



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
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WFP Egypt Country Brief August 2025



In Numbers

310,400* people assisted in August 2025



US\$ 3.5 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 4.2 m (September 2025 – February 2026) net funding requirements

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

Country and Operational Context

Egypt continues to navigate a challenging economic environment marked by persistent inflationary pressures, currency volatility, and the lingering effects of regional and global crises.

Despite these pressures, the economy shows signs of relative stabilization, with the Egyptian pound appreciating in value by more than four percent against the US dollar in August 2025, compared to the year start. In addition, as of July 2025, annual inflation eased to 13.1 percent, down from 14.4 percent in June.

Egypt remains a key host country in the regional displacement crisis. As of August 2025, the country shelters over 1.03 million registered refugees, with Sudanese nationals comprising 74 percent of this population. In total, Egypt is estimated to host more than 1.5 million Sudanese affected by the ongoing conflict that erupted in April 2023.

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.



Stunting: 13% of children between 1 and 59 months

Population: 105.8 million (CAPMAS, December 2023)

Income Level: Lower middle

Egypt ranks 100 out of 193 per the 2023 Human Development Index.

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- With new contributions, WFP Egypt was able to reinstate the monthly cash assistance transfer value from the reduced allocation of EGP 500 (USD 9.88) to EGP 750 (USD 15) per person as of August 2025. The programme is also gradually reinstating beneficiaries removed from assistance earlier in 2025 due to funding shortages. The programme's plan is to scale up from 150,000 individuals assisted in July 2025 to reach the original target of 250,000 refugees and crisis-affected people per month based on assessed vulnerability needs and available resources.
- WFP continues supporting up to 5,000 vulnerable pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women with children aged 0-24 months through monthly cash assistance, conditional on attending health check-ups at WFP-contracted centers.

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

- WFP and partners provided vocational training to over 700 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in August, bringing the total to over 7,000 people since January 2025. Trainings included the production of leather goods, home applicant maintenance, and business management, among others.

Nutrition

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' national nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) provided monthly cash top-ups to about 43,700 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children aged 0-24 months registered in the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama ('Solidarity and Dignity').

Support to Smallholder Farmers

- In August, WFP reached approximately 11,000 smallholder farmers in targeted governorates through integrated sustainable agricultural initiatives, including improved farming/irrigation practices, land consolidation, solar-powered irrigation, agro-waste management, post-harvest techniques, and in-kind loans to women and youth.
- For summer 2025, WFP consolidated 2,944 feddans (1,236 hectares) of land for cultivation, benefiting a total of 5,070 smallholder farmers, enhancing economies of scale and access to mechanization.

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Photo caption: WFP field coordinators support on-ground activities that strengthen food security and community resilience.

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Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)	
Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
438.9 m	202.4 m
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (September 2025 – February 2026)
88 m	4.2 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.

- To support climate-smart agriculture practices and enhancing productivity under changing environmental conditions, WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation mobilized and raised awareness of 2,480 individuals on strategies to mitigate environmental and other risks.

- In August, WFP convened two Social Dialogue sessions in Qena and Sohag as part of the *Climate Action for Rural Community Resilience* initiative, with Egypt's Ministry of Environment and in collaboration with UN agencies. These sessions brought together national and local government representatives, NGOs, academics, and community members to showcase ongoing work in both governorates and foster dialogue around local needs, existing efforts, policy gaps, and opportunities for collaboration. The Ministry will consolidate insights from these sessions and others to inform Egypt's developing National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP carried out a process monitoring survey among smallholder farmer beneficiaries across six governorates. Results indicated a strong level of satisfaction, with an average of 95 percent of respondents expressing approval of the services provided, particularly the quantity and quality of climate-resilient seeds distributed to smallholder farmers.
Approximately 75 percent reported improved land productivity compared to the previous year, attributing this progress to the use of enhanced seed varieties.
 In addition, on-farm technical support was positively received, with 92 percent rating it as sufficient and nearly all beneficiaries finding it highly valuable in implementing project recommendations.

Amal's Bakery: A Recipe for Resilience

Amal, a mother from Aswan, transformed her life after joining WFP's "She Can" Programme, which equipped her with the skills to start a home-based bakery. Despite initial challenges balancing family and work, Amal's resilience and the flexibility of her setup allowed her to thrive. She expanded her offerings through online learning and strategic planning, turning her bakery into a vital source of income and nutrition for her family. Today, Amal dreams of growing her business further, proving how access to training and support can unlock lasting empowerment.



 **WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY | 19 AUGUST**

To mark World Humanitarian Day, WFP Egypt launched a social media campaign featuring staff members from across various functions. The series of Instagram posts highlights their personal stories, roles, and impact in serving vulnerable communities.



The full campaign is available on [Instagram](#).