

Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Nafisa, a young refugee from Sudan, arrived in Egypt in May 2023 after escaping from the war in her country. She fled Sudan with her parents and two younger siblings. They now reside in Cairo, where they have registered with UNHCR. ©UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes



500,000
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

from 15 April 2023 on — latest figure from the Government of Egypt.

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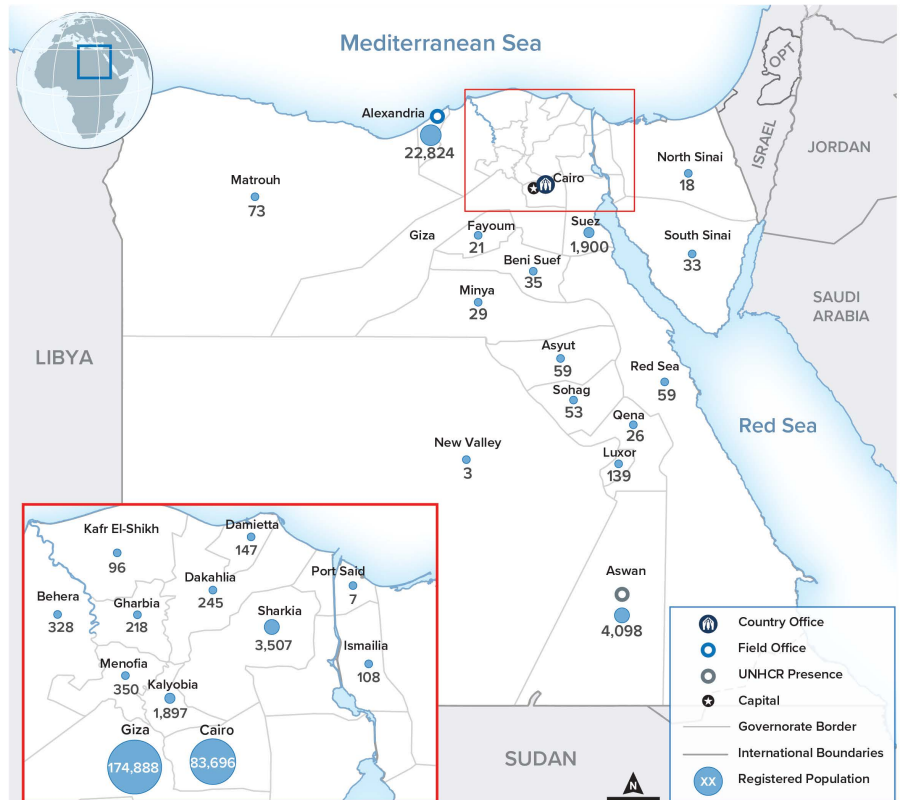
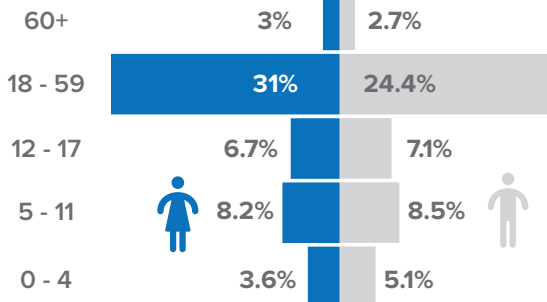
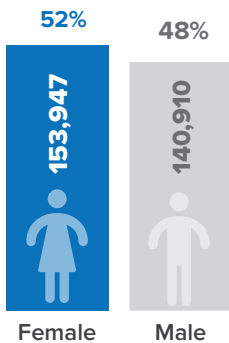
of the \$54.7 million required by UNHCR for the [Sudan emergency response](#) in Egypt in 2024.



Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

294,857

Sudanese registered with [UNHCR Egypt](#) as of 31 March 2024, including those who arrived before April 2023.



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

- Since the onset of the Sudan crisis one year ago, UNHCR Egypt has facilitated registration appointments for over 476,000 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers, with approximately 228,000 fully registered. Additionally, UNHCR has disseminated information on protection services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints to about 100,000 individuals forced to flee Sudan.
- 500,000 Sudanese and 8,827 individuals of other nationalities – 508,827 people – have crossed into Egypt since the start of the Sudan crisis, according to latest figures from the Government of Egypt (GoE). UNHCR border monitoring and interactions with border officials show the average number of regular daily entries by all nationalities from Sudan to Egypt slightly increased in March compared to the previous month (365 on average, compared to 349).
- During the last two weeks, UNHCR Egypt continued registration at a decreased capacity due to the reduced working hours during Ramadan, with a total of 9,775 refugees and asylum-seekers registered. Of them, some 8,750 were new arrivals from Sudan. Additionally, 16,250 individuals received registration appointments during the last two weeks. The no-show rate for all registration services during Ramadan continued to be much lower (17.5%) compared to previous years (45%), demonstrating the pivotal importance of UNHCR registration in the current context and the increased demand due to the Sudan crisis. Starting 14 April, UNHCR expanded its daily registration slots and returned to full processing capacity.

Protection

Registration

As of 09 April 2024, UNHCR Egypt provided pre-registration appointments to 476,484 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 227,927 individuals have already been registered (48%). UNHCR is working to increase its capacity to meet the increasing demand for registration. Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (93%), followed by South Sudanese (3%), and Eritrean (2%). Most are women (54%), children, and the elderly manifesting conflict trauma, including families separated by displacement and high numbers of unaccompanied and separated children. The great majority of new arrivals registered originate from Khartoum (88%), and 21% of those registered have one or more specific needs, such as lack of legal documentation, children at risk, people with disabilities, or serious medical conditions.

Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 13,000 inquiries, of which 5,500 new registration appointments were allocated to 14,000 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 87.5%; 4.5% for Alexandria; 3% for Aswan; and 6% for other cities. Since the start of the conflict to date, 322,170 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 121,425 cases, have received appointments via Infoline since the commencement of the crisis.



Nour (44) was forced to flee her home in Sudan and sought safety in Egypt in August 2023. She lives in Aswan, located in southern Egypt, where she has received support from UNHCR. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez

Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, refugee outreach workers provided information to some 4,430 refugees and asylum-seekers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. Additionally, 1,900 individuals were also provided with basic psychosocial support. Since the start of the crisis, UNHCR outreach has provided information to some 100,000 newly arrived people from Sudan.

Gender-based violence

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR assisted 83 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo and provided seven GBV survivors with emergency cash assistance.

Legal protection

During the period, 177 cases received legal counseling through UNHCR and legal partners. Since the start of the crisis, UNHCR Egypt has supported some 700 individuals forced to flee Sudan through lawyers of NGO partners with access to legal remedies and representation.

Education

Sudanese school-age children continue to face serious challenges in accessing suitable education opportunities in Egypt due to lack of documentation. Based on a recent assessment conducted by UNICEF and the World Bank, 54% of newly arrived children are out of school. Moreover, Sudanese families continue to face extremely hard socio-economic conditions affecting their ability to spend on their children's enrollment and retention in schools, both in the formal and informal education systems.

During the reporting period, UNHCR partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) facilitated the enrollment of 30 refugee students in UNHCR's remedial program. This program targets refugee students enrolled in public, private, or community learning centers who need extra support to complete their academic year, thus reducing the risk of dropping out of education.

Additionally, CRS facilitated the enrollment of 26 refugee students in UNHCR's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) program covering the basic skills of Tailoring and Graphic Design. CRS conducted mentorship interviews with 14 refugee students enrolled in the Graphic Design course to follow up on the students' overall progress and provide support as needed. This TVET program aims to support refugee students enrolled in Technical Schools to improve their skills and pass their exams.

As part of UNHCR's efforts to reduce the carbon footprint and support the Ministry of Education to provide clean energy, UNHCR has procured 22 solar panel batteries which will be installed in the UNHCR-supported Instant Network Schools (INS) schools across Egypt.

Health

In the Aswan region, UNHCR visited Daraw hospital to follow up on the delivery of a computed tomography (CT) scanner in late December 2023. The scanner was successfully installed and is expected to be completely functional in May after medical staff receive the required training. As the sole provider of CT scanner services along the Aswan-Cairo Road, the Daraw hospital is an important facility meeting the healthcare needs of Egyptians and Sudanese living nearby. The hospital offers a wide range of medical services, including outpatient clinics, emergency rooms, multiple operation theatres, Intensive Care Units, and a neonatal intensive care unit. The UNHCR-donated CT scanner will therefore significantly improve the hospital's capacity to provide comprehensive medical care to both host communities and Sudanese.

Cash assistance

During the period 31 March – 13 April, 89 newly arrived Sudanese households underwent a vulnerability assessment to determine their eligibility for bimonthly cash support. The total number of Sudanese families assessed by UNHCR since the beginning of the crisis is now 27,316. Currently, 20,244 assessed newly arrived families, or 56,371 individuals, are on the waiting list, categorized as poor or extremely poor. The number of newly arrived Sudanese households who have received assistance is 3,602, or 15,774 individuals.

Additionally, a total of 20,649 registered and unregistered households (56,202 individuals) have been identified as eligible for the one-off emergency cash assistance, out of whom 16,445 families (47,359 individuals) have successfully received their assistance.

UNHCR also conducts rapid needs assessments in Aswan. During the period, 21 households, 61 individuals, were assessed bringing the total to 4,194 families, 12,010 individuals, since the beginning of the crisis in Aswan. 18 households (55 individuals) were found eligible as per the rapid needs assessment criteria in the past two weeks. To date, 2,830 families comprising 8,706 individuals have been found eligible for one-off Emergency Cash Assistance through this assessment modality.

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