

# Egypt

## Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Salsabeel, who fled Sudan nine years ago, now provides life-saving information to refugees recently arrived in Egypt while pursuing online courses to advance her professional career. "My dream is to continue supporting my fellow Sudanese in Egypt, helping them thrive. I also want to travel the world (...) and learn new things," she says. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez



**500,000**  
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

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

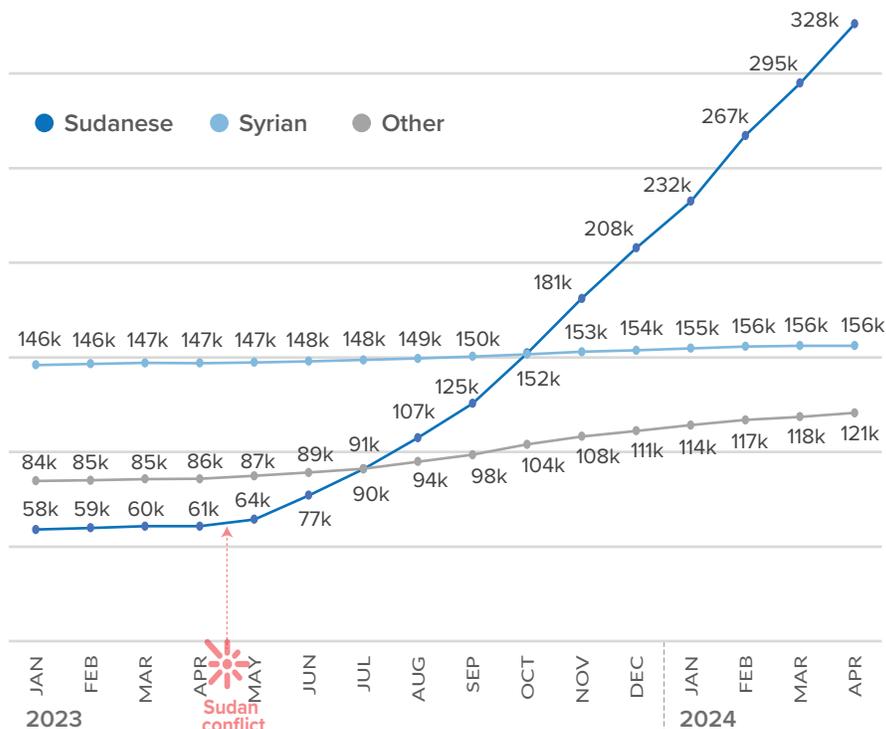
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of the \$54.7 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt in 2024.



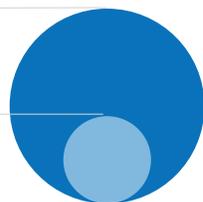
## Sudanese refugee influx to Egypt keeps rising

Due to the **Sudan emergency**, the number of refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Egypt **doubled** from April 2023 when the crisis began, until the end of April 2024.



**440%**  
Sudanese Increase

**106%**  
Overall Increase



## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR Egypt resumed registration activities at full capacity after the end of Ramadan. Between 14 and 26 April, UNHCR registered a total of 21,237 refugees and asylum-seekers, out of which 92% were new arrivals from Sudan.
- Record low no-show rates for registration appointments underscore registration's vital recognized role among refugees and asylum-seekers in the Sudan crisis context. The no-show rate for new registration appointments currently stands at 11%, a historically low from the average rate of 20% over recent years.
- On April 14 and 15, Egypt participated in the Paris International Conference on Supporting Sudan and Neighbouring Countries with a delegation headed by Ambassador Hamdi Loza, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for African Affairs. Egypt [presented](#) a set of proposals and humanitarian initiatives to deal with the crisis and mitigate its repercussions on the Sudanese people, including establishing relief warehouses close to the border with Sudan, sending medical teams to work in Sudanese hospitals, and supplying them with medical equipment and medicines, and other mobile medical teams across Sudan.

### Protection

#### Registration

As of 26 April 2024, UNHCR Egypt had provided pre-registration appointments to 500,479 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 247,408 individuals are registered (49%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (94%), followed by South Sudanese (3%), and Eritrean (2%). In terms of new arrival registration trends, females remain at 54%. The great majority of new arrivals registered originate from Khartoum (88%), and 20% 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 17,500 inquiries, of which 6,500 new registration appointments were allocated to 17,400 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 86%; 4.5% for Aswan; 3.5% for Aswan; and 6% for other cities. Since the start of the conflict to date, 340,000 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 128,000 cases, have received appointments via Infoline since the commencement of the crisis.

#### Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, refugee outreach workers provided information to some 6,800 refugees and asylum-seekers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in Greater Cairo on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. Additionally, 3,600 individuals were also provided with basic psychosocial support.



After fleeing Sudan last May, Sherif (47) opened a restaurant in Alexandria where he offers his customers the best of his country's cuisine. ©UNHCR/Christine Beshay. [Watch the video here.](#)

With UNHCR support, more than 30 mostly Sudanese refugees participated in the "Mediterranean International Summit of Creative Economy MISCE 2024" in Alexandria on 22 April. The event convened international and local partners along with diverse speakers who talked about the challenges faced by Egypt's cultural and creative industries, innovation, sustainable methodologies for cultural institution development, and the future of creative cities. Alongside the summit, Sudanese and Syrian refugees also took part in a parallel cultural exhibition, showcasing products that reflect their cultural heritage.

## Gender-based violence

On 22 April, UNHCR organized a community engagement session in Greater Cairo attended by 37 Sudanese newly arrived women. The session tackled sexual and reproductive health for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and included an overview of what is GBV and its types, the possible barriers of reporting GBV and the stigma surrounding GBV survivors. The session also highlighted the safety of the body from reproductive diseases, the freedom to choose to have children, and women's mental health, the risks of early marriage, and the effects of physical and sexual violence on pregnant women. Furthermore, it was highlighted the physical, medical, and emotional consequences of rape which included unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, unsafe abortions, psychological, behavioral, and mental effects on the survivors. Lastly, the facilitator provided an overview of services for GBV survivors, starting from the base which is the basic needs and safety, society and family support, non-specialized services and then at the top specialized services.

UNHCR partner distributed 109 menstrual care kits to female school-age adolescents. The objective of the distribution of the kits was to foster an environment conducive to sustained education through the provision of essential menstrual care items to Sudanese newly arrived female students. It also aimed to support them attend their schools without missing days. A UNHCR partner organization also facilitated awareness

sessions to students and parents receiving the kits, to orient them on the different services provided by UNHCR and its partners to mitigate and prevent GBV risks, and to raise participants' awareness of the different relevant terminologies and reporting channels.

## Capacity-building

On 27 April, UNHCR participated in Cairo in the International Training at the Egyptian Police Academy (ITEPA) project, co-organized by the Italian Ministry of Interior, to train border guards in 21 African countries on various border management topics, including mixed movements, trafficking, and smuggling as well as international refugee law concepts. The training, which is carried out over 4 weeks, will include sessions by various agencies including UNHCR, IOM, EUAA, and Frontex. UNHCR provided a keynote speech highlighting the Sudan situation, and the exponential increase in crossings into Egypt and registered refugees and reiterated UNHCR's continued work with the Government of Egypt (GoE). Further, UNHCR emphasized the need to protect refugees and vulnerable migrants in the context of mixed movements and UNHCR's continued support in addressing mixed movements, in partnership with the GoE. Also last week, as part of an agreement with the Egyptian Ministry of Defence, UNHCR delivered a workshop to 12 border guards in Cairo.

## Health

Following conversations with UNHCR, the Society of Friends of Alexandria Pediatric Centre started receiving around five Sudanese patients per week for screening and different services. The board members discussed their willingness to extend support to more refugees and proposed formal cooperation with UNHCR to enable them to receive more vulnerable cases that can benefit from their medical services.

## Cash assistance

Between 14 – 27 April, 243 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 27,559.

Additionally, a total of 20,732 registered and unregistered households (56,433 individuals) have been identified as eligible for the one-off emergency cash assistance (ECA), out of whom 16,868 families (47,647 individuals) have successfully received their assistance.

UNHCR also conducts rapid needs assessments in Aswan. During the period, 72 households, 185 individuals, were assessed in the South, bringing the total to 4,268 families, 12,204 individuals, since the beginning of the crisis. 48 households (130 individuals) were found eligible as per the rapid needs assessment criteria in the past two weeks. To date, 2,880 families comprising 8,845 individuals have been found eligible for ECA through this assessment modality.

## External Relations

UNHCR High Profile Supporter and singer Maher Zain visited Egypt on 21 April to highlight UNHCR's response to the Sudan Emergency. The mission included a visit to UNHCR's registration centre in Greater Cairo, where UNHCR briefed Mr. Zain on the main challenges faced in the context of the Sudan emergency, including the huge demand from Sudanese to register as asylum-seekers and refugees for assistance and protection. He also visited a community centre run by a UNHCR partner and met with Sudanese new arrivals of different ages and backgrounds. Zain also met with the UNHCR Representative to Egypt and expressed his appreciation for the work of UNHCR in response to the Sudan emergency.

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