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WFP Egypt Country Brief September 2025

In Numbers

390,000* people assisted
in September 2025



US\$ 4 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 9.6m (October 2025 – March 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 around 4 percent against the US dollar in August 2025, compared to the year start. In addition, as of August 2025, annual inflation eased to 11.2 percent, down from 13.1 percent in July.

Egypt remains a key host country in the regional displacement crisis. As of September 2025, the country shelters over 1.05 million registered refugees, with Sudanese nationals comprising 75 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 under WFP's 2023-2028 Country Strategic Plan (CSP). 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 4 years**
Egypt ranks 100 out of 193 per the 2023 Human Development Index.
Population: 105 million (est. 2025, December 2023)

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- Under WFP's crisis response programme, WFP assisted **250,000** refugees and crisis-affected people with monthly cash assistance of EGP 750 (USD 15) per person.
- WFP is supporting pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women (PBW), reaching up to **5,000** vulnerable refugee women with children aged 0-24 months in September through monthly cash assistance, conditional upon attending health check-ups at WFP-contracted hospitals.

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

- WFP and its partners provided vocational training to over **600** refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in September, bringing the total to over **8,000** people since January 2025. Trainings included the production of leather goods, maintenance of home appliances, and business management, among others.

Nutrition

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) provided cash top-ups to about **40,814** pregnant and breastfeeding women and children aged 0-24 months registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama' ('Solidarity and Dignity').

Support to Smallholder Farmers

- In September, WFP reached approximately **6,000** smallholder farmers with sustainable agricultural initiatives, including improved farming and irrigation practices, land consolidation, the use of solar-powered irrigation, agro-waste management, post-harvest techniques, and in-kind loans to women and youth.
- WFP launched the Nabatech application for smallholder farmers and continued to enroll farmers during September in three governorates. The application provides a platform for farmers to receive customized climate early warning and agro-advisory suited to their lands and crops as well as a virtual marketplace for agricultural inputs and crops sales and other products.

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\$) (October 2025 – March 2026)
88 m	9.6 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.

Women Empowerment

- WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) piloted an updated 'She Can' entrepreneurship training package in Sohag with 20 women beneficiaries. The package aims to equip women with practical skills to start and manage small businesses. Feedback from the pilot session was incorporated into the manual, and the revised version has been submitted to the Ministry for clearance and final endorsement.

School Feeding

- WFP supported about 17,578 families (≈87,890 individuals) of community school students with cash-based transfers in the governorates of Sohag, Sharkeya, Luxor, and Aswan. These transfers aim to protect their livelihoods against economic shocks and support their food security.
- From 29–30 September, WFP Egypt held its annual school meals coordination meeting, bringing together 90 stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Education (MoETE), the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), WFP's school snacks supplier. WFP field staff, and cooperating partners. The meeting focused on sharing information between different stakeholders of the National School Feeding Programme, which supports 14 million students nationwide, resolving operational challenges, improving coordination at the governorate level, and finalizing distribution plans of WFP-supported schools for the new academic year. This coordination is key to ensuring smooth implementation and timely delivery of school meals to over 361,000 students in 570 public and 3,040 community schools targeted by WFP.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- In the third quarter, WFP's regular Food Security Outcome Monitoring Survey (FSOM) covered a sample of 1,279 refugees and migrants, including WFP beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Results revealed that 51 percent of WFP-supported refugees had adequate food consumption compared to 40 percent among non-beneficiary refugees. However, adequate food consumption level for WFP-supported refugees and other crisis-affected populations declined from the first quarter of 2025, possibly driven by reduced cash transfer value from EGP 750 (USD 15) to EGP 500 (USD 9.88) between April and July, amid funding shortages, despite stable inflation. WFP beneficiaries mainly used assistance to purchase food.

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To mark Egyptian Farmers' Day, WFP Egypt published a series of social media posts highlighting the role of farmers in advancing food security. The content highlighted farmers' stories and contributions under WFP's programmes. Check them out on [Instagram](#).

