



ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES & CRISIS-AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN EGYPT



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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using **food assistance** to build a pathway to **peace, stability and prosperity** for people recovering from **conflict and disasters** and **the impact of climate change**. This is in addition to helping individuals and communities find **life-changing solutions to the multiple challenges they face in building better futures**.

Four Cross-Cutting Priorities:

1. Protection & Accountability to Affected Populations
2. Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment
3. Environmental Sustainability
4. Nutrition Integration



WFP directly contributes to Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17

WFP SUPPORT TO REFUGEES IN EGYPT

WFP is a critical player in supporting refugees and crisis-affected populations in Egypt through three key activities:

General Food Assistance (GFA):

- WFP provides cash transfers to about 150,000 refugees from 9 nationalities and crisis-affected populations in the form of monthly unrestricted cash redeemable at any of the financial service provider's 140,000 points-of-sales across Egypt to help them secure their basic needs.

Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women (PBW):

- WFP provides monthly nutrition assistance to over 8,000 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and their children 0-24 months in the form of cash vouchers.
- The assistance is conditional on attending regular health and nutrition check-ups, including antenatal care, regular vaccination, growth monitoring and micronutrient supplementation.
- WFP also conducts monthly nutritional awareness sessions to educate refugee PBW on the first 1,000 days of life.

Self-Reliance Activities:

- In 2024, WFP has launched its skills development and vocational training programme to refugees, Sudanese crisis-affected populations and Egyptians within host communities to improve livelihoods, as well as to promote social cohesion in communities where refugees reside in.



RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Sudan Emergency Response:

- In light of the conflict in Sudan, WFP has been assisting newly arrived Sudanese with in-kind Ready-to-Eat (RTE) food packages at the border crossings and emergency cash assistance in Aswan, Alexandria, Cairo and Giza. As of April 2024, more than 265,000 people received RTEs.
- During the emergency response, WFP leveraged its existing cash programme to swiftly provide cash assistance to vulnerable Sudanese, using the same modality as GFA, which are e-cards redeemable from 140,000 points of sale nationwide.
- WFP also made its cash delivery platform available to sister UN partners, including UNICEF, IOM and UNFPA, to enable them to quickly respond to humanitarian needs.



RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES



WFP Monitoring Findings:

- A Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) survey was conducted with 350 newcomers Sudanese who had been benefiting from WFP emergency cash assistance.
- The results indicated an improvement in the overall food security levels of Sudanese beneficiaries compared to July 2023 baseline results after receiving WFP Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) assistance for at least three months.
- The proportion of Sudanese households with adequate food consumption levels had increased by 13 percent to reach 86.6 percent compared to 74 percent in July 2023. Female-headed households were shown to be less privileged compared to male-headed households with lower food security scores and higher coping strategies.
- Finally, results indicated that WFP assistance has highly contributed to the food needs of Sudanese households. Almost 9 out of 10 households reported spending WFP cash assistance on food.

SELF RELIANCE AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT

In 2024, WFP launched a transitional self-reliance programme based on its previous successful livelihood projects. The programme aims to support refugees and crisis-affected populations in shifting from immediate life-saving assistance to long-term sustainable self-sufficiency through livelihood and income-generating activities.

WFP provides vocational training in highly marketable skills and qualifications to improve the employability of those we serve. Additionally, WFP promotes economic empowerment by providing micro-grants, enabling beneficiaries to establish their own income-generating activities.



CASH-BASED TRANSFERS & SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

CBT empowers refugees by providing them with choice and control over their resources. This fosters long-term self-reliance, improves health and well-being, and contributes to a sustainable path towards rebuilding their lives.

Empowering Refugees through:

- **Choice & Control:** CBT empowers refugees to manage their needs, fostering self-reliance and dignity.
- **Market Integration:** Cash injections stimulate local economies, creating opportunities and promoting sustainable recovery.
- **Improved Health:** Direct access to food improves nutrition and overall well-being.
- **Protection:** Financial stability reduces vulnerability.



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CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD

Challenges

Funding shortages are increasing in frequency due to the proliferation of crises globally, leading to the re-prioritization of funding by donors. WFP is constantly striving to raise the needed funds to maintain its assistance programmes.

Way Forward

Efforts are directed towards improving WFP's targeting approach in partnership with UNHCR with the objective of ensuring that, given the funding limitations, the most vulnerable are being identified and assisted. WFP is also reaching out to various donors and partners both locally and internationally to diversify and expand the funding portfolio and ensure assistance to refugees. For this, a series of assessments will be carried out to identify the best way to adapt to these challenges and provide the best form of assistance to the most vulnerable refugees.



WFP's Lifeline: A Mother's Story of Resilience

Uprooted from her life in Syria, Abeer, a mother of two, arrived in Egypt in 2016. The war had shattered everything familiar, leaving her with the daunting task of rebuilding a life in a new country. Teaching, her profession back home, wasn't readily transferable. Discouraged but determined, Abeer felt a familiar warmth flicker within, her love for Syrian cuisine. It was more than just food; it was a thread connecting her to her heritage and a sense of comfort.

However, the path to turning this passion into a career seemed unclear. That's when a beacon of hope emerged, WFP's culinary training programme. Abeer, with her natural talent and a yearning to share her culinary heritage, eagerly seized this opportunity. The programme proved to be a turning point. It wasn't just about honing skills; it was about igniting a fire within her. With each lesson, Abeer's confidence grew, transforming her passion into a powerful tool for building a new future.

Today, Abeer's journey has blossomed into a success story. She not only holds a prestigious job at a restaurant, proudly showcasing the vibrant flavours of Syria to a wider audience, but she's also embarked on a new venture, preparing and selling her own homemade meals. Abeer's story is a testament to the transformative power of WFP's programmes. It's a story of resilience, of rediscovering a passion, and ultimately, of building a fulfilling life in a new land.







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