

# Cash Based Interventions - Egypt

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UNHCR Egypt provided multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to **24,335 refugee and asylum seeker households** (HH) from all nationalities to support them in covering their priority needs.

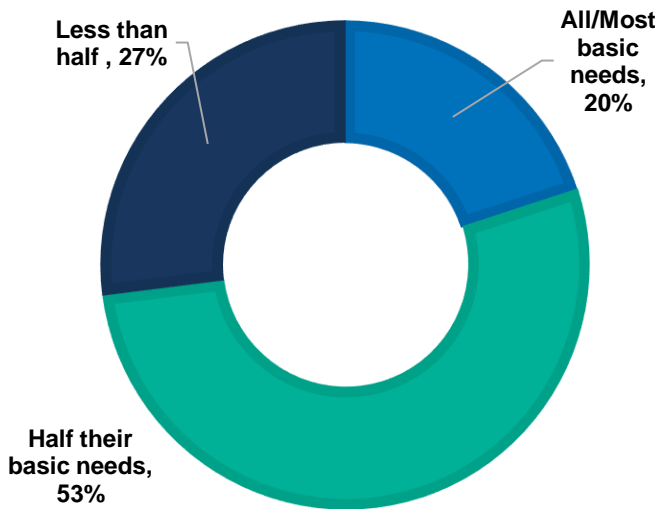
*“I couldn’t provide my four children with food and basic household needs, but I felt relieved once I received the cash assistance.”*

-Female PDM survey respondent, Giza

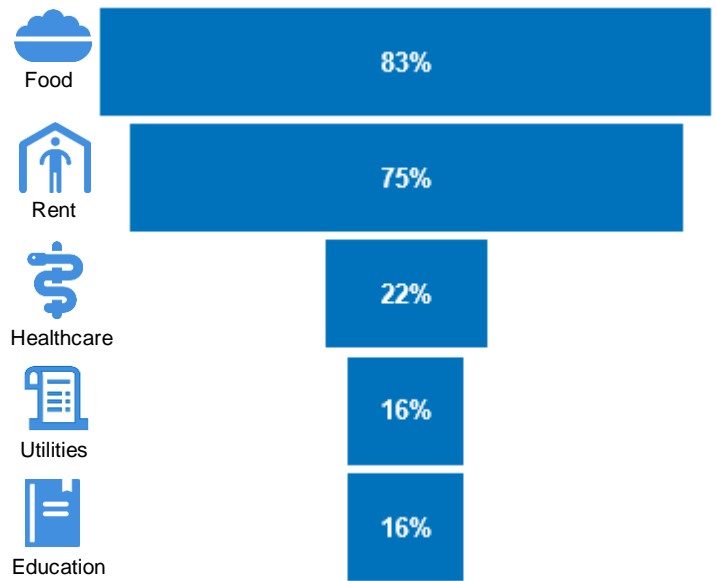
*“I am a single elderly woman, and without the multipurpose cash assistance, I wouldn’t have been able to pay my rent.”*

-Female PDM survey respondent, Giza

## ABILITY TO MEET BASIC NEEDS USING CASH ASSISTANCE



## SPENDING CATEGORIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE



## Main Findings

- Some **20%** of respondents reported that MPCA enabled them to **cover all or most of their priority needs**.
- Some **99%** of respondents reported the **ability to purchase items and/or services** they could not previously afford.
  - Pay rent/ avoid eviction (71%)
  - Purchase more food (70%)
  - Access better medical care (13%)
  - Send child to school in primary education (10%)



**95%** of interviewed Households reported cash assistance **improved their living conditions** and **94%** reported it reduced their levels of stress.



**83%** reported they were very **satisfied with the cash collection process** and **96%** reported **requiring no help** to withdraw or spend the cash.



**97%** reported feeling **physically safe** receiving, keeping, and spending the cash assistance while **98% did not face any problems** while receiving, keeping and spending the cash



**87%** felt **well informed about the UNHCR cash assistance** and **91%** of beneficiaries could **identify at least one local channel** for lodging complaints and feedback.



**UNCHR SMS messages** was the most cited channel by which **74%** of respondents received information about the assistance.



**99%** of survey respondents felt they were **treated with respect by UNHCR/Caritas/Post Office staff** throughout the whole process.



**89%** of respondents reported recent **increases in the prices** of items/services, mainly **food, rent and transportation**.



**17%** reported **not feeling satisfied** with the cash collection process. The most reported issue was **overcrowding at the post office (79%)**



Reduced Coping Strategy Index (rCSI) is **22.4** – reflecting **high food insecurity** among beneficiaries.



**98%** resorted to **negative food consumption strategies**.

- *93% resorted to less preferred and less expensive food.*
- *90% reduced number of meals eaten per day.*
- *75% limited portion sizes.*
- *64% restricted food consumption by adults for children to eat.*
- *36% borrowed food/ relied on help from friends or family.*



**88%** reported needing to resort to **one or more negative coping strategies** in the four weeks preceding the survey.

- *60% reduced expenditure on various basic household needs (WASH, health, baby items etc.) to prioritize food needs.*
- *22% moved to poorer quality shelter.*
- *15% stopped a child from attending school.*
- *13% spent savings allocated for essential activities to meet food and other needs.*