



## Egypt

### Situation Report

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## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) that started on 15 April has had devastating consequences for civilians. Nearly 1.4 million people have been newly displaced since 15 April, including 1 million people displaced internally and over 330,000 who have crossed into neighboring countries, such as Egypt.

As of 10 June, 200,000 displaced Sudanese people have entered Egypt from Sudan via the two official border crossings, Argeen and Qustul, since 15 April, as reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). Daily average of arrivals is 5,000 individuals. While UNICEF has access to the borders, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) remains to be the only actor that is allowed to respond to the needs at the borders crossing itself. With the growing influxes, the UNCT was requested by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry (MoFA) to revisit its planning figures

On 30 May, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, concluded a three-day visit to Egypt with an urgent call for support for people fleeing Sudan – and the countries hosting them – and for the borders to remain open to those escaping the conflict. UNICEF was amongst the UN agencies represented in the HC's visit to the borders.

The Government of Egypt has imposed visa regulations for Sudanese nationals entering its territories after “the spread of illegal activities,” according to a statement by MoFA. According to statement by the Spokesperson of MoFA, these measures aim to set an organizational framework for the entry of Sudanese into Egypt. However, conditions at the Sudanese side of the border continue to deteriorate due to lack of water, food, and WASH facilities, all resulting in people being held for long periods of time in dire conditions. According to resources in Sudan, the number of stranded people in Wadi Halfa has reached 100,000 persons.

On 08 June, the Egyptian cabinet passed a draft law in its weekly meeting to regulate the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in the country. The draft law proposes the establishment of a Permanent Committee for Refugee Affairs as the primary legal entity on all refugee matters, the statement continued, which will be created within three months of the law's issuance. The committee will report to Prime Minister. The committee will collaborate with UNHCR, other pertinent international organizations, and domestic authorities to provide optimal services and assistance to all refugees. The draft law stipulates that refugees and asylum seekers must formalize their status within one year of the law's bylaws being ratified.

## UNICEF RESPONSE

### WASH

- In partnership with the Holding Water Company, UNICEF continued its provision of WASH facilities in the border crossings of Argin, Qostul as well as Karkar International Bus Station. As of date, the number of toilets procured and installed has reached eight mobile toilets units comprising 48 chambers to procure, deliver and install additional mobile toilets and carried out rehabilitation assessments to the existing water closets.
- As the lead on WASH sector response, UNICEF received \$600,000 from the CERF allocation, which also includes the interventions proposed by the other sector members.



### Nutrition

- UNICEF leads the sub-sector of nutrition under the overall Food Security Sector, which is led by WFP.
- UNICEF trained 40 health officials of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) on screening for malnutrition and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF). As of 10 June, a number of 86 children were screened for malnutrition among children, as well as practices.
- Four breastfeeding chambers have been established at the border crossings of Argin and Qostul, and additional chambers are planned to be set up in the Aswan train station, as it is one of the areas where Sudanese get centered.
- The funding for the nutrition sub-sector comes through the Food Security Sector, and it receives less funding compared to other sectors. A total of \$750,000 has been transferred through HCT in partnership with WFP for the Supplementary Feeding Program (SPM).

### Child Protection

- The total number of the newly established Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) for the response has reached four spaces in Aswan city and Karkar International Bus Station. This makes the total of child friendly spaces/family clubs in the Governorate of Aswan becomes 12, divided to (8 family clubs in Primary Healthcare Units and 4 child friendly spaces).
- The CFSs have received more than 4,000 beneficiaries.
- Referral from CFSs and case management services are ongoing.



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### Social Policy

- The current number of registered individuals for the WFP-UNICEF cash transfer programme has reached 10,355 individuals. The registration is taking place in the Governorates of Aswan, Giza, Qalyobiya and Cairo. UNICEF contributed \$750,000.
- UNICEF and UNHCR are discussing a new cash transfer agreement to reach the most vulnerable children who plan to register with UNHCR as asylum seekers/refugees.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS

### WASH

- UNICEF is advocating to provide and install two mobile toilets in the no-man's-land at Qustul borders crossing. This will need proper coordination with several government counterparts in order to ensure daily maintenance for these mobile toilets.

### Child Protection

- UNICEF will expand provision of psychosocial support services to children and women.

### Health

- UNICEF received a list of the necessary items to be procured for MoHP to sustain adequate standard of service inside the PHUs, not only for the Sudanese populations, but also for the Egyptian hosting communities.

### Nutrition

- Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) shipments are expected to arrive shortly, and they will be delivered to MoHP Motherhood and Childhood Health Department to be used for screenings.

## FUNDING SITUATION

ECO has received \$1M from the Global Thematic Humanitarian Fund (GHTF). The office is discussing with several donors to support the response for the coming six months.). As a result of the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) release, where UNICEF appealed for \$12M, the UN in Egypt received \$5M under the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). With the coordination of OCHA, the received amount was allocated for the several agencies that contributed to the appeal. As the WASH sector lead, UNICEF is to receive \$600,000.

## SUPPLIES

Cross-border supply is ongoing in coordination with Sudan Country Office. ECO has placed a \$43,000 supply order to procure 15,000 hygiene kits. Additionally, UNICEF's procurement past and future for the supply equals \$2.2M.

## MEDIA AND ADVOCACY

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Article	UNICEF response at the Egyptian-Sudanese borders			
Photo Essay	<a href="#"><u>In the Reception of Sudanese Children Arriving in Egypt</u></a>			
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