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WFP Egypt Country Brief

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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 hosts 290,000 refugees. Of those, 60,000 are registered with UNHCR as Sudanese refugees and about 10,500 of which are supported by WFP with monthly food assistance. In April 2023, Egypt received an influx of Sudanese refugees seeking safety beyond their country's borders fleeing the conflict in Sudan.

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 of school meals. In 2022, Egypt achieved progress towards gender equality, with improvements in educational attainment. However, large disparities remain in women's political and economic empowerment. Nonetheless, based on the latest, 2021 Human Development Report, Egypt ranked 97 out of 191 countries. Egypt's Vision 2030 has guided progress in the design, delivery, and scope of social protection programmes.

Through a 55-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, awareness raising on various topics, improved livelihoods, financial inclusion, access to education, and enhanced agricultural, climate-adaptive practices. WFP's CSP interventions complement national development initiatives such as 'Decent Life', 'Solidarity and Dignity', among many others. In July 2023, WFP starts a new five-year CSP in line with national priorities linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.



2021 Human Development Index: **97 out of 191**

Stunting: **13% of children between 1 and 59 months**

Population: **104.6 million (CAPMAS, September 2022)**

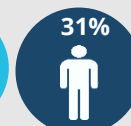
Income Level: **Lower middle**

Stunting: **13% of children between 1 and 59 months**

In Numbers

195,600 people assisted

in April 2023



128.5 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 1.7 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 25.6 m (May – October 2023) net funding requirements

**Note: amount of food assistance distributed and number of people assisted are estimates at the time of publication.*

WFP Response to the Sudan Crisis

- The Sudan internal armed conflict that broke out on 15 April in Khartoum has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people from Sudan to Egypt and other neighboring countries. UNHCR Egypt estimates more than 52,500 Sudanese, 2,800 Egyptians and 3,950 other nationals have accessed the Sudan-Egypt border as of end of April.
- As part of a joint UN rapid assessment mission, WFP is working with the Government of Egypt, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) and the UNHCR to provide immediate shelter and essential food assistance to those fleeing the crisis in Sudan. With mediators so far unable to resolve the conflict, and with an increased refugee flow likely, WFP is already planning longer-term forms of assistance including immediate support needed and is working with its partners to ensure aid is delivered immediately.

Operational Updates

- Complementing the National School Feeding Programme, WFP provided daily in-school snacks (fortified date bars) to 117,000 community school students across 11 governorates. Additionally, WFP provided cash assistance to about 35,000 families of vulnerable community school children to increase families' food security in the governorates of Sohag, Sharqeya, Qena, Fayoum and Beni Suef.
- In support of refugee communities, WFP assisted about 100,000 registered vulnerable refugees nationwide with monthly cash assistance to help secure their basic food needs.
- Improving nutrition security, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity provided cash top-ups to about 60,000 pregnant and nursing women, under the national social protection programme 'Takaful and Karama' (Solidarity and Dignity), to help secure their nutritional needs.

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Photo caption: WFP supports rural through innovative agricultural practices to improve their income and ultimately enhance their food security and nutrition. ©WFP

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
586 m	314 m
2023 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (May – October 2023)
106 m	25.6 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.

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days of Life' nutrition programme, WFP, together with the National Nutrition Institute and Ministry of Health and Population provided nutritious awareness sessions in the governorates of Giza and Qalyubia. The sessions helped promote healthy nutrition and dietary practices among 1,000 community members.
- Promoting resilient food security systems, WFP in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR) delivered fertilizers to over 300 vulnerable smallholder farmers and Bedouin communities across five governorates (Aswan, Assiut, Luxor, Sohag, and Qena).
- In parallel, WFP and MALR provided trainings on management of in-kind loans as well as essential agricultural knowledge and techniques to about 250 farmers to enhance the self-reliance, sustainability, and food security of these vulnerable communities.

Challenges

- With the conflict in Ukraine and Sudan, global economic crisis, and the currency devaluation of the Egyptian Pound, Egypt continues to witness challenging economic impacts and increases in prices, limiting the food purchasing power of the most vulnerable populations.
- Given increasing vulnerability and consequent funding needs, WFP seeks donors' support to mobilize resources to maintain and expand food and nutrition assistance.
- WFP requires approximately USD 25.5 million to sustain food assistance for more than 300,000 Egyptian and non-Egyptian beneficiaries through October 2023.

WFP Egypt 2022 Annual Country Report

- WFP Annual Country Reports were released. Read the full report on WFP Egypt achievements [here](#).

