



Egypt

Situation Report - 4

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

July 24th marked 100 days since the eruption of war in Sudan, a crisis that turned a dire humanitarian situation into a full-blown catastrophe. It is a devastating situation, with the surging violations increasing the suffering of civilians. Thousands of people have been killed and injured. More than 3.3 million people have fled their homes in search of safer areas, both inside and outside Sudan. Many more remain without the most basic services – water, health care and food¹.

The official number of new arrivals in Egypt still stands at 250,000 Sudanese and 7,000 third country nationals. Average daily new arrival rate ranges between 70 to 500 individuals per day through the Qostul and Argeen crossing points. This is a result of the new visa regulations imposed by the Egyptian government since 10 June 2023².

On July 13, the leaders of six countries neighboring Sudan — Ethiopia, South Sudan, Chad, Eritrea, the Central African Republic and Libya — convened in Cairo, Egypt to discuss a long-term cease-fire agreement, the establishment of safe humanitarian corridors and a dialogue framework that includes all of Sudan's political forces. The UN Resident Coordinator was invited to participate in one of the events under this conference, and the role of the UN Country Team in Egypt was commended by the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Hervé de Villeroché, Special Advisor to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on Development, visited Egypt between the 17th and 21st of July 2023. His mission aimed at mobilizing support for development and inclusion initiatives to benefit Sudanese refugees in Egypt. The Special Advisor met with Representatives of IOM, UNICEF, and WFP and exchanged thoughts on the situation of refugees in Egypt from the different aspects.

According to UNHCR Egypt's last update, more than 43,000 individual new arrivals have approached UNHCR and have been provided with registration appointments, of whom more than 22,000 individuals have been registered so far.

¹ [Sudan | Situation Reports \(unocha.org\)](https://www.unocha.org/sudan)

² 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.

UNICEF RESPONSE

WASH

- 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 and soap dispensers were procured at the border and train and bus stations in Aswan to ensure hand washing and hygiene practices.

Nutrition

- Under UNICEF coordination and leadership, the Nutrition sectoral Thematic Working Group has developed the Joint Statement on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) aiming to support pregnant and lactating women, mothers and their children especially those under the age of five calling upon all the agencies, institutions, and other partners involved in the emergency response including donors to ensure support to programmes, plans and initiatives aimed at protecting, promoting and supporting recommended IYCF practices.

Child Protection

- The flow of Sudanese to the child friendly space at Karkar Bus Station has drastically gone down. However, the space is still functioning and ready to receive children if the arrivals resume. During the reported period, total 156 children (71 boys and 85 girls) have approached the Child Friendly Spaces in Karkar Bus Station and Aswan City. Not all of them are new arrivals.

Education

- As part of strengthening the capacity of community learning spaces where there are already established Sudanese communities, UNICEF plans to expand its support through teacher capacity building programmes to address children's education needs and learning gaps.
- To address the lack of capacity of learning spaces in Aswan, UNICEF is supporting 24 community-based learning facilities through a well-established Aswan-based NGO; these facilities will support children's educational needs through catch-up classes, extra-curricular activities, and provision of learning materials. There has been information sharing and awareness raising with Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MoETE) and partnerships are being developed with Sudanese civil society networks to expand outreach.

Social Policy

- The current number of registered individuals for the WFP-UNICEF cash transfer programme has reached some 44,000 individuals. The registration is taking place in the Governorates of Aswan, Giza, Qalyubiya and Cairo.
- On 18 July, the registration was launched in Alexandria Governorate.



Social and Behavioral Change, Accountability to Affected Populations & Localization

- Based on focus group discussion with the affected population and interviews with key informants, the cash transfer modality was used to provide an immediate response to the refugees by UNICEF in partnership with WFP.
- A phone survey was also conducted in July targeting Sudanese population to identify immediate needs and relevant response needed segregated by age, sex and geographical location.
- Under WASH component, UNICEF constructed two inclusive wash facilities at Karkar International Bus Station for males and females. Additionally, WASH mobile latrines are being assessed for accessibility for Persons with Disability (PwD) following UNICEF guidelines, in addition to being gender responsive.
- RpidPro was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population offering an interactive SMS providing information to new arrivals. The total number who sent messages has reached 3,895 individuals.

FUNDING SITUATION

Sector	Funding Requirement	Funding Received	%
Child Protection	\$1,200,000	\$953,562.9	79%
Education	\$300,000	\$953,562.9	317%
Health & Nutrition	\$1,150,000	\$240,000	20%
WASH	\$3,000,000	\$599,526	20%
Social Policy	\$6,450,000	\$845,052.3	13%
SBC	\$200,000	\$700,000	350%
Cross-Sectoral		\$696,997.7	
Unallocated		\$960,185.2	
Total	\$12,300,000	\$5,948,887	48%

SUPPLIES

The first consignment of 15,000 dignity kits, which were sent on 22 June from Egypt to Wadi-halfa is still stuck in Wadi-halfa, Sudan, undergoing the customs clearance process. There have been no changes since the previous report, and UNICEF continues its advocacy through partners with both authorities of Sudan, and Egypt.

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