



## Egypt

### Situation Report - 6

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## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 31 August, the Government of Egypt announced that foreign residents living irregularly in Egypt must formalize their status within three months. The process involves obtaining a legal residence permit with sponsorship from an Egyptian national and paying administrative expenses equivalent to USD \$1,000. Although the government confirmed that this measure will not affect refugees and asylum-seekers, it is still unclear whether this measure will impact other Sudanese individuals who have fled the conflict and have not yet approached UNHCR to register as asylum-seekers or refugees, including those already residing in Egypt and now are no longer able to return to Sudan.

On 04 September, the revised Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan<sup>1</sup> was issued. Egypt's overall RRP requirements increased by around 10per cent to USD125.5 million. There have been modest increases to financial requirements, mainly associated with a scale-up in registration and cash assistance.

On 21 September, a high-level workshop in Cairo, co-organized by the Government of Egypt (GoE) and UNHCR, marked the formal launch of the planning process for the 2024 Egypt Refugee Response Plan (ERP). The plan included plans to support all refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt. In attendance was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, several government line ministries, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, the UN Country Team, the World Bank, INGO representatives, and the ambassadors of Australia, Belgium, the European Union, Germany, Netherlands, and the United States.

## Situation in Numbers



**310,000**

Total newly arrived Sudanese  
MoFA, 15 Sep 2023



**54,382**

Total newly registered Sudanese in 2023  
UNHCR, 15 Sep 2023



**21,750**

Total newly registered Sudanese children in 2023  
UNHCR, 15 Sep 2023

<sup>1</sup> <https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/103163>

## UNICEF RESPONSE

### WASH

- The joint UNICEF-WHO assessment mission undertaken in 11 healthcare facilities (HCFs) in Aswan in collaboration with WHO to identify gaps in hospitals, Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs), Aswan Airport Quarantine Unit and two medical waste treatment facilities. UNICEF and WHO started supporting the assessed facilities through provision of supplies, equipment, and training needed to minimize the identified gaps and efficiently support the healthcare system in Aswan governorate.
- Rehabilitation of passengers' toilets (Total six toilets) in Aswan Train Station is complete. UNICEF plans to renovate the train station staff toilets, as they have also been heavily used by passengers as the the train station receives increasing numbers of passengers from Sudan.
- Results achieved under WASH sector since 15 April 2023: a) 12 mobile toilets (Total 72 chambers), b) 18 fixed toilets rehabilitated, c) 3,000 dignity kits distributed to girls and women, c) 40,000 people had access to sufficient and quality of safe water for drinking and domestic needs, and d) 23,000 people reached with sanitation services.

### Health & Nutrition

- UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and the National Nutrition Institute (NNI) to provide training for healthcare workers providing services to Sudanese community on growth monitoring including wasting detection using Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC tapes). Additionally, UNICEF is working on improving nutrition education and awareness raising in healthcare facilities. As of now, a total number of 50 Healthcare workers were trained in Aswan and Greater Cairo.
- UNICEF is supporting MoHP with ICT equipment and training for data entry on new platform, District Health Information System (DHIS2<sup>2</sup>) to insert nutrition data on findings on refugees' nutrition screening.
- A mobile health unit was provided to the Ministry of Health and Population at Qostul border-crossing point. ECO plans to provide another one at Argeen border-crossing point later in October.



### Child Protection

- UNICEF in collaboration with partners, started the provision of specialized services to 6,000 identified children across Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, and Aswan. These services encompass a multi-sectoral case management approach, which includes identification, assessment, care planning, follow-up, and closure.
- Highly trained case workers are delivering these essential case management services, complemented by strong referral pathways with relevant stakeholders. The qualified team is closely working with refugee and migrant communities and the Family Clubs, which have already been established inside the Primary Healthcare Units (PHUs) in coordination with MoHP. This effort aims to identify children's cases subject to extreme forms of violence. As of 20 September 2023, more than 50 caseworkers and managers have been trained and started their roles.
- Results achieved under Child Protection sector since 15 April 2023, 6,525 children received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services (MHPSS).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://dhis2.org/>

## Education

- Education Cash Grants for 13,000 students out of which 2,000 students are newly arrived Sudanese refugees; the remaining 11,000 students from other nationalities—Syrian, Eritrean, Ethiopian, etc. Moreover, around 3,800 students from diverse nationalities (newly arrived included) and their families will receive additional cash based on a vulnerability assessment that looks at income at the household level and the relevant socio-economic risk factors.
- In response to the Sudan crisis and the delay of the final exams, virtual and in-person catch-up classes as well as extra-curricular support will be provided to G12 Sudanese students. A total of 100 students living in Cairo will attend coaching sessions and peer study groups to prepare for the final exams; while 1805 students will participate and engage in online classes on the Learning Passport. Accordingly, visibility materials with accessible QR codes are disseminated in different community centers and schools, learning hubs, and even other agencies and NGO partners to promote the Learning Passport and the available educational and extra-curricular activities benefiting all students.

## Social Policy

- UNICEF and WFP Emergency Cash Assistance programme in Greater Cairo, Aswan and Alexandria has reached to date, more than 70,000 individuals, who have been enrolled in the programme (63 percent female, and 37 percent males). Children under 18 years old represented 43 percent.

## Social and Behavioral Change, Accountability to Affected Populations & Localization

The UNICEF telephone-based survey, to give a Real Time Monitoring of the situation was done. One round, out of the planned three rounds, was conducted from a sample of Sudanese entrants to get estimates with a reasonable statistical precision. The survey informs the emergency response in assessing the situation of Sudanese displaced for a better understanding of what services and support are required regarding health, education, nutrition, protection, housing, basic income, access to services etc. Two rounds of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted in two locations in greater Cairo with high concentration of displaced Sudanese with four groups: women in reproductive age, men in working/labour force age, youth girls and boys aged 18-24 years.

## FUNDING SITUATION

With thanks to the generous support from the below donors, UNICEF has been able to reach the vulnerable children and communities arriving from Sudan. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), Continental Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and UNICEF Global Humanitarian Thematic Fund (GHTF)., ECHO, and Dutch Government.

Sector	Funding Requirement	Funding Received	%
Child Protection	\$1,200,000	\$ 2,183,747	181%
Education	\$300,000	\$ 1,220,000	406%
Health & Nutrition	\$1,150,000	\$607,315	53%
WASH	\$3,000,000	\$ 915,537	30%
Social Policy	\$6,450,000	\$ 3,649,715	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,100,000</b>	<b>\$8,576,315</b>	

## SUPPLIES

- Supply of chlorine gas to Sudan via cross-border approach is still in process. In coordination with Sudan country office, a meeting was held with the Director of the Sudan Water Company and representatives from a private sector company that has been transferring chlorine gas from Egypt to Sudan since 2008. Purchase Order (contract) underway from Sudan country office, and the shipment will follow when all necessary paperwork is completed.

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