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WFP Egypt Country Brief December 2024



In Numbers

450,000* people assisted in December 2024



31 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 4 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 10 m (January 2 – June 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 November 2024, inflation reached 25 percent. In addition, the Egyptian pound value is slowly depreciating against the USD, surpassing 50 EGP in December 2024, reaching its highest price since the devaluation in March 2024.

As of December 2024, Egypt hosts more than 877,914 registered refugees, of which 68 percent are Sudanese fleeing the Sudan crisis that erupted in April 2023, with Egypt hosting over 1.2 million crisis-affected 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: 105 out of 193

Stunting: 13% of children between 1 and 59 months

Population: 105.8 million (CAPMAS, December 2023)

Income Level: Lower middle

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- WFP scaled-up its humanitarian response efforts supporting approximately 230,000 refugees and crisis-affected populations, including Sudanese newcomers, with monthly cash assistance in Greater Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor and other cities. This covers more than 20 percent of the most vulnerable people out of the 1 million refugee population to be registered by mid-2025, according to UNHCR.

Self-Reliance for Refugees, Crisis-Affected Populations and Host Communities.

- WFP provided vocational training to over 400 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in December, bringing the total to over 5,500 people since January 2024. Since launching the mentorship and micro-grants programme in September 2024, WFP also provided business trainings to almost 1,300 participants as a first step in its micro-grants programme. This programme provides mentorship and seed funding to promote the establishment and growth of small enterprises.
- WFP continued supporting more than 8,000 pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women with children under two through cash-based transfers, conditional on attending monthly health check-ups.

School-Based Programme

- WFP provided cash assistance to 34,000 families of community school students, conditional upon their children's school attendance, to protect their livelihoods against economic shocks. More than 35,000 students in five governorates also received in-school snacks.
- WFP collaborated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education to train 80 community schoolteachers on the "Life Saving Boats" presidential initiative, aiming to raise awareness on the risks of irregular migration and safer alternatives.

Nutrition

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' national nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS) provided cash top-ups to about 46,732 pregnant and breastfeeding women registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama ('Solidarity and Dignity').

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Photo caption: 3 December is International Day of People with Disability. Approximately 10 percent of people assisted through WFP's livelihoods programmes in Egypt are persons with disabilities. ©WFP

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
438.9 m	152.5 m
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (January 2025– June 2025)
87 m	10 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.

- WFP, in collaboration with the National Nutrition Institute (NNI) and MOSS, trained **684** community workers in Dakahleya governorate on the "First 1000 Days" initiative, empowering them to provide effective nutrition counselling to pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Climate Resilience and Support to Smallholder Farmers

- In light of Egypt's climate and water scarcity challenges, WFP upgraded 27 water canals across 862 feddans (362 hectares), benefitting **769** farmers by reducing water loss during irrigation and increasing efficiency.
- To improve their livelihoods, in December, WFP provided **601** women with ducks on a loan basis and trained **1,335** women on best practices for raising poultry.
- Together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, WFP mobilized and raised awareness among **855** individuals across various regions on the impact of climate change on agriculture and livelihoods, and strategies to mitigate and adapt to these risks.

Local Development

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Local Development, WFP implemented a training programme to enhance the capacities of village-level economic development teams. This training equipped **305** team members (216 males and 89 females) with essential skills, including economic surveys, resource mapping, and supporting local entrepreneurship, empowering them to drive sustainable community development.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Outcome monitoring of youth graduates revealed that WFP's youth vocational trainings programme improved participants' vocational skills, access to the labor market and engagement in income-generating activities. Within six months of completing the training, 36 percent of youth reported being involved in income-generating activities – up from 29 percent at baseline - with slightly higher participation among males (38 percent) compared to females (35 percent). Moreover, monitoring revealed that 79 percent of these youth preferred to have their own business, and the field in which they worked was aligned with the training they received through WFP. Among women, sewing and embroidery were the most common fields, while among men, mobile and computer maintenance were the most prevalent.

WFP Egypt's Christmas Bazaar

WFP hosted a Christmas Bazaar where talented participants of the self-reliance programmes showcased and sold their handmade crafts. This initiative empowers refugees and host communities in Egypt by providing them with the skills and opportunities to generate income and improve their food security.

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