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## WFP Egypt Country Brief June 2025

## In Numbers

171,000\* people assisted  
in June 2025



US\$ 2.1 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 17.8 m (July – December 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 May 2025, inflation registered 16.8 percent, with a 3 percent increase from the previous month as an effect of fuel prices increase in April 2025. Compared to the same period the previous year, the Egyptian economy shows relative stability.

As of June 2025, Egypt hosts more than one million registered refugees, of which 73 percent are Sudanese fleeing the Sudan crisis that erupted in April 2023, with Egypt hosting over 1.5 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.



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**

## Constrained Funding for Refugees Response

- WFP Egypt is facing a critical funding shortfall for its ongoing food assistance to vulnerable crisis-affected populations. If no further funding is received, **WFP may be forced to suspend vital humanitarian aid to 235,000 refugees and crisis-affected populations in August 2025.**

## Operational Updates

### Crisis Response

- Due to persistent funding shortfalls, WFP has been compelled since April to optimize its limited resources by reducing both the value of cash assistance provided and the number of beneficiaries by more than one-third. These measures enabled WFP to provide unconditional cash assistance to approximately **150,000** vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers, and crisis-affected individuals in June.
- In June, WFP provided cash assistance to up to **10,000** vulnerable pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women with children aged 0-24 months, conditional upon attending health check-ups at WFP-contracted hospitals.

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

- WFP provided vocational training to over **1,200** refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in June, reaching then over **5,000** people since January 2025. Additionally, as of June, a total of **830** individuals received micro-grants and mentorship programs, designed to support the launch and expansion of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), enhancing food security, self-reliance and resilience.

### Youth Empowerment

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and WFP's cooperating partners, WFP conducted 55 "Youth Business and Career Skills Sessions" across seven governorates in Upper Egypt. A total of **1,386** young people participated (89 percent women), making up around 41 percent of all youth beneficiaries in the targeted areas. The sessions aimed to strengthen youth employability, explore barriers to employment and entrepreneurship, introduce the services available at labour offices, and gather insights to inform future programme design.

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)	
Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
439 m	181 m
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (July – December 2025)
88.4 m	17.8 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.

### Nutrition

- WFP, in partnership with the National Nutrition Institute (NNI), updated the protocols for screening and managing school-age nutrition. As part of this effort, 170 healthcare workers from the School Health Department in Assiut and Sohag were trained to carry out regular nutrition screenings, including in rural areas and WFP-supported community schools. In addition, the trained doctors and

nurses were equipped to raise awareness among parents about healthy eating habits and balanced nutrition — reaching families through schools, local health units, and community outreach.

### Support to Smallholder Farmers

- In June, WFP reached approximately 9,700 smallholder farmers in targeted governorates through integrated agricultural initiatives, including good farming practices, agro-waste management, post-harvest techniques, and in-kind loans to women.
- A total of 9,477 farmers received climate-resilient highly productive seeds for 409 feddans (172 hectares) and 3,520 farmers received fertilizers for 1,827 feddans (767 hectares), supporting environmentally-smart agriculture practices, and enhancing productivity under changing environmental conditions.
- About 963 farmers received training on innovative agricultural and irrigational techniques and practices, empowering both men and women to improve productivity.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP conducted process monitoring for the “Nutrition for School-age Children at Community Schools” training, a nutrition capacity strengthening initiative for Teachers. The activity was evaluated through a self-administered post-training satisfaction survey, completed by 2,080 participants across nine governorates between the third quarter of 2024 and June 2025. Findings revealed high levels of satisfaction among participants across all training components and locations. The training was widely viewed as both important and relevant, with many participants reporting that it enhanced their skills and knowledge. Key learning areas included understanding appropriate diets for school-age children, planning nutritious meals on a limited budget, and recognizing the signs and causes of malnutrition in children and adolescents. Self-assessment results showed a 75 percent increase in participants' knowledge compared to their pre-training level. Most teachers stated that the training would improve their job performance. Participants also recommended expanding the training to reach more educators and suggested incorporating more content on affordable dietary alternatives to improve children's nutrition.

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#### Standing with refugees in Egypt

Most of those fleeing the conflict in Sudan are women and children. Among them is Nadia, who carried her sick husband to safety and now cares for him in Egypt, while her daughter looks for work. WFP's monthly food assistance is helping them hold on through this difficult time.

Click [here](#) to listen to Nadia's story.



**Photo caption:** Nadia, a Sudanese refugee woman in Egypt benefiting from WFP assistance. ©WFP