



World Food Programme

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## WFP Egypt

COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026



**570,000** people assisted in March 2026  
(60% female)



**562.67 mt** food distributed in March 2026



**USD 2M** cash transferred in March 2026



**USD 26M** required in the next six months (April – Sept 2026)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- In March 2026, WFP suspended cash assistance for 100,000 refugees and crisis-affected people due to funding shortfalls - now supporting 150,000 out of the 250,000 targeted vulnerable beneficiaries with a reduced value of USD 9.54, covering only 20 percent of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket. WFP will soon be forced to completely suspend assistance if no further funding is received.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Egypt's economy witnessed high pressures after relative stability, affected by the regional escalation and global economic developments leading to supply chain disruptions. Annual inflation accelerated in March 2026 at 13.5 percent, with food inflation at 6.2 percent. Local fuel prices increased by up to 17 percent, leading to further cost pressures on the country's resources and raising the cost of living.
- As of March 2026, Egypt shelters over 1.1 million registered refugees, of which Sudanese nationals comprise 76 percent. In total, Egypt is estimated to host over 1.5 million Sudanese affected by the conflict starting April 2023.
- WFP remains committed to collaborating with the Government of Egypt under WFP's [2023-2028 Country Strategic Plan \(CSP\)](#), aligning 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 initiative to support the poorest villages 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.

Reporting Period: March 2026

**Photo Caption & Credit:** WFP supports crisis-affected people and host communities with vocational trainings to improve their self-reliance. WFP/Egypt

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees

- WFP suspended cash assistance for 100,000 refugees and crisis-affected people due to funding shortfalls. WFP now assists **150,000** of the most vulnerable beneficiaries, out of the total 250,000 targeted beneficiaries, with a reduced value of EGP 500 (USD 9.54), down from EGP 750 (USD 14.3).
- To improve the nutrition status of vulnerable women and children, WFP provides EGP 750 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.

### Self-Reliance for Refugees and Host Communities

- WFP and partners provided vocational training to more than **2,300** people - 65 percent are refugees and crisis-affected people and 35 percent are host community members - across Cairo, Alexandria, Damietta, Matrouh as well as online through WFP's "Learn2Earn" platform. The trainings promote social cohesion and increase self-reliance by enhancing access to income-generating opportunities to support refugees' food security.

### Women's Economic Empowerment

- As part of WFP's efforts to build institutional capacities of local NGO communities, WFP, Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) and NGOs delivered the "She Can" women's economic empowerment programme to **220** rural women in Upper Egypt. Women were trained on small project management, gender, and marketing skills to strengthen their economic resilience and support their food security.
- To strengthen youth resilience, address the root causes of food insecurity, and build national capacities, WFP, together with MoSS, Ministry of Labor and local NGOs, supported young women and men in Qena who successfully graduated from a solar power vocational training, including on-the-job training. Additionally, young women in Sohag

completed training on food processing, food safety, and agricultural marketing.

### School Feeding Programme

- Complementary to the national School Feeding programme, WFP distributed fortified in-school snacks to over **361,000** students in primary public schools in Giza and Aswan hosting refugees and community schools in ten governorates.
- To improve the food security and resilience of vulnerable rural communities, **4,060** families of community school students in Assiut also received monthly EGP 620 (USD 11.8) assistance, conditional on their child's school attendance.
- Supporting the Ministry of Education and Technical Education's vision for fresh school meals, **1,600** community school students in Beni Suef received daily fresh snacks made by mothers at a Central Kitchen operated by a partner NGO.

### Nutrition-Sensitive and Specific Interventions

- To improve the nutrition of vulnerable women and children, under the 'First 1,000 Days' programme, WFP and MoSS provided cash top-ups to **30,000** PBW with children aged 0-24 months registered under 'Takaful and Karama'.
- WFP, the National Nutrition Institute, and MoSS trained 180 MoSS community workers in Assiut on the First 1,000 Days to strengthen their capacity to counsel thousands of PBW, mothers, and the community using digital transformation tools.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- WFP monitoring of parents and caregivers of community school students indicates a significant improvement in the dietary adequacy of students supported with WFP cash assistance before the reduction of coverage in some governorates. The proportion of WFP-assisted students achieving Minimum Dietary Diversity increased from 45 percent at the 2024 baseline and 56 percent in 2025 to reach 72 percent in 2026, with a particularly notable improvement among girls. This progress is likely attributed to adjustments in the cash transfer values between 2024-2025, enhanced nutrition

knowledge among parents through WFP's awareness sessions, and children encouraging healthier food preparation based on key nutrition messages delivered by teachers. Parents and teachers also reported that cash support provides a strong incentive for regular attendance. The impact of reducing assistance on attendance and dietary outcomes will continue to be monitored during the current academic year.

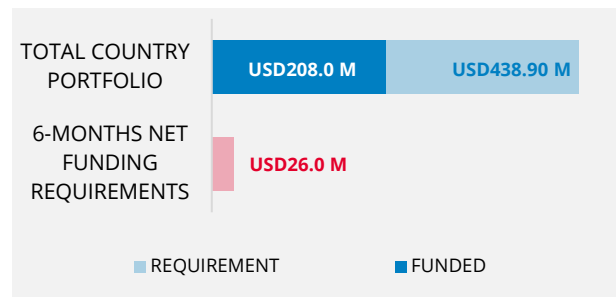
### Mother Makers Garden Market



- On 14 March, WFP partnered with Osana, a local community hub, to celebrate Women's Month and Egyptian Mother's Day through a [Garden Market](#). The event featured products crafted by women supported through WFP's livelihoods programmes to support their income and enhance their food security.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW

#### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2028)



#### Donors (in alphabetical order):

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