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# Egypt

## Monthly Operational Update

April 2026

**1,043,790 individuals**

were provided with registration appointments since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023.

Nawal, a widowed Sudanese mother of six in Cairo, relies on UNHCR assistance and part-time work to meet her family's basic needs. As funding cuts threaten this support, she fears for her children's future. © UNHCR/Adeeba Amiry

**1,100,593**
Registered population

**443,682**
Registered households

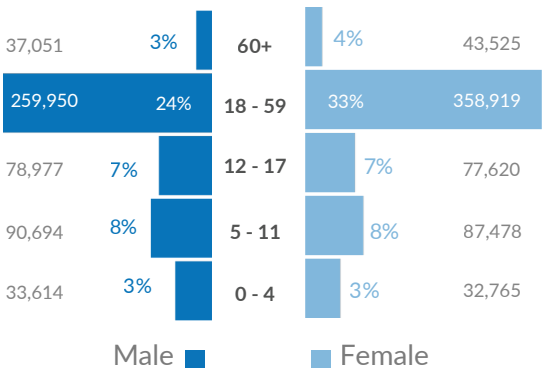
**73%**
Women and children

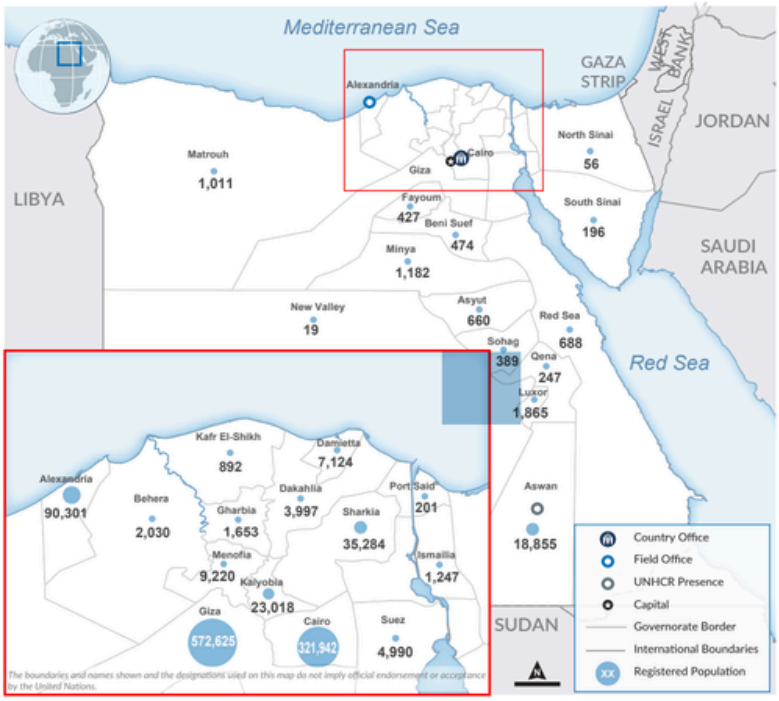
**19.6%**
Persons with specific needs

## Gender and age of registered population

500,286
**45.5%**

600,307
**54.5%**



## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- In the first quarter of 2026, UNHCR Egypt's Help website was **ranked as the most visited UNHCR Help platform worldwide**, highlighting increased reliance on official information channels by Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers. Between January and March 2026, the website recorded around **350,000** visits and **1.35** million page views, representing a **27%** rise in visits and a **69%** increase in page views compared with the same period in 2025. This follows strong performance in 2025, when the Egypt Help website was the second most viewed globally with **3.4 million** views, underscoring its growing role as a key source of information on services and assistance.
- In April, to mark the third anniversary of the Sudan crisis, UNHCR Egypt amplified its messaging on the **widening gap between growing humanitarian needs and shrinking resources**, with a particular focus on the **cash assistance** programme, highlighting that nearly **20,000** refugee families—most of them female-headed households—depend on this support to meet basic needs. To date, only **2%** of the required funding for the cash programme in 2026 has been secured, which risks the programme coming to a complete halt if no additional funding is secured.
- In April, UNHCR and WFP jointly released the *Egypt Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR)*, which findings highlight a deepening vulnerability among refugees in Egypt. More than **65%** of refugee households are highly or extremely vulnerable and unable to meet basic needs, while nearly **58%** face moderate to severe food insecurity, indicating widespread deprivation. Particularly alarming, **38%** of food-insecure households include a child under five in urgent need of nutrition support, pointing to elevated risks for child health and development. **Female-headed households are disproportionately affected**, reflecting compounded vulnerabilities linked to care burdens, limited education, and health needs. At the same time, around **half of all school-aged refugee children are out of school**, largely due to documentation barriers, and one in three Sudanese refugees reports being unable to access medical care when needed, underscoring critical gaps in access to essential services amid reduced humanitarian funding. EVAR Report– English version; EVAR Report– Arabic version; EVAR Summary
- UNHCR took part in the Easter Gouna-Diarna Handcrafts Exhibition, held from 11 to 18 April 2026 in El Gouna, to **promote refugee economic inclusion and self-reliance**. The exhibition provided a platform to showcase refugee craftsmanship to a broad audience. UNHCR displayed handmade products created by 15 artisans, including 10 refugees from Syria, Sudan, Eritrea, and South Sudan, alongside five Egyptian artisans. UNHCR's participation helped raise awareness of refugee livelihood initiatives and strengthened engagement with national institutions and private-sector partners.
- The UNHCR Egypt Representative participated as a panelist in the third International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Sudan Conflict Conference, held in Cairo from 14-15 April 2026. The conference brought together key stakeholders to examine the evolving impacts of the Sudan crisis and identify evidence-based pathways for response and recovery. During the panel discussion, the Representative highlighted the risks posed by **waning global attention and funding gaps**, and called for **stronger responsibility-sharing**, and **expanded pathways to solutions**.
- On 28 April, UNHCR hosted a high-level delegation from the **Embassy of Japan**, for discussions on **refugee protection and displacement trends in Egypt**. UNHCR briefed the delegation on the impact of the Sudan crisis, including return dynamics under adverse circumstances and Egypt's role as a key refugee-hosting country, and reiterated appreciation for Japan's continued engagement and support. A field visit to a community-based organization was conducted, where social cohesion activities bringing together host communities and Sudanese refugees were showcased, highlighting the importance of **community-level interventions** in promoting **inclusion and resilience**.

# Protection

## Registration

As of 30 April 2026, the active population of refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Egypt is now 1,100,593 individuals, including those who arrived in Egypt before the conflict, with the following breakdown: 849,364 Sudanese (77%), 151,325 of other nationalities (14%), and Syrians 99,904 (9%). Women and girls make up 54.5% of the registered population.

In April 2026, UNHCR Egypt registered around 9,200 new refugees and asylum-seekers, 79% of whom were Sudanese nationals. Smaller numbers include other nationalities (21%) and Syrians (1%).

Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, UNHCR Egypt has provided registration appointments to more than 1,043,800 individuals who fled the country. Of these, approximately 841,000 people (81%) have been fully registered to receive protection and assistance.

Since the fall of the former Government of Syria, Syrians have approached UNHCR to request the closure of their asylum cases which is a prerequisite before leaving Egypt to return to Syria. Between 8 December 2024 and 27 April 2026, 17,105 closure requests involving around 41,467 individuals were submitted, including on-the-spot closures.

## Community-Based Protection

In April, 13,303 refugees and asylum-seekers, including new arrivals from Sudan, received information on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints from outreach community workers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in 6th of October City, Greater Cairo. In addition, over the same period, UNHCR's partner Terre des hommes (Tdh) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 2,420 individuals, out of whom 72 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment and another 156 fast-tracked for further urgent assistance. Additionally, UNHCR provided counselling to 426 refugees, including 235 who received in-person counselling, while the rest were assisted through remote sessions.

## Legal and Physical Protection (LPP)

In April, 1841 individuals received legal counselling sessions through UNHCR and partners, concerning early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation. Additionally, UNHCR provided LPP case management for 306 refugees.

## Prevention and Response to Violence Against Women and Girls

On 23 April, UNHCR contributed to the UN-Habitat session "Housing for All: Designing Out Exclusion in Egypt's Urban Future," which examined inclusive housing approaches as Egypt advances preparations toward World Urban Forum 13. UNHCR's intervention highlighted housing as a core protection issue in Egypt's urban refugee context, emphasizing the challenges refugees face in accessing safe and affordable housing, particularly for vulnerable groups such as unaccompanied children, women at risk and persons with disabilities. The contribution highlighted the value of practical, area-based solutions that integrate refugees and host communities and strengthen links between housing, livelihoods, and protection services to promote social cohesion and durable inclusion.

## Infoline

In April, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline responded to 15,584 inquiries. Additionally, 669 individuals fleeing the conflict in Sudan secured registration appointments through the Infoline.

Since the crisis began, a total of 614,751 people have successfully been given appointments using this system. It enables refugees to access service information, receive counselling, and book registration appointments in seven languages.

## Education

UNHCR and its partners continued to strengthen refugee access to education and inclusion through community outreach and mentoring activities.

In April, partners held several community engagement sessions reaching more than 250 refugee parents, primarily from Sudanese households, to provide information on education services and referral pathways. At the same time, families of around 360 children with disabilities received follow-up support to help address learning needs and strengthen parental engagement. In parallel, mentoring support continued for over 70 DAFI scholarship students from different nationalities, focusing on academic follow-up, well-being, and tailored support to help scholars remain engaged and succeed in higher education.

## Health and Nutrition

On 28 April, UNHCR coordinated a health outreach event providing refugees with free basic health screenings, medical information, and psychosocial support. The initiative delivered nearly 300 blood sugar, blood pressure, and creatinine tests, introduced refugees to discounted digital health services, and ensured on-site follow-up for cases requiring further care. Group mental health awareness sessions were conducted, and guidance on available health services was provided. The event was positively received, with strong participation and engagement.

Hanaa, 48, from Khartoum, receives medical care by a UNHCR private sector partner while visiting the UNHCR reception center in Cairo, Egypt. ©UNHCR/Ahmed Elhamahmy

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