

Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Ethar is a 18-year-old Sudanese who graduated with five other refugee students from the German Hotel School in El Gouna on 16 May. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez



500,000
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

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

6% funded

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



UNHCR Egypt's response to the Sudan Situation

Between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2024



120,794

People registered with UNHCR Egypt



6,692

People assisted with other protection services*



1,395

Children at risk supported



757°

People supported with education services

Over

122,000



Refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan supported



14,420

Health consultations provided



160,000

Water bottles delivered at the border crossings



31,524

People provided with cash assistance

*Refugee status determination, resettlement, protection counseling/helplines, individual protection monitoring, and legal assistance.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- Some 92% of refugees and asylum-seekers registered by UNHCR Egypt over the last two weeks were new arrivals from Sudan. Between 12 and 23 May, UNHCR Egypt renewed 6,900 UNHCR documents and newly registered 20,800 people, including 19,100 new arrivals from Sudan. Additionally, some 29,800 individuals forced to flee Sudan received registration appointments.
- UNHCR met with the International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA) on 19 May to discuss strategic collaboration, particularly on the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development, to be held in July 2024. The forum is led by the Government of Egypt and provides the first-of-its-kind platform in Africa, it addresses the interlinkages between peace and development, and champions Africa-led durable solutions, through strengthening the policies-practices linkages. CCCPA serves as the secretary for the forum which brings together heads of states, government leaders, regional and international organizations, financial institutions, private sector, and civil society. The UNHCR contribution will encompass sharing its expertise on protection and durable solutions and potentially co-sponsoring a session focused on Sudan.

Protection

Registration

As of 23 May 2024, UNHCR Egypt had provided pre-registration appointments to 548,038 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 282,413 individuals are registered (52%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (94%), followed by South Sudanese (3%), and Eritrean (2%). Over half - 54% - of new arrivals are female and the great majority originate from Khartoum (87%). A fifth of those registered have one or more specific needs, including 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 15,900 inquiries, of which 7,000 new registration appointments were allocated to 19,800 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 87%; 3% for Aswan; 5% for Alexandria; and 5% for other cities. Since the start of the conflict to date, 372,200 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 139,500 cases, have received appointments via Infoline.

Community-based protection

With four refugee outreach workers undertaking information sessions on a daily basis at UNHCR's Reception Center in Greater Cairo, over the past two weeks some 8,200 refugees and asylum seekers were provided with details on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints. On the other hand, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 4,200 new arrivals, from which 46 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

On 16 May, UNHCR [launched](#) the Art Lab to promote social cohesion and social transformation through artistic practices with UNESCO and UNFPA. A two-day workshop took place where 22 refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen participated. Refugee-led organizations also took part in the event. The workshop strengthened the participants' knowledge of using arts for social transformation.

Capacity-building

For the first time, UNHCR delivered a training session to military school students on international refugee protection in Cairo on 19 May. The session was provided to 500 students and received positive feedback. It was the first of four scheduled in 2024, among 17 capacity-building activities planned for Ministry of Defence officers and students.



Hayat Shabal (25) is one of the ten refugee artists who displayed their artworks during the 'Empower Her Art Forum' in Cairo from May 18 to 22. She found safety in Egypt last year after fleeing Khartoum, where she owned an art gallery. While escaping the war in Sudan, she brought some of her paintings with her, including the one exhibited in Cairo. ©UNHCR/Christine Beshay

Legal and physical protection

During the past two weeks, 294 cases were referred to UNHCR legal partners Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR) and United Lawyers (UL) for legal aid. The assistance was related to early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation. In addition, 1,237 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and partners, while 602 queries were answered through the legal partners hotline, and 48 birth certificates were issued. Additionally, EFRR conducted six legal clinics in Aswan governorate, attended by 249 Sudanese who benefited from legal awareness and counselling. Further, two legal clinics were held in Cairo and attended by 110 refugees and asylum-seekers.

Education

On 16 May, six refugee students graduated from the German Hotel School in El Gouna (Red Sea governorate) after receiving education grants funded by the Sawiris Foundation. The six students (three Syrian, two Somali, and one Sudanese) were identified by UNHCR and obtained a diploma accredited by the association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce in Leipzig (IHK) and the Egyptian Ministry of Education. One of the refugee students received an award for obtaining the highest grade. The study programme is three years and is designed to provide the students with the theoretical background and German language skills they need to become hotel specialists. This successful graduation means that the six refugee graduates can now work in any hotel worldwide. Since the start of the collaboration between UNHCR and the Sawiris Foundation in 2020, 17 refugee children have received education grants to enrol in the German Hotel School.



Cash assistance

As of 25 May, the total number of newly arrived Sudanese households assessed by UNHCR since the beginning of the crisis is 29,120. Of them, 4,290 families (19,926 individuals) have received the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA).

During the last two weeks, 82 households, 299 individuals, were assessed for emergency cash assistance (ECA) in Aswan. Since the start of the crisis, a total of 20,820 registered and unregistered households (56,696 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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