

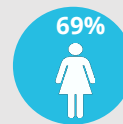


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## WFP Egypt Country Brief August 2023

## In Numbers



**181,000** people assisted  
in August 2023

**43.2 mt** of food assistance distributed

**US\$ 2 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 15 m** (September 2023 – February 2024) net  
funding requirements

## Country and 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.

On the humanitarian front, Egypt hosts about 331,000 refugees of which over 100,000 are supported by WFP with monthly food assistance. Since the onset of the Sudan crisis in April 2023, Egypt received over 287,000 Sudanese people fleeing the crisis and seeking safety beyond their country's borders.

Expanding on the achievements of the country strategic plan (CSP) for 2018-2023, WFP is continuing to support the Government in addressing nutrition and food security challenges under the new CSP (2023-2028), aligned with Egypt's updated Vision 2030 roadmap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. The CSP focuses on strengthening social protection and food systems, providing humanitarian assistance to refugees and improving the self-reliance and income-generating capacity of smallholder farmers and the people most at risk of being left behind.

WFP is operating in synergy with "Haya Karima", the presidential development initiative that reaches 5,000 villages through a locally based, integrated approach. Within that framework, and following a gender-transformative approach, WFP will work to enhance the livelihoods, and resilience of the most vulnerable to food insecurity, fostering links between shock-responsive social protection and more resilient food systems, including through the promotion of good nutrition and healthy diets.

To accelerate progress towards Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17, WFP will continue to contribute to strengthening the capacity of national systems and institutions by improving the evidence that informs an in-depth understanding of the settings and impacts of interventions, associated programmes and targeting and delivery mechanisms.



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

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

Population: **105.4 million** (CAPMAS,  
August 2023)

Income Level: **Lower middle**

## WFP Response to the Sudan Crisis

As of 20 August 2023, the armed conflict in Sudan (that broke out on 15 April 2023) has caused more than 287,000 people to flee Sudan to Egypt seeking safety and security.

To respond to the emergency and longer-term food and nutrition needs of these displaced populations, WFP assisted over 231,000 people arriving into Egypt from Sudan since the start of the crisis up to the end of August 2023.

- As a rapid response to urgent humanitarian needs, WFP, in coordination with the Government of Egypt and the Egyptian Red Crescent, provided critical food assistance in the form of ready-to-eat food packages to some 166,000 people at the border crossings.
- To address the longer-term needs of vulnerable people arriving into the country from Sudan, WFP extended its existing cash assistance platform to provide multi-purpose cash to about 65,000 people in Alexandria, Aswan, Cairo, and Giza. The cash assistance, redeemable across over 140,000 points of sales nationwide, provides people with the autonomy to purchase their most essential needs. WFP has also extended the use of its cash platform to facilitate the delivery of assistance provided by sister UN agencies like UNICEF and other key stakeholders.
- Together, WFP and the Government of Egypt established a humanitarian corridor between Egypt and Sudan providing critical support to thousands of people trapped by conflict. The corridor serves as a passageway for UN agencies, development organizations, and humanitarian partners to deliver their assistance.

## Operational Updates

- In support of refugee communities, WFP assisted about 100,000 registered vulnerable refugees from different nationalities nationwide with monthly cash assistance to help secure their basic food needs.

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**Photo caption:** As part of its Sudan crisis response efforts, WFP provides cash and food assistance to vulnerable children, adults and elderly crossing the borders into Egypt. ©WFP

## Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
<b>431 m</b>	<b>43 m</b>
2023 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (September 2023 – February 2024)
<b>109 m</b>	<b>15 m</b>

## SDG Target 2.1: Access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Crisis-affected populations in Egypt, including refugees, meet their essential food and nutrition needs and have enhanced self-reliance all year round.

**Focus area:** *Crisis Response*

- **Activity 1:** Provide food assistance, nutrition, and livelihood support to refugees and other crisis-affected populations.

## SDG Target 2.4: Sustainable food systems

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Targeted groups in Egypt benefit from more resilient, sustainable, and climate-adaptive livelihoods and food systems by 2028.

**Focus area:** *Resilience building*

- **Activity 2:** Support women, men, and youth in targeted areas to access livelihood opportunities, increase incomes, and improve their food and nutrition security.
- **Activity 3:** Provide diverse support to smallholders, targeted groups, and relevant institutions or partners engaged in nutrition-sensitive and environmentally friendly value chains.

## SDG Target 17.9: Capacity Strengthening

**Strategic Outcome 3:** The Government of Egypt has enhanced capacity, programmes and systems ensuring populations in vulnerable situations benefit from improved access to and quality of food, nutrition, health, and education services by 2028.

**Focus area:** *Root causes of food insecurity, vulnerability, and inadequate education*

- **Activity 4:** Provide assistance to the national school feeding programme, including through comprehensive sustainable school-based interventions and transfers to support students, teachers, and households in vulnerable situations.
- **Activity 5:** Provide technical assistance and support to Egypt's nutrition-sensitive social protection system, especially for pregnant and lactating women and children under 2, through direct assistance and social and behaviour change communication.
- **Activity 6:** Provide technical expertise, innovative solutions, and targeted capacity strengthening to the Government for food and nutrition security interventions, as well as foster opportunities for South-South and triangular cooperation.

- As part of the national development initiative 'Decent Life,' WFP and the Ministry of Manpower trained about 50 young people from Aswan, Luxor, Qena, and Sohag

on various vocational skills, including e-marketing. The trainings aim to improve youth's employability prospects as a sustainable solution to addressing poverty and food insecurity. This initial cohort is the first of over 1,400 targeted youth who will receive similar trainings to improve their employability prospects.

- Similarly, WFP, in collaboration with the Hilton Luxor Resort, provided hands-on training on Hospitality for 20 young women and men in Sohag.
- Under the "Waai" Programme for Community Development, which aims to raise awareness of community leaders on health, culture, and social issues, WFP, together with the Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Local Development delivered a training for some 90 staff from Beni Suef and Luxor. The staff will lead awareness-raising activities in their own communities, to change social norms on topics such as early marriage, female genital mutilation, abandonment, and to emphasize the importance of family planning.
- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity provided cash assistance to about 60,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women. This assistance was provided under the national social protection programme 'Takaful and Karama' (Solidarity and Dignity in Arabic), to help fulfil these women's nutritional needs.
- Additionally, WFP and the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Department of the Ministry of Health and Population delivered a training for 120 healthcare service providers in Beni Suef, Fayoum and Kafr El Sheikh. The training focused on nutrition and health skills development and counselling techniques needed during the first 1,000 days of a child's life. The training helped MCH's teams to deliver high-quality nutrition and advisory services to mothers and their children.
- In accordance with national efforts to strengthen the capacities of local institutions, WFP and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education implemented a training for ministry staff on the management of the Ministry's geoportal system for enhanced data-driven decision-making and monitoring.

## Challenges

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 15 million to sustain food assistance for about 310,000 Egyptian and non-Egyptian beneficiaries through February 2024.

## Donors

(In alphabetical order) Canada, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Private Sector, Sweden, Switzerland, United States.