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SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATE
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Egyptian and Sudanese girls in Cairo learn together about online security on tablets provided by Instant Network Schools, a project by UNHCR and the Vodafone Foundation. ©UNHCR/Lamis Soliman

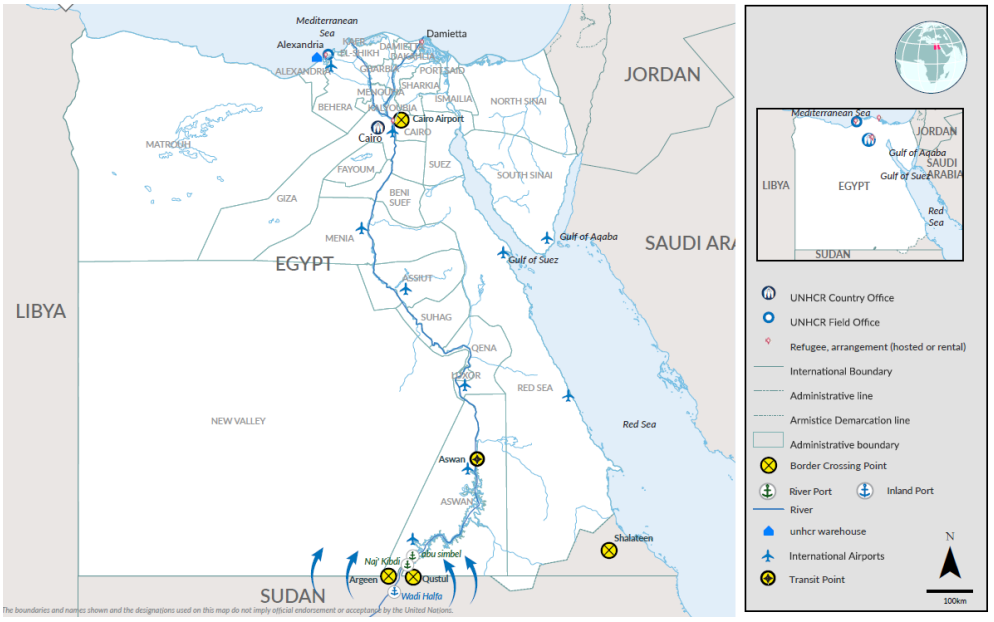
>370,000

Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

Since 15 April according to the latest information provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to UNHCR on 21 November

38% funded

of the $28.2 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt.



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS - HIGHLIGHTS

- A Sudan Humanitarian Crisis Conference 2023 took place in Cairo between 18 - 20 November organized by Fikra for Studies and Development and other civil society partners and funded by Norway and the United Kingdom with the purpose to enhance cooperation between local, national and international organizations in the humanitarian response. The event was attended by international organizations, UN agencies, including UNHCR, and included the participation of Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugees Council, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, and Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

- 370,000 Sudanese and 8,504 individuals of other nationalities, totaling some 378,504 people, have crossed into Egypt since the start of the Sudan crisis, according to the Government of Egypt.

- UNHCR Egypt has so far registered some 102,000 new arrivals from Sudan, 89 per cent Sudanese.

Protection

Community-based protection

In October, refugee outreach workers provided support to almost 15,000 new arrivals from Sudan at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Cairo on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. The most frequent inquiries from asylum-seekers were on education services, access to health care, availability of financial assistance, and housing support.

In Aswan, UNHCR delivered an awareness session on registration and other services to 46 Sudanese women at Hassaya safe space on 14 November. This session was conducted based on the demand for information about UNHCR services that the Sudanese community expressed during a recently undertaken needs assessment. UNFPA and Caritas also participated in the event.

Infoline

14,964 inquiries were handled by UNHCR's Infoline last week and registration appointments were given to 6,408 people who have fled Sudan. This brings the overall number of people who received registration appointments through the system to 70,202. Following the merging of the Cairo and Alexandria lines and the hiring of additional agents, the average number of calls per day has tripled compared to pre-crisis levels.

Child Protection

Registration of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) increased by almost 50% in October. During that month, 432 UASC were newly registered by UNHCR Egypt, a 45% increase compared to the number UASC registered in September (298). To ensure the needs of UASC were met, UNHCR further increased its UASC registration slots to 600 per month on 26 October until the end of 2023, compared to the initial 300 slots before the Sudan emergency. This increase in the number of slots, together with stronger identification efforts of UASC carried out in the last week of October explains the surge in the monthly number of UASC registered compared to September.

Registration

As of 17 November, UNHCR Egypt had provided pre-registration appointments to 146,249 newly arrived people from Sudan (69,735 households), of whom 101,571 individuals (49,302 households), i.e., 69%, have already been registered. Most of the registered population are Sudanese nationals (89%), while the other main nationalities registered are South Sudanese (5%), and Eritrean (4%). The great majority of new arrivals registered still originate from Khartoum (88%), and 22% of those registered have one or more specific needs, among which 73% is on grounds of lacking legal documentation.

Sudanese refugees were part of the recreational programmes, cultural performances, and informative sessions that UNHCR and Caritas organized in commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons in Cairo. ©UNHCR/Lamis Soliman

Cash assistance

Since the onset of the Sudan conflict, UNHCR has identified almost **45,984** people as eligible for one-off emergency cash assistance, and 93% of them have already received assistance (**42,479** individuals). Furthermore, **69,030** individuals (**19,848** households) are identified to receive bimonthly Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) in **November**, out of whom **16,198 are** newly arrived from Sudan (**3,828** households).

Core relief items

Items distributed by UNHCR Egypt to forcibly displaced people from Sudan:

900,500
Bottles of water

160,000
hygiene kits

80,000
Sanitary items

As part of its continued efforts to support the border authorities, UNHCR sent office equipment to the Argeen border crossing point last week, including printers, fans, and chairs. The support is intended to help meet the access and documentation needs of the refugees forced to flee Sudan who arrive at the border point every day.

Since the start of the conflict in Sudan, UNHCR has installed three Rubb halls at the border crossings, and a fourth in the reception centre in Cairo. The Rubb halls have facilitated the scale-up of the response and provided shaded rest areas for asylum-seekers. In addition, UNHCR has delivered 1,000 blankets, 50 mattresses, 1,000 floor mats, nine commercial fridges, 15 family tents, 10 tablets, four freezers, four logistic trolleys, 10 laptops, 20 smartphones, 30 fire extinguishers, 250 waiting benches, one multi-function printer, one office fridge, 40 fans, 50 office chairs, and 20 tables to UNHCR's partner, the Egyptian Red Crescent.

Financial information

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