mothers of children aged 24-59 months.

Highlights

[WFP participates in the first edition of the Egypt International Cooperation Forum](#)

As part of the Egypt International Cooperation Forum (Egypt-ICF), and under the auspices of the Ministry of International Cooperation, WFP held a workshop on 9 September 2021, on "Food Security and Employment in the Digital Age in Africa". The workshop served as a platform for stimulating South-South cooperation and knowledge-sharing among African countries to address opportunities and challenges in the areas of food security and water management. The workshop featured Egyptian and African Ministers, WFP Regional Directors in Africa and the Middle East, development partners, private sector companies, civil society organizations, and academia.

[Ambassador of the Netherlands visits joint Government & WFP programme in Luxor](#)

H.E. Han-Maurits Schaapveld, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Egypt, visited the joint Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and WFP rural development project funded by the Netherlands in Luxor. The 4-year project supports farmers' livelihood enhancement & rural innovation across 60 villages in Southern Egypt. Building on the Ministry and WFP's proven rural development model, the project works to support about 370,000 rural community members through improved agricultural techniques, land consolidation, renewable energy & microloans for women's economic empowerment.

[The Ministry of Manpower, WFP and Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa launch second round of youth hospitality training programme](#)

Following the successful launch of the hospitality training programme in July 2021, the Ministry of Manpower, WFP and the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa launched the second round of the training programme, supporting youth from Upper Egypt. Within the framework of the national youth development initiative 'Your skill is your profession', the 6-week training is focused on food and beverage, culinary work and housekeeping, with theoretical trainings carried out at the Ministry's vocational centre followed by practical trainings at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. It is worth noting that trained youth have either gained employment opportunities or have been placed on rosters for potential hiring.

[Launch of Egypt Description by Information \(OpenLab\) Geospatial Platform](#)

In partnership with the Egyptian Cabinet's Information and Decision Support Center, WFP supported the launch of the 'Egypt Description by Information' geospatial platform. The platform provides geo-based analytical tools, demonstrating key demographic and economic indicators to inform national decision-making processes and development plans.

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