

Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Artist and advocate for the rights of women with disabilities, **Elkhansa** holds her latest painting at her apartment in Cairo. After being forced to flee violence in Sudan, she found a new home in Egypt, where she continues to share her artistic creations. ©UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes



675,000
people forced to flee
Sudan to Egypt

have approached UNHCR for registration between 15 April 2023 and 22 July 2024. 53% of them have been fully registered.

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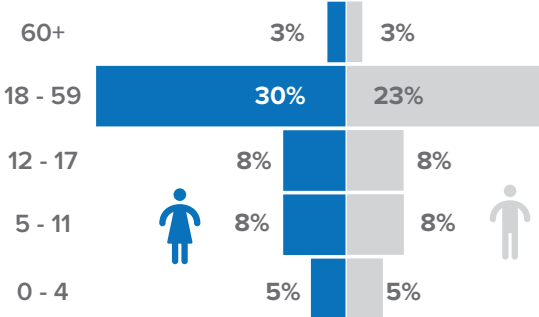
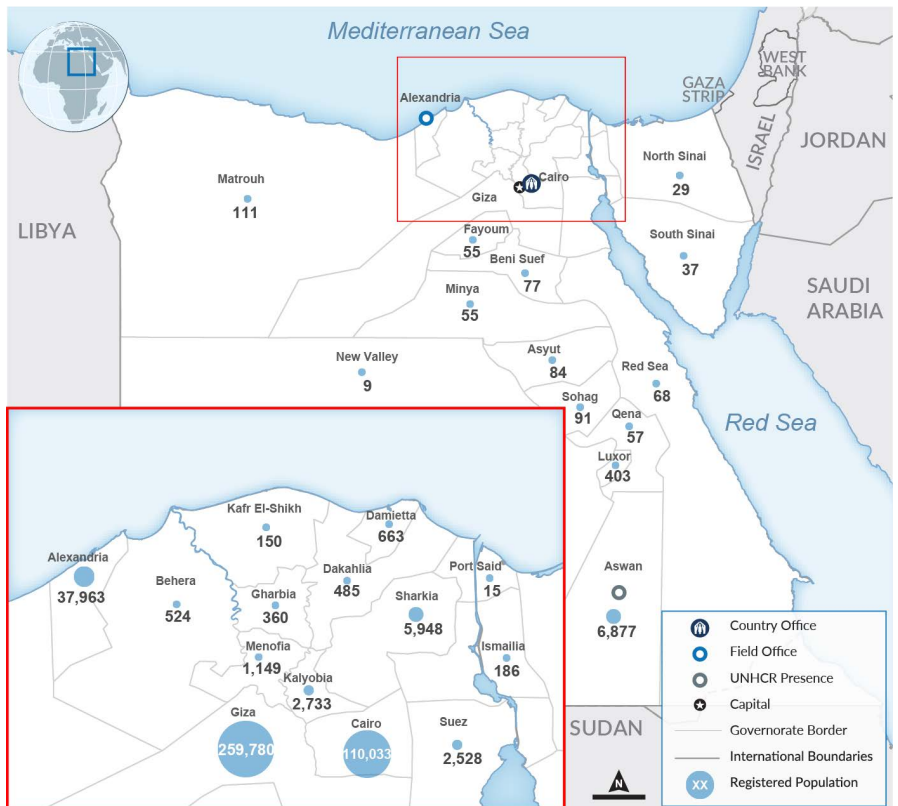
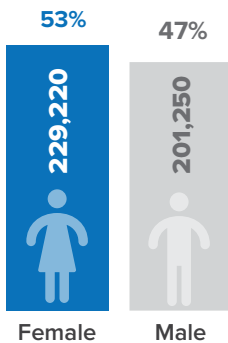
of the \$57.7 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt in 2024.



Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

430,470

Sudanese registered with [UNHCR Egypt](#) as of 22 July 2024, including those who arrived before the onset of the crisis.



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

- Between 1 January and 10 July 2024, UNHCR and partners conducted a series of 23 awareness and information sessions for Sudanese communities in Aswan and surrounding areas including Edfu, Karkar, Nasr Alnuba, Daraw, West Aswan, Armana, Eneiba, and Bimban. Total attendance reached approximately 1,000 Sudanese. The sessions were co-organized and supported by 13 local Community Development Associations (CDAs). Whilst frustrated with the lack of registration services in Aswan, feedback from participants indicated a strong appreciation for UNHCR's efforts in addressing the needs of the Sudanese community in the Aswan region. Additionally, these sessions helped to enhance working relationships with local authorities.
- In July, 2,434 newly arrived Sudanese households (10,454 individuals) were included in UNHCR's Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) programme. This brought the total of newly arrived Sudanese receiving MPCA in Egypt to 6,724 households (30,380 individuals), representing a 57% increase compared to the number of beneficiaries in the previous MPCA round.
- Canada's Deputy Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship [visited](#) UNHCR's refugee reception centre in Greater Cairo on 10 July. During the visit, which included a focus group discussion with refugee-led organizations and conversations with frontline workers, Dr. Kochhar showed particular interest in the challenges faced by refugees in Egypt and UNHCR's response in the context of a double humanitarian emergency (Sudan and Gaza). Additionally, the Assistant to the Administrator of USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Sonali Korde, [visited](#) the reception centre on 14 July and learned about the biggest gaps in humanitarian assistance and development interventions.

Protection

Registration

As of 22 July 2024, UNHCR Egypt provided registration appointments to 674,892 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 355,631 individuals have been registered (53%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by South Sudanese (2%), and Eritrean (2%). Over half - 54% - are female and the great majority originate from Khartoum (86%). A fifth of those provided with registration appointments have one or more specific needs, including lack of legal documentation, children at risk, people with disabilities, or serious medical conditions.

Furthermore, the total number of refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR Egypt has now passed 700,000, with 60% Sudanese, 22% Syrians, 6% South Sudanese, 5% Eritreans, 3% Ethiopians and 4% other nationalities.

Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 19,750 inquiries, of which 7,000 new registration appointments were allocated to 17,800 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 87%; 6% for Alexandria; 3% for Aswan and 4% for other cities. Since the start of the conflict to date, 457,400 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 169,940 households, have received appointments via Infoline.

Prevention and response to gender-based violence

As part of the ongoing collaboration with the National Council for Women and UNFPA, UNHCR provided on 18 July a sensitization session to the medical care team operating the Safe Women's women-only clinics at Fayoum University Hospital, 100 kilometers south of Cairo. During the training, UNHCR informed about the refugee situation in Egypt and several protection risks, including gender-based violence, and how UNHCR is working with the local authorities to respond to the pressing needs.



A community volunteer paints Zomra's face, a child refugee from Sudan, during the World Refugee Day event hosted by UNHCR and Terre des Hommes in Greater Cairo on 27 June. ©UNHCR/ Karim Hany

Legal and physical protection

During the reporting period, 461 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and legal partners (53% of them Sudanese). Additionally, 70 cases were referred to UNHCR legal partners, the Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR), and United Lawyers (UL) for legal aid, related to early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation.

On 9 and 10 July, UNHCR conducted a two-day training for the Naval Forces HQ in Alexandria attended by 19 officers. The workshop covered core international protection principles and focused on the concept of mixed movements. Training initiatives by UNHCR Egypt have been an important step in strengthening the capacity of the Egyptian Ministry of Defense to protect refugees by raising the awareness of the military officers about the needs of refugees and their legal status in the country of asylum. This contributes to promoting their safety and dignity in the country.

Furthermore, UNHCR facilitated a capacity-building session for some 150 students at the Military College for Technology on 16 July. The training covered International Refugee Law and the mandate and services provided by UNHCR. The students were particularly interested on legal aspects of international protection and the different roles played by UNHCR, ICRC and other organizations present in Egypt.

Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, some 9,300 refugees and asylum-seekers attended information sessions at the UNHCR registration centre in Greater Cairo and were provided with details on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. During the same period, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 4,800 new arrivals, from which 69 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

On 10 July, UNHCR conducted the largest awareness session ever held in the Egyptian North Coast, attended by over 200 newly arrived refugees. The session included a comprehensive overview of UNHCR's establishment, mandate, principles of international protection, registration procedures, and an extensive overview of available protection and other services. Additionally, UNHCR addressed the attendees' queries and provided individual protection counselling to over 50 individuals.

Education

On 15 and 17 July, UNHCR provided two capacity-building sessions for 60 parents of children with disabilities, half of them Sudanese, to guide them on how to support their children's education and address any challenges they may encounter. UNHCR has also facilitated the enrolment of 19 refugee students in Arabic language classes, as part of a bridging program to support refugee students' transition from their home country's curriculum to the Egyptian education system.

Livelihoods and economic inclusion

UNHCR and the Center for Egyptian Family Development (CEFD), an Egyptian NGO with several branches across Egypt, signed an agreement on 30 June to support self-employment, vocational training, and social cohesion activities involving Sudanese and host communities in Aswan. The project targets Sudanese and Egyptians with livelihood activities and marks UNHCR's first livelihood and economic inclusion intervention in Aswan, following the onset of the Sudan crisis.



Sumaya (Somalia), Ethar (Sudan), Amgad (Syria), Mohamed (Syria), Abdala (Somalia) and Moatasem (Syria) were the first refugee students who graduated from the German Hotel School in El Gouna in May after receiving scholarships funded by the Sawiris Foundation. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez


Cash assistance

In July, 2,434 newly arrived Sudanese households (10,454 individuals) were included in UNHCR’s Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) programme. This brought the total of newly arrived Sudanese receiving MPCA to 6,724 households (30,380 individuals), representing 34% of the total 20,000 assisted households. Additionally, as of 20 July, the total number of newly arrived Sudanese households assessed by UNHCR since the start of the crisis is 32,390, comprising 96,930 individuals.

During the last two weeks, 39 families, 105 individuals, were assessed for emergency cash assistance (ECA) in Aswan. Since the start of the crisis, a total of 20,935 registered and unregistered households (57,074 individuals) have been identified as eligible for one-off ECA, out of whom 16,938 families (48,839 individuals) have successfully received their assistance.

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