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# WFP Egypt Country Brief February 2025



## In Numbers

450,000\* people assisted in February 2025



42 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 4.2 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 15 m (March – August 2025) net funding requirements

\*Figures are estimates based on available data at 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 the reduction of subsidies to alleviate the budgetary burden. In January 2025, inflation continued to slowdown, reaching 23.2 percent. In addition, the Egyptian pound value remains stable at around 50.5 per 1 USD in February 2025, after slowly depreciating in December 2024, reaching its highest price since the devaluation in March 2024.

As of February 2025, Egypt hosts 925,000 registered refugees, of which 70 percent are Sudanese fleeing the Sudan crisis that erupted in April 2023. Egypt currently hosts over 1.2 million crisis-affected Sudanese.

WFP remains committed to collaborating with the Government of Egypt to address nutrition and food security challenges under the WFP's CSP (2023-2028). This plan aligns with Egypt's Vision 2030 roadmap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. The CSP aims to enhance social protection and food systems, provide humanitarian assistance to refugees, and improve 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, 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 with resilient food systems, including promoting good nutrition and healthy diets.

## Operational Updates

### Crisis Response

- WFP continued to provide monthly cash assistance to more than 240,000 refugees, crisis-affected people and asylum seekers.
- WFP provided conditional cash assistance to 8,500 pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women with children aged 0-24 months when they attend health check-ups at WFP-contracted hospitals.

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

- In February, WFP delivered vocational training to more than 110 refugees, crisis-affected populations, and host community members. Since the programme's inception in January 2024, the total number of beneficiaries has exceeded 5,750 people.
- As part of a programme funded by the EU and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), nearly 270 individuals were awarded micro-grants in February after completing business training, designed to promote small business growth through mentorship and seed funding. In collaboration with Plan International and KOICA, an award ceremony was held, granting 30 individuals micro-grant seed funding for their mentored business ventures. The rest received their grants outside of the ceremony.
- WFP and partners held psycho-social support sessions for 355 refugees and affected groups in Cairo, Alexandria, and Damietta to build resilience, enhance self-awareness, and foster community support.

### School-Based Programme

- WFP provided cash assistance to over 33,600 families of community school students, conditional on their children attending school, to safeguard their livelihoods from economic shocks. Approximately 35,200 students across five governorates received in-school fortified snacks.
- To enhance technological integration in community education, WFP and UNICEF continued training-of-trainers to teachers on introducing technology-based evaluations and other innovative teaching tools. The trainers subsequently delivered the training to 815 community school teachers across five governorates.



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

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Photo caption: WWFP provides fortified snacks and cash-based transfers to community school children based on their attendance. ©WFP

## Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
<b>439 m</b>	<b>170 m</b>
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (March– May 2025)
<b>88 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 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.

## Nutrition

- As part of the 'First 1,000 Days' national nutrition program, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) provided cash top-ups to about **46,700** pregnant and breastfeeding women enrolled in the national social protection program, 'Takaful and Karama' ('Solidarity and Dignity').
- WFP and the National Nutrition Institute conducted two-day nutrition workshops in Assiut, training **765** parents and teachers to provide nutrition education in their communities.

## Climate Resilience and Support to Smallholder Farmers

- In February, WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation conducted a campaign to educate and raise awareness among **1,074** individuals, including **782** women, across various regions regarding the impacts of climate shocks on agriculture and livelihoods, and strategies to mitigate and adapt to these risks.
- In the 2024-2025 winter season, WFP consolidated around **4,757** feddans for **8,119** smallholder farmers
- WFP provided in-kind animal loans to **558** women, enhancing their livelihoods. Additionally, **2,871** women received training on effective methods for poultry raising.

## Women and Youth Empowerment

- WFP and the International Labor Organization (ILO) carried out a capacity assessment of the national employment services to support young people in entering the job market. WFP and ILO conducted a study on green skills in Egypt, revealing an increased demand for agricultural waste management and heightened environmental awareness. Both studies will guide WFP's upcoming livelihoods support activities.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

- The post-distribution survey showed that parents of community school students are highly satisfied with WFP's in-school snacks and cash-based transfers (CBT). A majority of parents (73 percent) indicated that they depend on in-school snacks as a component of their children's breakfast. Parents reported that WFP's conditional cash assistance was mainly used for food and education, meeting the programme's goals. Many parents noted that CBT helps their children attend school regularly.

## Hassan's Story: From Farm to Classroom

Hassan, passionate about farming, left school to assist his father. He decided to go back to school after seeing his sister's excitement about WFP's new smart boards in their community school. At the age of nine, he went back to school and combined his interest in farming and education by starting a school garden. WFP's cash assistance allowed him to support his family and attend school. "I want to be a successful farmer," Hassan said firmly. With education and hard work, I can achieve my dream of owning a farm. His words highlight the impact of education and the promise of youth.

Hear Hassan's story [here!](#)

