



World Food Programme

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In Numbers

400,000* people assisted in October 2024



65 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 2.8 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 10.6 m (November 2024 – April 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. Inflation in Egypt rose up to 26.5 percent in October 2024, highlighting the ongoing economic pressures. Despite this, the Egyptian pound maintained relative stability following the devaluation in March 2024, averaging EGP 48.4 per USD.

As of end of October 2024, Egypt hosts more than 792,783 registered refugees, of which 63.6 percent are Sudanese fleeing the Sudan crisis that erupted in April 2023, with Egypt hosting over 1.2 million 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.



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**

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- WFP continues its humanitarian response efforts supporting approximately 160,000 refugees and crisis-affected populations, including Sudanese newcomers, with monthly cash assistance in Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan and other cities. WFP is currently scaling up its cash assistance programme to support additional vulnerable Sudanese newcomers. WFP aims to reach 200,000 crisis-affected individuals before the end of 2024, covering 20 percent of the most vulnerable out of the expected total of 1 million refugees to be registered by the end of 2024, according to UNHCR.

Self-Reliance for Refugees and Host Communities

- WFP provided vocational trainings to nearly 720 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members, bringing the total to over 4,370 people since January 2024. WFP also launched an application process for a micro-grants programme that provides mentorship and seed funding to promote the establishment and growth of small enterprises; a total of 332 beneficiaries are enrolled.
- WFP supports 8,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBW) refugees with children under two through cash-based transfers, conditional on attending monthly health check-ups.

School-Based Programme

- WFP resumed in-school snacks for approximately 35,400 community school students. Additionally, 37,000 families in five governorates received cash transfers. As this was the start of a new academic year with no prior attendance records, the cash assistance was unconditional to support families and encourage school enrolment.

Nutrition

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' national nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) provided cash top-ups to about 45,000 PBW registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama' ('Solidarity and Dignity').
- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population, provided a package of nutrition services and counselling to 72 healthcare workers in Menoufeya governorate, on the first 1,000 days of life.

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Photo caption: Ons Jabeur, WFP's Goodwill Ambassador, visited Egypt to witness firsthand WFP's work in improving food security. ©WFP

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
438.9 m	123 m
2024 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2024– April 2025)
99.1 m	10.6 m

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.
- **Activity 7:** Provide on-demand services to government, humanitarian and development actors.

Climate Resilience and Support to Smallholder Farmers

- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR) upgraded four water canals across 102 feddans (43 hectares), benefiting 99 farmers by enhancing irrigation efficiency and minimizing water loss.
- WFP assisted 772 women with duck loans and trained 326 women on duck farming.

- WFP and MALR engaged in market linkage initiatives by participating in the three-day [AgriTech](#) forum, which provided valuable networking opportunities while showcasing the collaborative efforts and achievements in agricultural innovation. AgriTech is a forum bringing together leaders in agriculture, climate action, and renewable energy to discuss the future of sustainable agriculture in Egypt.

Women and Youth Empowerment

- Approximately 400 young men and women received training in agricultural waste management and post-harvest processing in eight governorates of Upper Egypt. This brings the total number of youth trained in green job skills to over 1,500 and the overall number of youth trained in 2024 to 3,570.
- In collaboration with MOSS and local NGOs, 1,526 rural women from Upper Egypt received training on small project management, marketing and women's economic empowerment. Additionally, 850 of the trained women received vocational training in various fields, including tailoring, jewelry-making, baking, food drying and handcrafts.
- WFP and the International Labour Organization (ILO) collaborated to promote environmental awareness by training 50 local stakeholders on green skills.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- A review of WFP's resilience and climate adaptation programme for smallholder farmers in Egypt revealed overall positive results. Interviews with 558 beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries in Aswan, Luxor, and Assiut confirmed the programme's success in building community resilience and altering perceptions of climate change. The programme's culturally sensitive approach and participatory design, involving both men and women, fostered trust and acceptance within communities. Moreover, by gradually introducing interventions and reducing input dependency, the programme promoted ownership and sustainability.

WFP Goodwill Ambassador Field Visit

- Ons Jabeur, WFP's Goodwill Ambassador, visited Egypt to witness firsthand WFP's work in empowering communities and addressing food insecurity. In Luxor and in Cairo, she met with women, farmers, and students to understand how WFP is improving their lives through programmes like to improve women's economic opportunities, school feeding programme, and climate-smart agriculture activities.

