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In Numbers

240,000* people assisted in August 2024



US\$ 2.3 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 763,824 (September 2024 – February 2025) net funding requirements

*Figures presented are estimates based on available data at time of publication.

Country and Operational Context

Egypt faces a complex economic landscape with challenges related to inflation, currency devaluation and the impact of global and regional crises. In response, the Egyptian government continues its structural adjustment plans, including decreasing subsidies to reduce the budgetary burden. In August 2024, a new increase in electricity prices was applied by up to 50 percent for some consumer categories. This follows the fuel price increase in July 2024, and bread subsidies reductions in May 2024.

As of August 2024, Egypt hosts more than 752,000 registered refugees, of which 61 percent are Sudanese fleeing the Sudan crisis that erupted in April 2023, while the Egyptian government reported receiving over 500,000 Sudanese.

Considering these challenges, WFP is continuing to support the Government of Egypt in addressing nutrition and food security challenges under the new CSP (2023-2028), aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030 roadmap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. The CSP focuses on strengthening of social protection and food systems, the provision of humanitarian assistance to refugees, and improving the self-reliance and income-generating capacity of smallholder farmers and people most at risk of being left behind. WFP is operating in synergy with the "Decent Life" Presidential development initiative, which aims to support the poorest village communities through a local, integrated development approach. WFP works to enhance the livelihoods and resilience of the most vulnerable, fostering links between shock-responsive social protection and more resilient food systems, including through the promotion of good nutrition and healthy diets.

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- WFP continues its humanitarian response efforts supporting approximately 150,000 refugees and crisis-affected populations, including Sudanese newcomers, with monthly cash assistance in Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan and other cities. WFP started the scale-up of its cash assistance programme by enrolling additional Sudanese newcomers. In parallel, WFP rolled-out a verification process to ensure that the intended recipients of the cash transfers are included.

Self-Reliance for Refugees and Host Communities

- In August, WFP provided vocational trainings to nearly 680 refugees, crisis-affected populations and their host communities, bringing the total to over 2,600 people. WFP also launched an application process for the micro-grants programme that provides mentorship and seed funding to promote the establishment and growth of micro and small enterprises.
- WFP supports 8,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBW) refugees and mothers with children under two through cash-based transfers, conditional on attending monthly health check-ups. This month marks the eighth cycle of this cash assistance for food support.

School Feeding

- In preparation for the new academic year, around 6,500 community schoolteachers and supervisors in 10 governorates were oriented on WFP's activities and trained on best practices for food handling, storage and distribution to ensure food safety standards are met.
- In August, four trainers who attended the joint WFP-UNICEF training-of-trainers supported the capacity-building of 50 teachers and 15 supervisors on integrating digital tools in community education.

Nutrition

- As part of the 'First 1,000 Days' national nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity provided cash top-ups to about 73,000 PBW registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama' ('Solidarity and Dignity').



2022 Human Development Index: 116 out of 189

Stunting: 13% of children between 1 and 59 months

Population: 106.7 million (CAPMAS, 2024)

Income Level: Lower middle

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Photo caption: WFP empowers youth with vocational trainings on sewing. On 12 August 2024, WFP participated in the International Youth Day Forum in Egypt. ©WFP

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
438.9 m	122 m
2024 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (September 2024– February 2025)
99.1 m	763,824

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 breastfeeding 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.

- WFP and the National Nutrition Institute organized workshops within 2,000 of the WFP-supported community schools across four governorates on nutrition throughout the lifecycle to capacitate schoolteachers to deliver awareness-raising sessions to children and their families.

Climate Resilience and Support to Smallholder Farmers

- WFP and its partners consolidated approximately 4,427 feddans (1,860 ha) for about 9,040 smallholder farmers in

Upper Egypt in the 2024 summer season.

- Considering Egypt's water scarcity challenge, WFP upgraded six water canals serving 168 feddans in August, benefiting 162 farmers by reducing water loss during irrigation and increasing efficiency. Additionally, WFP installed seven solar pumping stations, improving irrigation for 184 feddans (77.3 ha) and benefiting 212 smallholder farmers.
- In August, WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation mobilized and raised the awareness of 1,180 men and women in Upper Egypt on climate change challenges, their impact on agriculture and livelihoods, and how to mitigate and adapt to the risks.

Women and Youth Empowerment

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, the private sector and local NGOs, about 1,167 rural women from Upper Egypt received entrepreneurship training on micro-enterprise management, lending, sales and e-marketing. Additionally, 150 of the trained women received vocational training in various professions, including sewing, food drying and handcrafts.
- WFP launched an advanced training-of-trainers for 20 employment officers of the Ministry of Labor to improve the delivery and monitoring of employment services. Additionally, 84 trained employment officers received on-the-job training to support youth graduates of vocational programmes through job placement.
- WFP conducted 21 workshops for 415 youth, with a focus on solar power, hospitality and digital skills. An additional 400 young women and men were trained in green jobs.

Food Security Working Group

- WFP hosted the Food Security Working Group; partners discussed Egypt's food security situation with a focus on crisis-affected populations.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP surveyed 339 women in rural areas who completed WFP's "She Can" entrepreneurship training programme for women's economic empowerment. The survey revealed a high level of satisfaction, with 94 percent of participants rating the training as 'very good'. Participants reported that the training enhanced their skills and knowledge in project management and how to run a small business. The training was an opportunity to improve or diversify their source of household income for increased food security.
- WFP scaled-up its Community Feedback Mechanism by outsourcing hotlines to a private company, employing 10 agents. This upgrade has already resulted in more than double the rate of answered calls. As part of the new feedback mechanism, WFP also launched a chatbot system, enabling beneficiaries to easily find answers, chat with live agents and file complaints.

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