



Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Nagla (45), Hawa (29) and Eqbel (37) are three Sudanese women who arrived in Egypt after fleeing the conflict in their country last year. They currently live in Aswan, southern Egypt, along with their families. On 28 February, they took part in a focus group discussion organized by UNHCR, where they shared their hopes and concerns. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez



450,000
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

from 15 April 2023 on — latest figure from the Government of Egypt.

41% funded

of the \$28.2 million required by UNHCR for the [Sudan emergency response](#) in Egypt in 2023.



Refugee increase in Egypt driven by the Sudan crisis

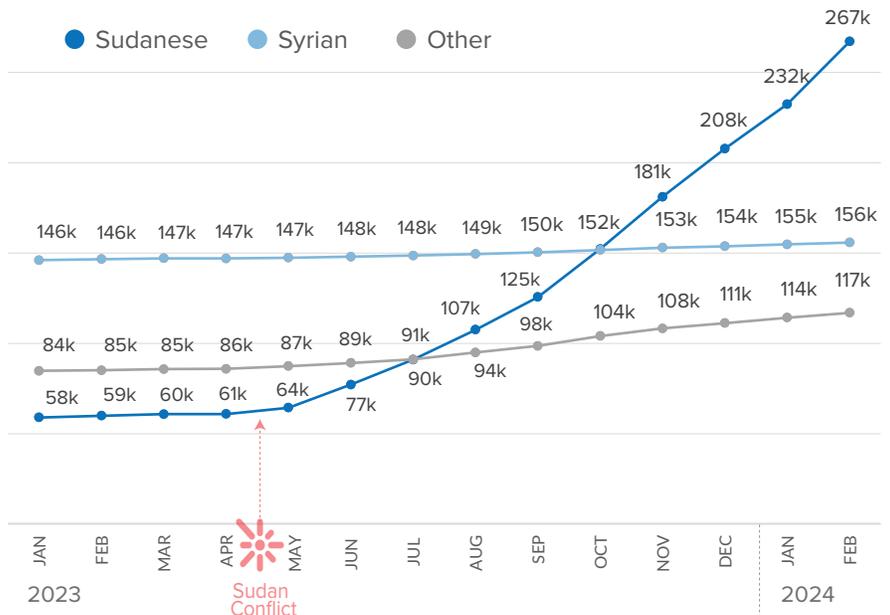
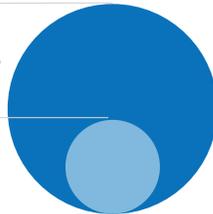
The number of **Sudanese refugees** registered with UNHCR more than **quadrupled** between the onset of the Sudan conflict and the end of February 2024.



340%
Sudanese Increase



84%
Overall Increase



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS - HIGHLIGHTS

- In February, UNHCR Egypt newly registered 39,353 refugees and asylum-seekers of all nationalities, the highest monthly number since the start of the Sudan crisis and a nearly 10-fold increase compared to pre-crisis levels.
- Last week, UNHCR Egypt registered 9,100 new asylum-seekers from Sudan, bringing the total to more than 193,000 since the start of the crisis. Additionally, 15,694 individuals received registration appointments last week, surpassing the 400,000 registration appointments issued since April 2023.
- On 28 February, the UNHCR Representative travelled to Aswan with the U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Herro Mustafa Garg. The delegation included the UN Resident Coordinator to Egypt and the Deputy Minister of Social Solidarity (MoSS). The purpose of the visit was to familiarize the ambassador with the operating environment related to the response to the Sudan emergency, gain a first-hand insight into the challenges, and advocate with national and local authorities on possible solutions.

Protection

Registration

As of 29 February, UNHCR Egypt had provided pre-registration appointments to 401,410 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 193,422 individuals have already been registered (48%). UNHCR is working to increase its capacity to meet the increasing demand for registration. Most of the newly registered population are Sudanese nationals (92%), followed by South Sudanese (3%), and Eritrean (3%). In terms of new arrival registration trends, females remain at 53%. The great majority of new arrivals registered still originate from Khartoum (89%), and 21% of those registered have one or more specific needs.

Infoline

Last week, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled 12,200 calls and provided registration appointments to 11,900 people who have fled Sudan. This brought the overall number of people who received registration appointments through the Infoline system to 267,220. Nine out of ten people who approached UNHCR through the Infoline in the past week, were in Greater Cairo, while 5% were in Alexandria and 2% in Aswan.

Community-based protection

Over the last week, refugee outreach workers provided information to some 3,500 refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. Furthermore, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided basic counselling to 2,000 new arrivals and referred 23 cases for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

Gender-based violence

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR counselled 80 survivors of Gender-Based Violence at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo.



In February, 15 refugee women, including Sudanese, participated in a baking training in a community kitchen in Cairo. The event, organized by UNHCR and the National Council for Women, aimed to enhance refugees' skills for starting and expanding their businesses. ©UNHCR/Lamis Soliman

On 28 February, UNHCR and partners conducted the first community engagement session of the year, ahead of the Faisal Safe Space in Greater Cairo. Faisal is a part of Greater Cairo with a sizeable Sudanese refugee population. The session was attended by 32 Sudanese women, all of them new arrivals. The engagement sessions are an initiative undertaken by the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group (SWG) co-chaired by UNFPA and UNHCR. As part of this session, UNHCR's partner, the Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR), provided an overview of different legal procedures, including for different types of documentation, including police reports, birth registration, marriage certificate issuance, divorce, custody procedures and what to do in case of arrest for lack of documentation, residency, and whether registration appointments provide legal protection against arrest or detention. The awareness session was followed by a legal clinic which provided consultation sessions for 38 individual cases.

 **Livelihoods**

From 24 February to 7 March, UNHCR is participating in the Diarna exhibition, Egypt's biggest handicraft market which is held once a year in Cairo. The UNHCR booth shows the work of 29 refugee individual artisans and three local social enterprises composed of 15 refugees working with MADE51. During the event, 13 refugees will provide workshops and training activities, while four refugee volunteers will support the booth and sales management. Participating refugees are from Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Eritrea, and South Sudan.


Cash assistance

During the reporting period, UNHCR’s partners conducted vulnerability assessments for 44 newly arrived Sudanese households in Cairo, bringing the total to 26,869 households assessed, since the start of the crisis in April 2023. In addition, UNHCR partners conducted rapid needs assessments for 32 households (62 individuals) in Aswan, reaching a total of 4,085 households (11,712 individuals) assessed since the beginning of the crisis. Of them, 2,743 households (8,459 individuals) have been found eligible for one-off Emergency Cash Assistance. To date, some 20,525 registered and unregistered new arrivals households (55,900 individuals) have been identified as eligible for the one-off emergency cash assistance, out of whom 16,445 households (47,359 individuals) have successfully been assisted.

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