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SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATE
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With only enough time to pack a suitcase, Josephina (35) and her family fled their native South Kordofan after their house was bombed. In mid-November, after a perilous 12-day journey crossing war-torn Sudan, they arrived in Egypt. ©UNHCR/Jaime Gimenez

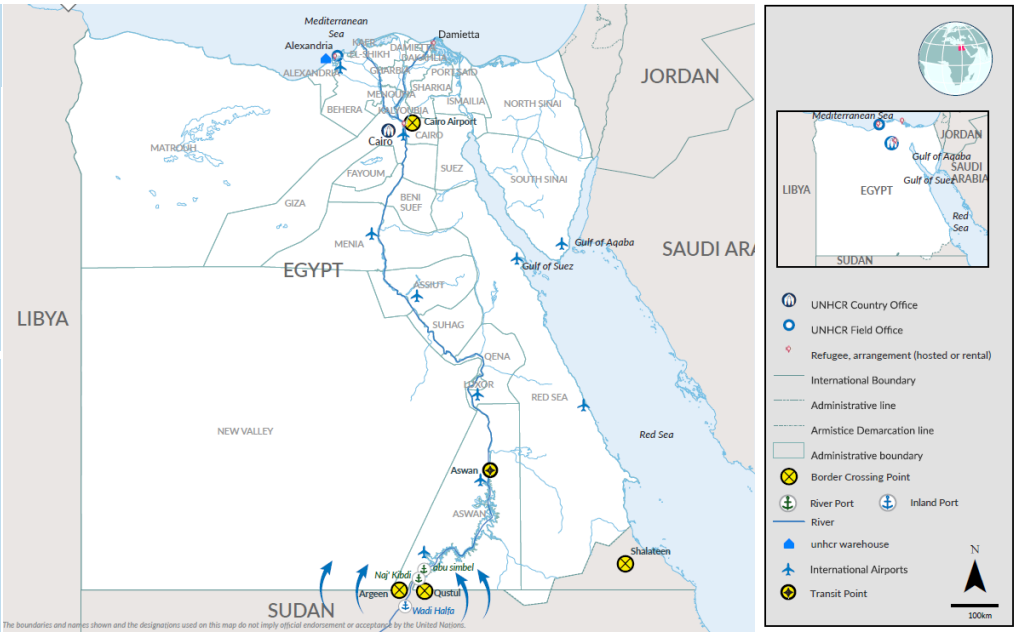
>400,000

Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

Since 15 April according to the latest information provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to UNHCR as of 31 December 2023

41% funded

of the $28.2 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt.



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS - HIGHLIGHTS

- 400,000 Sudanese and 9,000 individuals of other nationalities, totaling some 409,000 people, have crossed into Egypt between the start of the Sudan crisis and 31 December 2023, according to the latest figures shared by the Government of Egypt.
- UNHCR Egypt has so far fully registered 140,000 new arrivals from Sudan, 91 per cent of whom are Sudanese.
- Since the start of the conflict in Sudan, UNHCR has provided information on access to protection and assistance services in Egypt to some 56,000 newly arrived refugees from Sudan.

Protection

Community-based protection

Since the start of the conflict in Sudan, UNHCR has provided information on access to protection and assistance services in Egypt to some 56,000 newly arrived refugees from Sudan at the UNHCR Reception Centre in the outskirts of Cairo. Moreover, UNHCR and partner PSTIC have delivered 1,400 information sessions attended by more than 7,250 newly arrived refugees in community centres located in different parts of Cairo. During the sessions, refugees learn about practical tips for daily life in Egypt, as well as information on how to register with UNHCR and how to report fraud and complaints.

At the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, UNHCR collaborated with its partner Caritas to organize a knowledge quiz for refugee and Egyptian children on 21 December. Having conducted several training sessions in anticipation of the contest, the Bibliotheca rewarded the winners with a complimentary annual membership at the historic library, accompanied by a thoughtfully curated collection of books. Over 70 children, including around 30 newly arrived Sudanese refugees, gathered in Alexandria to learn, interact, and forge connections while expanding their knowledge. The program also aimed to boost children's self-esteem and foster a culture of ongoing learning and reading skills.

Registration

As of 04 January, UNHCR Egypt had provided pre-registration appointments to 233,167 newly arrived people from Sudan (106,376 households), of whom 140,027 (66,879 households), i.e., 60%, were already registered. Most of the registered population are Sudanese nationals (91%), while the other main nationalities registered are South Sudanese (4%), and Eritrean (3%).

Infoline

10,566 inquiries were handled by UNHCR's Infoline last week and registration appointments were given to 5,047 people who have fled Sudan. This brings the overall number of people who received registration appointments through the system to 137,815. Following the merging of the Cairo and Alexandria lines and the hiring of additional agents, the average number of calls per day has tripled compared to pre-crisis levels.

Child Protection

As of the end of December 2023, 5,717 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) were registered with UNHCR Egypt. This represents a 29% increase compared to the number of UASC registered as of 31 January 2023.

Cash assistance

Since the onset of the conflict in April, UNHCR Egypt has assisted 54,521 newly arrived people from Sudan (20,088 households) with one-off emergency cash assistance.

Upon reaching Cairo, Josephina and her family attended an information session hosted by UNHCR and its partner PSTIC in December. ©UNHCR/Jaime Gimenez

Financial information

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