

Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Amro, a Sudanese refugee in Cairo, shares the challenges he and his family have faced since fleeing their home country to save their lives. He is deeply grateful for the safety Egypt has provided and hopes to return home once the violence ends. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez



1.2 million
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

from 15 April 2023 to 25 September 2024, according to the Government of Egypt

55% funded

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



Egypt is the largest host country for Sudanese fleeing conflict

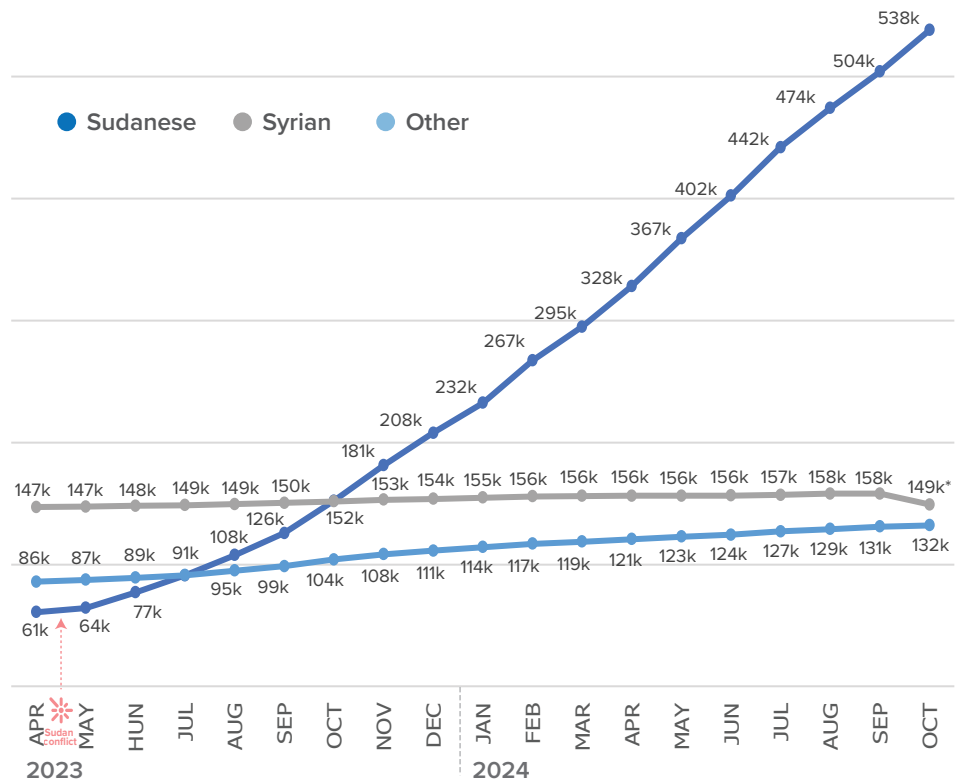
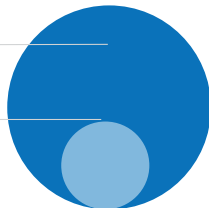
The number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers fully registered with UNHCR Egypt increased almost ninefold between the onset of the Sudan conflict and the end of October 2024.



785%
Sudanese Increase



179%
Overall Increase



*Syrian refugee numbers dropped in October 2024 as UNHCR resumed inactivating cases of those who did not renew their documents. This process had been paused earlier due to the registration upscaling measures due to the Sudan response.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- In recent weeks, at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNHCR has drafted a Transition Plan for a domestic asylum framework in Egypt. This plan is designed to help develop the Government of Egypt's (GoE) asylum management system. To support this initiative, the Protection Working Group (PWG) has formed a task team within the Refugee Coordination Model (RCM). The PWG will guide the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) in preparation for the expected passing of the asylum law. The main goal is to ensure that discussions during the transition period involve all sectors of the RCM and are strategic and harmonized, taking steps in line with international standards. This is especially important for the next phase of the process, which involves developing executive regulations and by-laws.
- From 4 to 8 November, Cairo hosted the 12th World Urban Forum (WUF12), organized by UN-Habitat. UNHCR participated with prominent high-level speakers. On 7 November, Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations (AHC-O) [emphasized](#) the importance of integrating refugees into local communities during a panel discussion on the impacts of forced displacement in urban areas. On 5 November, UNHCR's Director of the Division of Resilience and Solutions, Sajjad Malik, [highlighted](#) the need for a shift from short-term relief to long-term development. Other UNHCR officials, including the Chief of the Global Shelter Cluster Section, also presented at various events. On the sidelines of the forum, the AHC-O conducted media interviews with [Alhurra](#) (USA) and [EFE](#) (Spain). Additionally, UNHCR Egypt supported the UN Pavilion, which hosted activities focused on urban and sustainable development, with an emphasis on refugee inclusion.
- On 5 and 6 November, UNHCR [participated](#) in a workshop in Luxor under the Khartoum Process, which focuses on cooperation between the EU and African countries along mixed movement routes. This workshop addressed the impact of climate change on displacement, especially in conflict-affected areas. UNHCR's Special Advisor on Climate Action, Andrew Harper, led a high-level panel on national and regional strategies for managing climate-driven displacement. UNHCR's Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes and Sudan Regional Refugee Coordinator, Mamadou Dian Balde, sharing field insights and best practices.
- On 6 November in Cairo, UNHCR [hosted](#) a high-level discussion with development partners and donors, including key agencies like the International Finance Corporation and the World Bank. The discussion focused on advancing refugee inclusion and operationalizing the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus in Egypt using flagship projects, such as the Joint Platform for Migrants and Refugees and Prospects, and harnessing opportunities around the GCFF. UNHCR underscored the need for upscaled private sector engagement and sustained international support to address the long-term needs of refugees and host communities alike.

 **Protection** **Registration**

As of 12 November, UNHCR Egypt provided registration appointments to 796,200 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. UNHCR has now fully registered 63% of them (482,100 individuals) for assistance and protection. Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by Eritrean (2%), and South Sudanese (2%). The great majority originate from Khartoum (85%). As of 7 November 2024, the rollout of the online registration appointment tool has greatly improved the efficiency of the registration process. Over 18,000 Sudanese individuals have scheduled registration appointments using the tool – 84% in Cairo and 16% in Alexandria.

 **Community-based protection**

Over the last two weeks, some 10,180 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 7,200 new arrivals, from which 57 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.



Legal and physical protection

During the reporting period, some 625 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and legal partners. Additionally, 423 cases were referred to UNHCR partner, the Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights, for legal aid, related to early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation.

Capacity-building

From 29 to 31 October, UNHCR conducted a workshop for 24 officers of the Egyptian Armed Forces operating in different branches (Air Force, Border Control, and other units in the Army) in Cairo. The sessions covered international refugee law and the different services provided by UNHCR, including child protection, refugee status determination, and complementary pathways.

Child Protection

On 31 October, UNHCR conducted a training session for the Child Protection Committees (CPCs) in Sharm El Sheikh (South Sinai). The session, attended by 28 people, focused on international protection, UNHCR's work, and the refugee situation in Egypt. It was part of a three-day workshop that also covered child protection systems, recent changes to the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) structure, and the role of international organizations and UN agencies.

Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 22,000 inquiries. Of those, 4,500 new registration appointments were allocated to 11,600 individuals from Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 88%, Alexandria 5%, and Aswan 4%. Since the start of the conflict, 539,100 new arrivals from Sudan have received appointments through the Infoline.

Education

After the application period closed in October, UNHCR received 1,660 applications for university scholarships for the 2024/2025 academic year. Of these applicants, 69% were Sudanese. These scholarships are part of the DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) Tertiary Scholarship Programme. The number of slots for the upcoming academic year has not yet been confirmed. Due to the significant influx of refugees, mainly from Sudan, and the increasing demand from university-age refugees, UNHCR Egypt has requested an increase in the allocation of DAFI scholarships.

So far in 2024, UNHCR partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has registered more than 76,400 refugee and asylum-seeker children for education cash grants in Egypt, including 48,100 Sudanese.

Cash assistance

As of 9 November, 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 38,400, comprising 118,300 individuals. Of them, 7,000 households (32,200 individuals) have been supported with MPCA in November, representing 35% of the total 20,000 listed households. During the last two weeks, 38 families were assessed for emergency cash assistance (ECA) in Aswan.

In the last weeks, UNHCR has resumed the distribution of one-off ECA to registered refugees and asylum-seekers who fled the conflict in Sudan. From 21 October to 4 November, UNHCR provided ECA to 32,800 individuals. Since the start of the crisis, a total of 99,200 registered and unregistered individuals have been identified as eligible for one-off ECA, out of whom 82,200 individuals have successfully received their assistance.

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