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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 6.3 percent against the US Dollar in December 2025, compared to the year start. In addition, as of December 2025, annual inflation eased to 10.3 percent, down from 23.4 percent in December the year before.

Egypt remains a key host country in the regional displacement crisis. As of December 2025, the country shelters over 1.1 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

630,500* people assisted
in January 2026



US\$ 2.9 m cash-based transfers made

145 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 24 m (February 2026 – July 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) per person, down from EGP 750 (USD 15), to stretch the available resources until further funding is confirmed and avoid stopping essential assistance to the most vulnerable refugees. If no further funding is received, WFP may be forced to suspend this critical assistance [in March 2026](#).
- 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. This assistance is conditional upon attending health check-ups at WFP-contracted hospitals in Greater Cairo, Alexandria, and Damietta.
- WFP held a nutrition awareness event in January, aiming to improve the nutrition and health of PBW and children under two by facilitating access to basic health and nutrition services. The session empowered refugee women with knowledge to optimize their health during pregnancy and breastfeeding, particularly during the first 1,000 days.

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

- In January, WFP and partners provided vocational training to nearly 1,200 refugees, crisis-affected populations and host community members in five governorates and online through the "WFP Learn2Earn" platform. The trainings promote social cohesion and increase self-reliance by fostering labour market-relevant skills and enhancing access to income-generating opportunities.

Women and Youth Economic Empowerment

- WFP, with the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) and local NGOs, continued cascading the newly updated "She Can" women's economic empowerment programme to 240 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 and transition out of social protection programmes.

Photo caption: WFP provides fortified, locally produced date bars to community and public schools, providing 25 percent of a child's daily caloric needs. @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\$) (February 2026 – July 2026)
87 m	24 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 ensure sustainability and strengthen national capacities, WFP trained employees from its community partner in Qena governorate on managing the microloans portfolio, focusing on lending, financial and accounting systems using agreed standard policies and procedures to ensure efficient microloan management.
- WFP conducted an online refresher course for career counseling specialists and Ministry of Labour representatives from three governorates. The training strengthened their capacity to apply career counseling tools as part of the Youth Livelihoods Programme. It emphasized personalized guidance aligned with youth

aspirations and labour market needs, with one-on-one counselling scheduled throughout the programme cycle to monitor progress and refine career pathways.

School-based Programme

- Complementary to the National School Feeding Programme, WFP distributed fortified in-school snacks to over 267,000 students attending primary public schools in Giza and Aswan governorates. WFP also distributed fortified in-school snacks to over 93,000 students enrolled in community schools in ten governorates.
- Additionally, 3,700 families of community school students in Assiut governorate 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.
- As part of strengthening capacities of government employees, WFP, in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MoETE), held a workshop to test the prototype model of the automated School Meals Tracker, a digital tool developed by MoETE and linked to the national school databases to digitize the receipt and distribution of school meals in public schools. MoETE staff, Directorates of Education in Aswan and Giza, and school principals tested the demo application and provided feedback to align the application with the current distribution practices in schools.

Nutrition-Sensitive and Nutrition-Specific Interventions

- WFP and the National Nutrition Institute (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.
- WFP, NNI, and MoSS reached 120 community workers with the First 1,000 Days training, enabling them to provide awareness and counselling for PBW, mothers, and community members on the first 1,000 days using digital transformation tools.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP's 2025 outcome monitoring results show that resilience and climate adaptation interventions for smallholder farmers positively strengthened beneficiaries' resilience to climate shocks through the adoption of adaptive agricultural practices. About 89 percent of beneficiaries reported high resilience following training and technical advice, reporting noticeable improvements like healthier soil, increased crop yields, better water management, and reduced crop and livestock losses. Land consolidation and climate-smart practices contributed to a 50 percent increase in annual yield productivity and a 32 percent reduction in cultivation costs.
- Beneficiaries reported improved abilities to withstand climate shocks. The proportion of beneficiaries with high resilience scores rose by 13 percent, reaching 76 percent, while those with low resilience scores dropped from 9 percent in 2024 to just 1 percent.