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In Numbers

743,500* people assisted
in October 2025



US\$ 4.7 m cash-based transfers made

484.5 MT of food assistance distributed

US\$ 17 m (November 2025 – April 2026) net funding requirements

**Figures presented are estimates based on available data at the 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 4.6 percent against the US dollar in September 2025, compared to the year start. In addition, as of September 2025, annual inflation eased to 10.3 percent, down from 11.2 percent in August.

Egypt remains a key host country in the regional displacement crisis. As of October 2025, the country shelters over 1.07 million registered refugees, with Sudanese nationals comprising 76 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 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

- Under WFP's crisis response programme, WFP continued to assist 250,000 refugees and crisis-affected people with monthly cash assistance of EGP 750 (USD 15) per person.
- To improve the nutrition status of vulnerable women and children, WFP provides monthly EGP 750 (USD 15) to 5,500 pregnant and breastfeeding refugee women (PBW), 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 and its partners provided vocational training to over 600 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in October, bringing the total to over 8,000 people in 2025. WFP also launched its new online learning platform, "WFP Learn2Earn", offering seven training pathways in small business management, graphic design, digital marketing, customer service, sales, photography, and data analysis. 36 participants successfully completed their online training in October.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed fortified in-school snacks to more than 92,600 students enrolled in community schools in 10 governorates (of which, 66 percent are girls). WFP also distributed fortified in-school snacks to more than 268,700 students (Egyptians and non-Egyptians, of which 50 percent are girls) attending primary public schools in the governorates of Giza and Aswan.
- A total of 21,000 families of community school students in Sohag, Sharkeya, Luxor, Aswan governorates and five districts in Assiut received cash assistance of EGP 620 (USD 13) to help them withstand economic shocks, support food security, while encouraging them to send their children to school.

Support to Smallholder Farmers

- WFP reached ~1,288 smallholder farmers and community members under its integrated agricultural development programme through trainings on climate resilience, smart agriculture practices and irrigation techniques, rehabilitation of irrigation canals and establishment of solar-powered pumping stations. Beneficiaries also participated in market linkage trainings, enhancing their capacity to access and engage with agricultural markets.

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Photo caption: WFP supports refugees and crisis-affected populations with monthly cash assistance to meet their immediate food needs. @WFP

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
438.9 m	202.9 m
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2025 – April 2026)
88 m	17 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

- Under the 'First 1,000 Days' nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) provided cash top-ups to about **40,800** pregnant and breastfeeding women with children aged 0-24 months registered under the national social protection programme, 'Takaful and Karama' ('Solidarity and Dignity').

- WFP is contributing to the food security and nutrition data analysis of the national Household Income, Expenditure, and Consumption Survey (HIECS) data. This analysis would inform national food security policies and programmes.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP conducted an outcome monitoring exercise with 400 women across eight governorates in Upper Egypt (South Egypt) who participated in the "She Can" women's economic empowerment programme who received micro-loans to support small business development. One year after the intervention, results indicated stronger perceptions among women regarding their ability to withstand economic shocks and mitigate their impact on livelihoods, with the proportion reporting high resilience rising from 5 percent in 2024 to 21 percent in 2025; most participants (81 percent) remained in the moderate category, while those in the low category dropped from 14 percent to 5 percent.
- 92 percent of participants reported an increase in income that contributed to household expenses and basic needs, including food and nutrition (46 percent), while 29 percent reinvested part of their income to expand their businesses.
- Economic empowerment also rose significantly with 57 percent of women in 2025 reporting a better financial situation and greater participation in major household decisions, up from 17 percent in 2024. These results reflect WFP's contribution to sustainable income generation and improved livelihoods.

Turathna (Our Heritage) Exhibition | 4-11 October

WFP and its partners participated in the [Turathna](#) exhibition to empower beneficiaries by improving their access to sustainable livelihoods and create market opportunities. The exhibition is one of Egypt's leading handicraft events organized yearly by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (MSMEDA).

WFP's booth showcased products created by beneficiaries from various programmes that are addressing resilience building, women and youth economic empowerment and green jobs for Egyptian and non-Egyptian populations.

