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# Egypt

## Situation Report - 2

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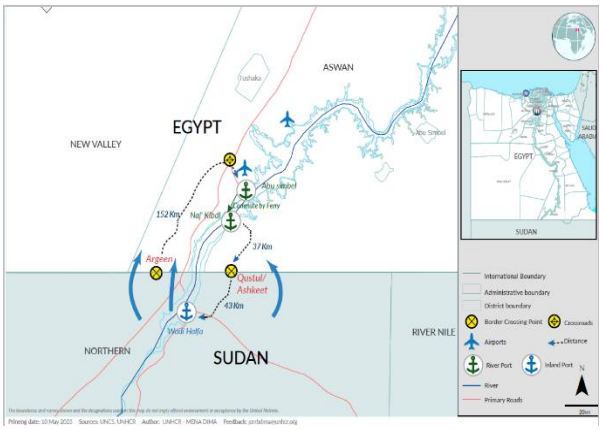
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## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have continued for over two months, while inter-communal violence is spreading in Darfur. About 2.5 million people have been displaced within and outside Sudan since the onset of the conflict on 15 April, including nearly 2 million people internally displaced.[1]

Since the beginning of hostilities, Egypt has received total around 250,000 individuals, out of which 5,565 are third country nationals, representing 60 per cent of all those fleeing the conflict in Sudan. This number will continue to rise as long as hostilities persist, increasing the pressure on host communities.




As of 10 June, and according to the new visa regulations imposed by the Egyptian government, anyone entering Egypt, irrespective of age and gender, must have an Egyptian entry visa. The number of arrivals from Sudan at both border crossings of Argeen and Qostul has dropped significantly since the imposition of these regulations.

The daily reports indicate hundreds daily arrivals compared to thousands until this change in policy. Sudanese expired passports are not accepted (same for children added to their parents' passports). Sudanese with expired passports might face risk of having difficulty renewing their residency permits in Egypt, this also applies to the Sudanese who have been living in Egypt before the conflict started.

1 Sudan | Situation Reports (unocha.org)

# UNICEF RESPONSE

## WASH

- WASH Technical Working Group (TWG) partners have initiated several WASH response interventions to support WASH services in restoring and maintaining sanitation services in the three areas through the provision of the required cleaning, maintenance and operation materials for critical WASH facilities. As of 25 June in Aswan, WASH partners have been able to distribute 700,000 water bottles, 54,000 hygiene kits (standard, both genders) 13,000 Sanitary Napkins and 6,000 dignity kits for females.

- In collaboration with WASH partners, UNICEF plans to support the waste management systems to effectively collect and dispose of waste, reducing environmental contamination and minimizing the risk of disease transmission and outbreaks. Additionally, partners are engaged in the health and hygiene promotion and awareness raising community-based activities to increase the knowledge among the population on importance of clean water, safe sanitation and proper hygiene practices including hand washing. Soap dispensers were procured and put inside the toilets already provided by UNICEF at the border and train and bus stations in Aswan to ensure hand washing and hygiene practices.

- 36 Toilets have been installed in at the border crossings of Argeen and Qustul, and 12 at Karkar bus station where people coming from the border disembark. With this support Sudanese and other nationalities will be able to have access to the clean drinking water and safe sanitation facilities.

## Nutrition

- The nutrition subsector Technical Working Group (TWG) has supported the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) through training of health professionals in Aswan on Infant and Young Child Feeding (**IYCF**) counselling and growth monitoring, 3 nutrition screening points for children under 5 years of age and for pregnant/lactating women at the border and train and bus stations in Aswan have been set up with the MOHP.




- Primary Healthcare Units in Aswan have been supported with supplies for growth monitoring and on IYCF counselling.

- Ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) and other therapeutic items including Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) kits are in route to be delivered to MoHP. No cases of wasting have been identified through the screening points, 10 cases of chronic malnutrition stunting and low weight for height were detected. Additionally, to improve detection of cases, agreement to start screening at Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and registration sights has been reached by the Nutrition TWG and the MoHP to allow these sights to register the children on the online registration system being developed for the MoHP by the TWG.

## Child Protection

- UNICEF, in partnership with Caritas, has established four child friendly spaces – one in Karkar bus station and three in Aswan. Eight family clubs in Primary Health Care Units have also been established in cooperation with the MoHP. Over 4,300 children have approached the Child Friendly Spaces in Karkar Bus Station and Aswan City.

## Education

- To meet the urgent wellbeing and learning needs of Sudanese children, UN agencies and partners are working to expand learning space capacity and ensure that children's wellbeing needs are met, and that learning can continue at all levels. The focus of the response is on Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC), children with disabilities and others who are most at risk of being educationally excluded. There are ongoing school feeding programmes, which provides critical social protection to vulnerable children and supports access and attendance to learning of the most marginalised.

- To ensure high quality learning in schools and continuity of learning, UNICEF's Learning Passport, which has the Sudanese Curriculum on the digital platform, and is already used by Sudanese communities in Egypt, is being scaled up and expanded to new Sudanese learners.

- At the strategic level, in Cairo, UNICEF has coordinated with the Sudanese embassy to secure access to national exams; information from the Sudanese MoE is pending. As part of strengthening the capacity of community learning spaces where there are already established Sudanese communities, UNICEF is supporting Sudanese teachers provide additional classes, alternative learning programmes (ALPs), Learning Hubs until the September exams.

- To address the lack of capacity of learning spaces in Aswan, UNICEF is establishing new community-based learning facilities through a well-established Aswan-based Non-Government Organizations (NGOs); these facilities will support children's educational needs through catch-up classes, extra-curricular activities and provision of learning materials.

### Social Policy

- The current number of registered individuals for the WFP-UNICEF cash transfer programme has reached 21,897 individuals, out of which 46 per cent are children. The registration is taking place in the Governorates of Aswan, Giza, Qalyobiya and Cairo.

- 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.

## FUNDING SITUATION

| Funding Requirement | Available Funding[2] | Funding Gap |
|---|---|---|
| 12.3 M | 4.1 M | 8.4 M |

## SUPPLIES

As the numbers of Sudanese stranded communities are increasing in Wadi Halfa, the Egyptian government and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have opened a humanitarian corridor between Upper Egypt's Aswan and Sudan's Wadi Halfa in the north of the country. WFP succeeded to send its first shipment, consisting of 50 tons of food aid, to Wadi Halfa on 16 June.
On 22 June, UNICEF's first shipment, consisting of 15,000 hygiene kits, has successfully crossed into Sudan. However, at the time of the writing of this report, the shipment has not yet received by Sudan Country Office (SCO) to be distributed to the communities.

2 This figure represents the received and committed fundings from humanitarian donors.

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