

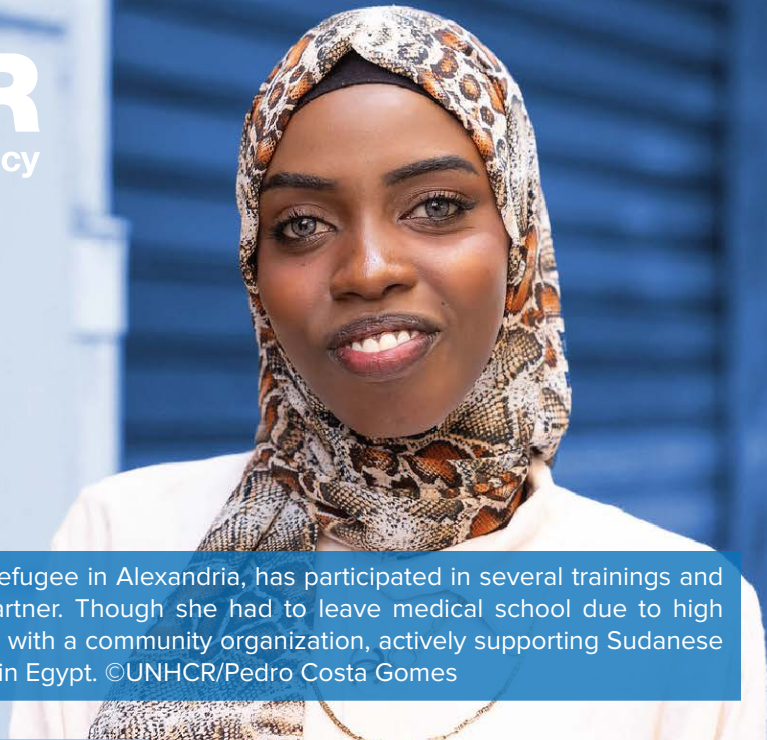


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## Sudan Emergency Response Update

18 September 2024



Nazek, a 21-year-old Sudanese refugee in Alexandria, has participated in several trainings and workshops through UNHCR's partner. Though she had to leave medical school due to high tuition costs, she now volunteers with a community organization, actively supporting Sudanese refugees who have found safety in Egypt. ©UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes



**419,000**

individuals forced to flee Sudan have been registered by UNHCR Egypt since the onset of the conflict

**53% funded**

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



## Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

**490,367**

Sudanese registered with UNHCR Egypt as of 17 September 2024, including those who arrived before the onset of the crisis in April 2023.

54%



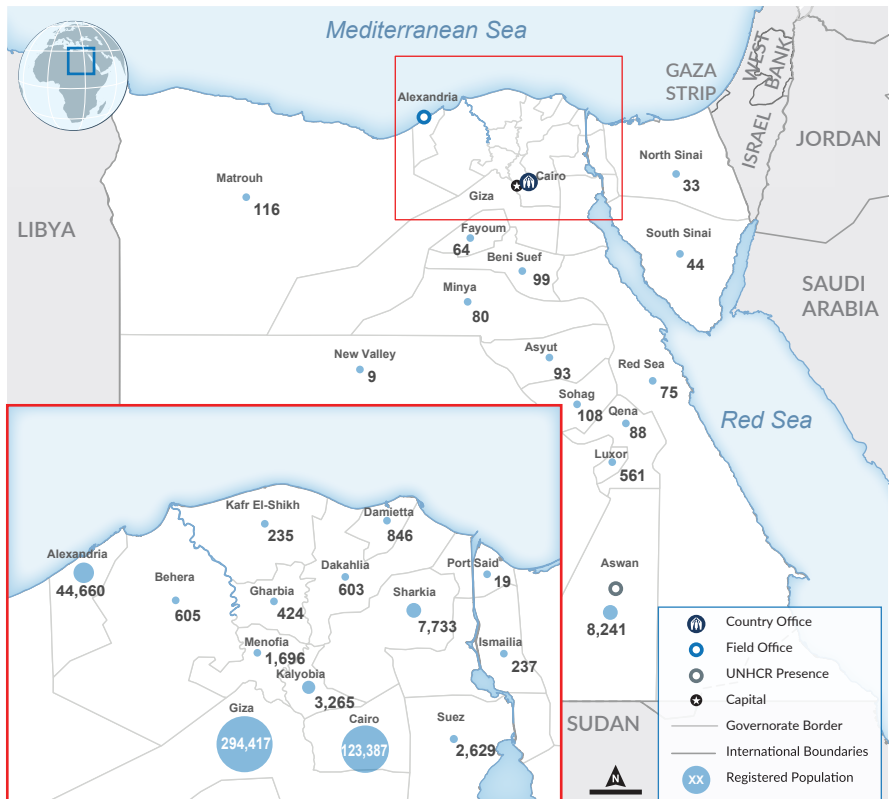
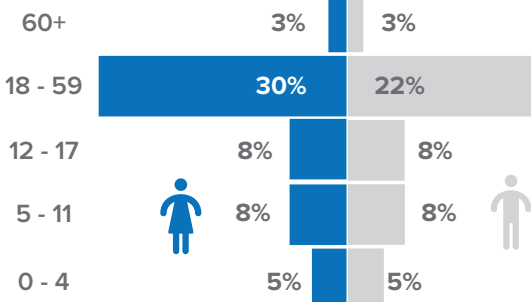
Female

46%



Male

### Age and gender breakdown



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

- On 10 September, as part of her visit to Egypt, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson met with Dr Hanan Hamdan, UNHCR Representative to Egypt, at UNHCR's Reception Centre in 6th of October City. [During the visit](#), UNHCR provided an overview of the registration process and ongoing efforts to enhance capacity in response to the growing influx of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers. The UNHCR Representative highlighted Egypt's efforts towards hosting refugees, despite the country's economic challenges, and called for increased international support. She also commended the EU's continued assistance, recognising its position as one of the top donors to UNHCR Egypt.
- The UNHCR Representative [met](#) with the new Minister for Social Solidarity (MoSS), Dr Maya Morsi, in the New Administrative Capital on 4 September. In the meeting, the UNHCR Representative congratulated the Minister on her appointment and praised the Egyptian Government's efforts to provide refugees with equal access to services, particularly in health and education. The Minister expressed her eagerness to deepen the partnership between the MoSS and UNHCR. Both parties agreed to collaborate on developing a joint strategic vision to enhance and sustain support for refugees in Egypt.
- On 3 September, the UNHCR Representative [met](#) with the newly appointed Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Amr Aljowaily in the New Administrative Capital. The Assistant FM reiterated that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) will continue to work closely with UNHCR to raise awareness and promote the protection of refugees in Egypt. He suggested to start working on a joint framework for collaboration between UNHCR and the MFA, detailing many of the on-going impactful projects and collaboration.
- On 15 September, Egypt [shipped](#) over 200 tons of relief supplies, including food, medical equipment, and medicines, to Port Sudan. This aid aims to support the areas hardest hit by floods in Sudan, particularly the Northern State.

### Protection

### Registration

As of 16 September, UNHCR Egypt provided registration appointments to 740,939 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, UNHCR has now registered 417,292 individuals for assistance and protection (56%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by South Sudanese (2%), and Eritrean (2%). Over half - 55% - are female and the great majority originate from Khartoum (85%). A fifth of those provided with registration appointments have one or more specific needs, including children at risk of not attending school, people with disabilities, or serious medical conditions.

One month after the launch of UNHCR's online registration appointment tool for Sudanese new arrivals, 7,757 individuals have received their appointments through the online tool. This has eased pressure on UNHCR's registration centres in Greater Cairo and Alexandria, improving efficiency. Sudanese refugees provided positive feedback and said the tool would help their community save time and money.

### Capacity-building

Following the Training of Trainers (ToT) conducted by UNHCR and WFP for the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) staff on needs assessment in July 2024, CAPMAS trainers delivered a comprehensive field training to enumerators from 9 to 11 September. This training was held with UNHCR support across five key governorates: Cairo, Alexandria, Damietta, Sharkia, and Aswan. During the sessions, data collectors received in-depth instruction on the refugee context, the needs assessment questionnaire, and the data collection tool/mobile application. Data collection through home visits is scheduled to commence in all governorates on 16 September.





During a community meeting in Greater Cairo, UNHCR staff informs refugees from Sudan and other nationalities about how to access UNHCR services. ©UNHCR/Jaime Gimenez

### Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, some 13,140 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 7,140 new arrivals, from which 130 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

On 4 September, UNHCR organized a community meeting at a UNHCR-TDH community centre in El Behouth (Greater Cairo). During the session, UNHCR shared information on complementary pathways, resettlement, livelihood, cash-based intervention, and anti-fraud issues with the 23 refugee leaders from Sudan, Yemen and Eritrea attended the meeting.

UNHCR conducted 21 awareness sessions in Southern Egypt in August. A total of 421 Sudanese individuals attended the sessions in Aswan, Karkar and Daraw, and learned how to access UNHCR protection services and humanitarian assistance. Additionally, UNHCR staff introduced them to the recently launched online registration tool.

### Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 20,600 inquiries (a 2% increase compared to the previous fortnight). Of those, 4,350 new registration appointments were allocated to 10,725 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 88%, Aswan 6%, and Alexandria 4%. Since the start of the conflict to date, 498,943 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 188,279 households, have received appointments via Infoline.

## Legal and physical protection

During the reporting period, 490 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and legal partners. Additionally, 175 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.

## Education

During the first two weeks of September, education grant registration at UNHCR partner's premises continued with a high demand from refugee families. So far in 2024, UNHCR partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has registered more than 39,500 children including some 25,000 Sudanese. In addition, some 200 unaccompanied and separated children were provided with education grants to support their access to education in Egypt.

## Cash assistance

As of 15 September, the total number of newly arrived Sudanese households assessed by UNHCR to receive Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) since the beginning of the crisis is 37,729. Of them, 6,724 households (30,380 individuals) have received the MPCA, representing 34% of the total 20,000 assisted households. During the last two weeks, 52 families 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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