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Country and Operational Context

Egypt recently witnessed relative stability after navigating a challenging economic environment marked by persistent inflationary pressures, currency volatility, and the lingering effects of regional and global crises.

The Egyptian Pound appreciated in value by around 4.2 percent against the US Dollar in November 2025, compared to the year start. In addition, as of November 2025, annual inflation eased to 10 percent, down from 10.1 percent in October.

Egypt remains a key host country in the regional displacement crisis. As of December 2025, the country shelters over 1.09 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: 107.96 million (CAPMAS, July 2025)

Egypt ranks 100 out of 194 per the 2023 Human Development Index

Income level: Lower middle

In Numbers

744,000* people assisted
in December 2025



US\$ 3.2 m cash-based transfers made

620 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 20.7 m (January 2026 – June 2026) net funding requirements

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

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

- WFP continued assisting 250,000 refugees and crisis-affected people with monthly cash assistance with a reduced cash value of EGP 500 (USD 10), down from EGP 750 (USD 15), per person to stretch the available resources until further funding is confirmed and avoid stopping essential assistance to most vulnerable refugees.
- To improve the nutrition status of vulnerable women and children, WFP provides EGP 750 (USD 15) monthly cash assistance 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 in Greater Cairo, Alexandria, and Damietta; the programme is also planned to expand in Luxor and Aswan.
- WFP held a nutrition awareness event under the KOICA-funded project, aiming to improve the nutrition and health of PBW and children under two by facilitating access to basic health and nutrition services. The event celebrated motherhood and empowered refugee women with knowledge to optimize their health during pregnancy and breastfeeding, while fostering a supportive environment.

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

- WFP and partners provided vocational training to nearly 1,500 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in December in five governorates, bringing the total to over 10,400 people in 2025. On the new online learning platform "WFP Learn2Earn", 349 participants completed business management courses. The trainings promote social cohesion and increase self-reliance by fostering labour market-relevant skills and enhancing access to income-generating opportunities.

School Feeding

- WFP distributed fortified in-school snacks to over 267,000 students attending primary public schools in Giza and Aswan governorates in areas hosting refugee communities. WFP also distributed fortified in-school snacks to over 93,000 students enrolled in community schools in ten governorates. Additionally, 22,000 families of community school students in Sohag, Sharkeya, Luxor, Aswan governorates and five districts in Assiut received cash assistance of EGP 620 (USD 13) conditional to their child's school attendance to help them withstand economic shocks and support their food security.

Photo caption: WFP provides vocational trainings for refugees, crisis-affected people and host communities to promote self-reliance and encourage social cohesion. @WFP

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Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received
439 m	205 m
2026 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (January 2026 – June 2026)
87 m	20.7 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 government efforts for digital transformation, WFP procured and installed 105 interactive smart screens in community schools in two governorates, fostering an engaging learning environment. Teachers were trained on their use and functions, empowering them with tools in parity with their peers in other schools nationwide.

• Together with the National Nutrition Institute (NNI) and Ministry of Health and Population, over 600 community school students in four governorates participated in camps to raise awareness on nutrition and healthy practices, personal hygiene, and the importance of sports. Parents of these children attended sessions on healthy eating habits and

affordable alternatives to unhealthy meals.

Support to Smallholder Farmers

- WFP reached over 8,500 smallholder farmers and community members under its Integrated Agricultural Development Programme through different activities, including land consolidation, establishment of water user associations, installation of solar irrigation systems and related maintenance trainings, market linkages trainings and rehabilitation of irrigation canals. The activities aim to increase household resilience and agricultural productivity.
- 2,170 smallholder farmers participated in national and local agricultural exhibitions, such as Food Africa. WFP and partners also organized four market linkage events in Sohag, Sharkeya, Luxor, and Aswan governorates, helping enhance smallholders' capacity to access agricultural markets for sales of inputs, crops and equipment.

Nutrition

- To improve nutrition status of vulnerable women and children, under the 'First 1,000 Days' nutrition programme, WFP and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) provided cash top-ups to about 30,450 pregnant and breastfeeding women with children aged 0-24 months registered under the national social protection programme Takaful and Karama ('Solidarity and Dignity').
- WFP and the NNI trained 500 school healthcare workers in five governorates to enhance efficiency of the school screening programme for early detection and referral of malnutrition among children in public schools and WFP-supported schools. The doctors and nurses were also trained to educate parents on healthy food practices and balanced nutrition through schools and health units.

Women's Economic Empowerment

- WFP, with MoSS and local NGOs, started cascading the newly updated "She Can" women's economic empowerment programme to 100 rural women from Upper Egypt. Women received comprehensive training on small project management, gender awareness and marketing skills. The programme targets beneficiaries of the national safety net Takaful and Karama - households headed by women, and mothers of community school students - aiming to strengthen their economic resilience, enhance livelihoods and eventually transition out of social protection programmes.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP's outcome monitoring results revealed a steady proportion of adequate diet and dietary diversity for women and young children between 2024 and 2025. Only 7.3 percent of children aged 6-23 months met the Minimum Acceptable Diet, while 31 percent of women achieved Minimum Dietary Diversity. This stabilization follows a decline in 2023 and 2024, driven by currency devaluation and increased food prices that reduced household purchasing power and limited access to diverse, adequate food options. Additional contributing factors could include insufficient knowledge of low-cost, nutritious, and diverse dietary alternatives. Most beneficiaries reported using assistance primarily for food and infant needs, highlighting the need for continued support and raising awareness on affordable nutritional alternatives to improve dietary diversity.