Operational Context
According to the 2022 Global Food Security Index, Egypt ranked 77th globally and 13th in the Middle East and North Africa region with a moderate level of food security. Egypt’s strengths lie in securing affordable food through safety-net programmes and management of food prices (2022 EIU). Through the National Strategic Plan for Pre-University Education (2014-2030) and the revamping of the National School Feeding Programme, the Government aims to achieve full coverage and increase the nutritional value of school meals. In 2021, Egypt achieved progress towards gender equality, with improvements in educational inclusion, large disparities remain in women’s political and economic empowerment. Nonetheless, based on the 2021 Human Development Report, Egypt ranked 97 out of 191 countries. National economic and financial reforms helped maintain positive socio-economic development. More so, Egypt’s Vision 2030 has guided reforms helped maintain positive socio-economic development. More so, Egypt’s Vision 2030 has guided progress in the design, delivery, and scope of social protection programmes.

Through a 54-year partnership with the Government and its 2018-2023 Country Strategic Plan (CSP), WFP maintains a holistic development approach that caters to the immediate needs of vulnerable groups through food and nutrition assistance, while contributing to their empowerment through capacity strengthening trainings, awareness raising on various topics, improved livelihoods, financial inclusion, access to education, and enhanced agricultural practices. WFP’s CSP interventions complement national Development initiatives such as ‘Decent Life’, ‘Solidarity and Dignity’, among many others.

As host of the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference, Egypt aimed to showcase its advances in environmental protection and climate change, to which WFP contributes through its rural development programme.

Operational Updates
- WFP assisted about 105,000 registered vulnerable refugees in 26 governorates with monthly cash assistance (USD 24/person) to help secure their basic food needs.
- WFP assisted about 8,600 pregnant and lactating refugee women, by providing cash (up to USD 24/person) conditional to monthly check-ups for both mother and child. The cash assistance is provided via e-cards redeemable for food items from partner retailers in Cairo, Alexandria, and Damietta.
- As part of the national ‘Waei’ (awareness) programme, WFP, the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS), and Ministry of Local Development conducted a training of trainers (TOT) for governorate unit employees in Fayoum. The topics of TOT covered the impacts of early child marriage, female genital mutilation, and the importance of mother/child nutrition and family planning.
- Under the ‘First 1,000 Days’ nutrition programme, WFP and MOSS provided cash top-ups (USD 24/person) to about 25,000 pregnant and lactating women registered within the national social protection programme ‘Takaful and Karama’ (Solidarity and Dignity) nationwide.
- As part of National School Screening and Management Programme, WFP, the National Nutrition Institute, Ministry of Health and Population, and Health Insurance Organization, delivered a TOT for over 300 primary school health care providers in 10 governorates on early detection of and referral protocols of malnutrition, as well as educate parents on optimal nutrition practices for school-aged children.

In Numbers
- 136,000 people assisted in October 2022
- USD 2.7m cash-based transfers made
- USD 36.7m six months (November 2022 – April 2023) net funding requirements

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Egypt Country Strategic Plan (2018–2023)

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**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 Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition**

**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 3: Targeted populations in Egypt have improved nutritional status by 2030.**

**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 implemented a training on effective communication, planning and implementation of climate adaptation interventions and management of micro-loans for 15 community development associations (CDAs) across 5 governorates in Upper Egypt. The CDAs will be supporting WFP deliver on rural development activities for 2,000 smallholder farmers and 2,000 women. Additionally, WFP equipped the CDAs with ICT equipment to facilitate the implementation of activities.

- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Manpower, implemented a capacity strengthening training for Ministry staff on the management of the Ministry's geoportal system on national vocational training, employment, and occupational health data.

**Challenges**

- Due to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and global economic crisis, Egypt continues to witness economic impacts and increase in prices, limiting the most vulnerable populations’ access to food. Given increasing funding needs, WFP seeks the support of donors to mobilize required resources to maintain and upscale food and nutrition assistance. WFP requires approximately USD 36 million to sustain food assistance for about 300,000 beneficiaries through March 2023.

**Highlights**

- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education launched the “My Future in Colour” art exhibition, featuring drawings produced by WFP-supported community school students on the theme of climate change. The exhibition, launched at the Museum of Egyptian Civilization and hosted at Art Talks gallery, also involved a collaboration with Doodle Factory on the production of a kit made of upcycled material and inspired by students’ drawings.

- WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Development participated in the ‘Turathna’ (our legacy) Exhibition, introducing the “Ayadi Misr” platform run by E-finance company, an e-commerce platform to promote the sales of products locally produced by women, among exhibition attendees. The promotion of the platform supported business owners increase their e-marketing opportunities and provided access to new national and international markets.

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