



Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

19 March 2024



Mashair fled her native Nuba mountains in Sudan and sought safety in Egypt in late 2023. Now she lives in Cairo with her mother, husband, and five children. A teacher in her home country, she continues her passion in Egypt, teaching English, Arabic, and Mathematics at a community school for Sudanese children. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez

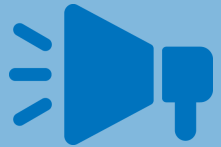


500,000
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

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

6% funded

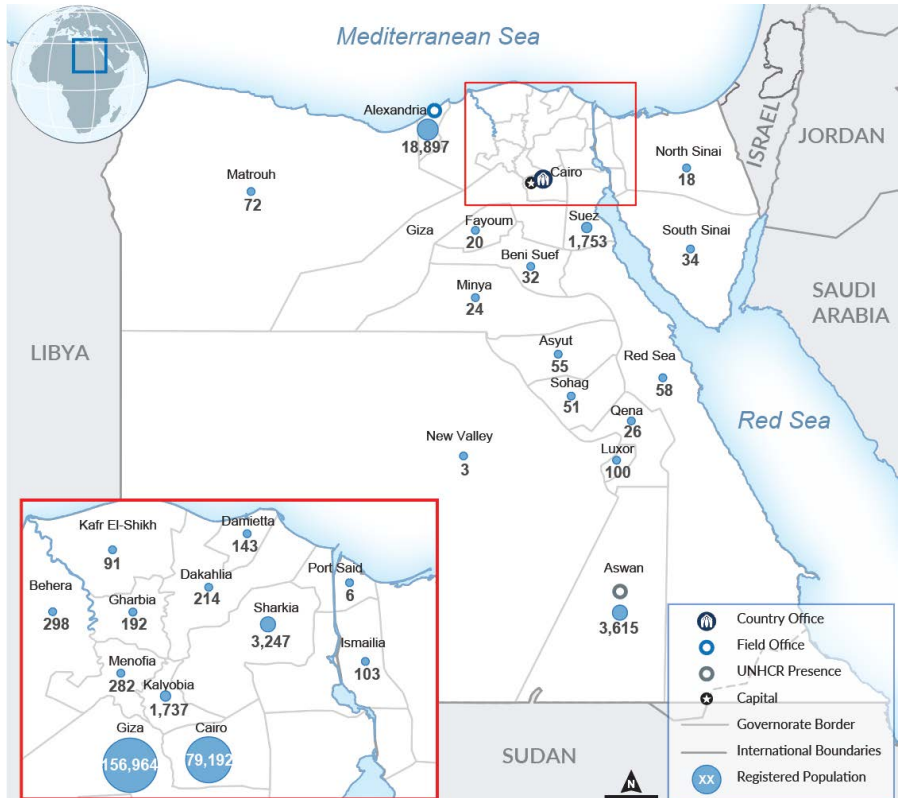
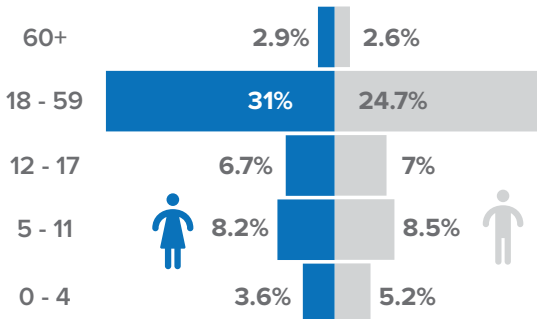
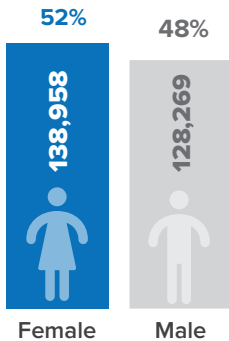
of the \$54.7 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan [emergency response](#) in Egypt in 2024.



Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

267,227

Sudanese registered with [UNHCR Egypt](#) as of 29 February 2024, including those who arrived before April 2023.



Source: UNHCR registration data / Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the UN

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS - HIGHLIGHTS

- 508,827 people, including 500,000 Sudanese and 8,827 individuals of other nationalities, crossed into Egypt between April 2023 and March 2024, according to latest figures received by UNHCR from the Government of Egypt.
- 48,000 litres of drinking water were delivered by UNHCR to the crossings between Egypt and Sudan for forcibly displaced population transiting the borders on 13 March.
- 2,200 refugees and asylum-seekers have benefited from UNHCR shelter support, including through refugee led organizations, since the onset of the crisis. As access to affordable and dignified housing continues to be one of the main concerns of Sudanese refugees arriving in Egypt, UNHCR has significantly increased its support in this area since April 2023.
- UNHCR Egypt newly registered 4,350 asylum-seekers fleeing conflict in Sudan last week. The decrease compared to previous weeks is due to reduced Ramadan working hours. However, the number of registration appointments given to Sudanese new arrivals remained stable at 15,125.

Protection

Registration

As of 14 March, 207,889 individuals fleeing Sudan have now been registered by UNHCR Egypt out of the 433,140 people who have been provided with pre-registration appointments since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. UNHCR is working to increase its capacity to meet the increasing demand for registration. Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (93%), 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 originate from Khartoum (89%), and 21% of those registered have one or more specific needs, including a lack of legal documentation.

To ensure registered refugees and asylum-seekers can access UNHCR and maintain valid UNHCR documentation to mitigate protection risks, UNHCR is piloting proactive registration appointments for document renewals and has scheduled 9,000 appointments for approximately 30,000 individuals across the next few months. UNHCR Egypt continues to ensure that registration appointment slots are also set aside for emergency and urgent refugees who approach so they can receive prioritized registration services based on vulnerabilities.

Legal protection

Through lawyers of NGO partners, UNHCR Egypt has supported 650 individuals forced to flee Sudan with access to legal remedies and representation since the onset of the conflict.

Resettlement and complementary pathways

UNHCR Egypt has provided third country solutions to 312 individuals, identified as having crossed over from Sudan to Egypt with resettlement opportunities or under complementary pathways programmes since the start of the emergency.



Hanan (47), a Sudanese refugee in Aswan, received basic medical assistance at UNHCR's partner Caritas office in late February. After registering with UNHCR in Cairo, Hanan and her family decided to make Aswan in southern Egypt her new home. She received support from UNHCR to cope with the cold weather during the winter. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez

Community-based protection

Over the last week, refugee outreach workers provided information to some 2,860 refugees and asylum-seekers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. Since the start of the emergency, more than 90,000 newly arrived people from Sudan have now received this kind of information. Furthermore, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided basic counselling to 1,130 new arrivals.

Between 14 and 19 March, UNHCR and TdH launched four Multi-Purpose Community Centres in Greater Cairo. These centres will provide safe spaces for refugees and host communities to gather, participate in community activities, and access digital opportunities, among other services.

Gender-based violence

Over the past week, UNHCR counselled 24 survivors of GBV at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo. Since the start of the crisis, UNHCR Egypt has counselled more than 300 GBV survivors from Sudan.

On 13 March, the Caritas clinic in Aswan received HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) kits supplied by UNHCR and UNFPA. This critical delivery was the result of a collaborative effort involving also WHO and aimed at enhancing the clinical management of rape. The initiative will ensure that more than 30 refugee survivors of gender-based violence in Aswan have access to necessary services and support.



Core relief items

On 13 March, UNHCR delivered 80,000 water bottles (48,000 litres) to its partner, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), at the border crossings between Egypt and Sudan. ERC distributes water bottles along with hygiene kits and sanitary pads provided by UNHCR to the forcibly displaced Sudanese who seek safety in Egypt. UNHCR has now delivered a total of 1,030,500 bottles of water (618,000 litres), 150,000 hygiene kits and 80,000 sanitary items to the border since the start of the Sudan crisis.



Cash assistance

During the reporting period, UNHCR's partners conducted vulnerability assessments for 60 newly arrived Sudanese households in Cairo, bringing the total to 27,078 households assessed since the start of the crisis.

In addition, UNHCR partners conducted rapid needs assessments for 15 households (48 individuals) in Aswan, reaching a total of 4,138 households (11,870 individuals) assessed since April 2023. Of them, 2,785 households (8,586 individuals) have been found eligible for one-off Emergency Cash Assistance.

To date, some 20,649 registered and unregistered new arrivals households (56,202 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.

Financial information

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