



Egypt

Sudan Emergency Response Update

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Nada, a Sudanese refugee, spoke during the World Refugee Day event organized by UNHCR and the American University in Cairo on 12 June. After the onset of the Sudan crisis last year, Nada mobilized a group of first responders to provide life-saving assistance to refugees arriving in Aswan. ©UNHCR/Mohamed Kamal



622,000
people forced to flee
Sudan to Egypt

have approached UNHCR for registration between 15 April 2023 and 24 June 2024.

26% funded

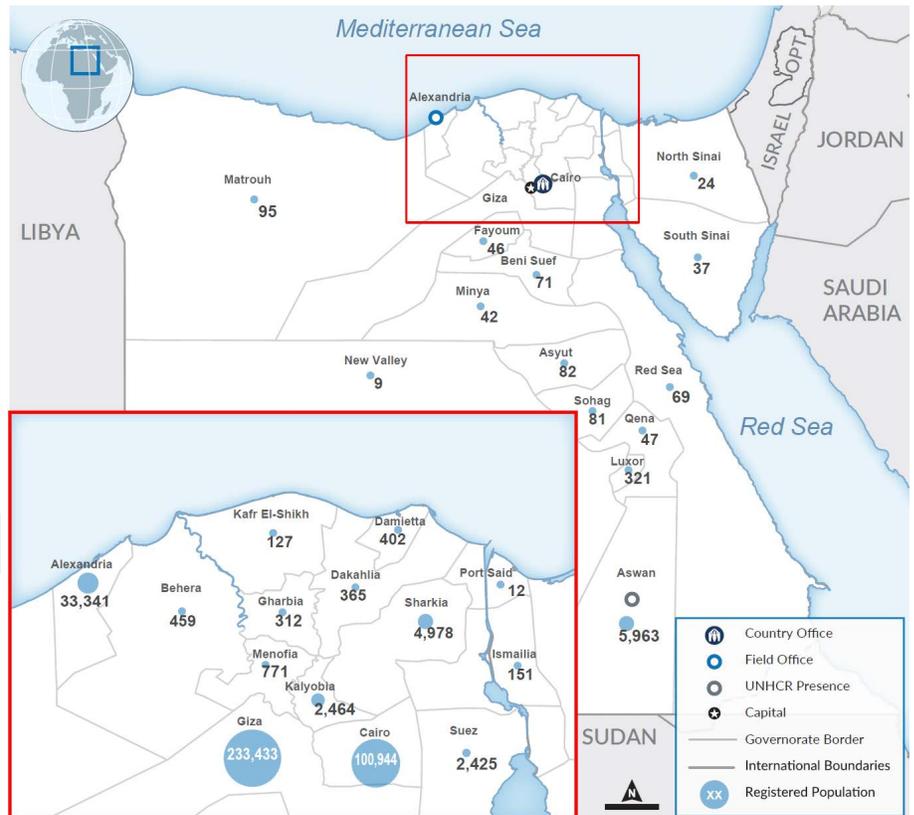
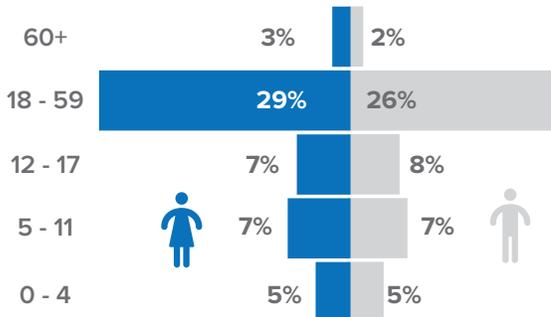
of the \$134.7 million required by UNHCR to support refugees of all nationalities in Egypt in 2024.



Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

387,071

Sudanese registered with UNHCR Egypt as of 18 June 2024, including those who arrived before the onset of the crisis.



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

- UNHCR **held** an event at the American University in Cairo on 12 June in honour of World Refugee Day. The event saw the participation of more than 400 attendees including government officials, donors, private sector representatives, partners, refugees and asylum-seekers, and host communities. It included musical performances from groups from Syria, Sudan, and South Sudan and stories from refugees who have made Egypt their home.
- UNHCR and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport **launched** the ‘Bridge of Hope’ initiative in Alexandria on 10 June. Through this collaboration, refugees in Egypt will receive scholarships to study for bachelor’s degrees. The initiative aims to create inclusive learning environments and facilitate sustainable solutions for refugees to build a better future through education. UNHCR Representative to Egypt, Hanan Hamdan, stated that this joint programme will provide refugees with the tools they need not only to survive but also to thrive, ultimately promoting self-reliance and contributing to the development of host communities.
- Last week, hate speech directed against Sudanese particularly, but also Syrian people, was disseminated on social media through hashtags that urged the Egyptian authorities to deport refugees. UNHCR is undertaking measures to counter hate speech, including the dissemination of verified information on refugees in Egypt via UNHCR social media platforms and engaging with local journalists through media workshops.

Protection

Registration

As of 20 June 2024, UNHCR Egypt provided pre-registration appointments to 614,000 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, 315,500 individuals are registered (51%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by South Sudanese (2%), and Eritrean (2%). Over half - 54% - 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.

Some 91% of refugees and asylum-seekers registered by UNHCR Egypt over the last two weeks were new arrivals from Sudan. Between 9 and 20 June, UNHCR Egypt renewed 3,660 UNHCR documents and newly registered 15,800 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 14,400 new arrivals from Sudan. Additionally, some 28,700 individuals forced to flee Sudan received registration appointments.

Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt’s Infoline handled some 14,200 inquiries, of which 6,250 new registration appointments were allocated to 18,000 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 80%; 7% for Alexandria; 4% for Aswan and 9% for other cities. Since the start of the conflict to date, 417,000 new arrivals from Sudan, comprising 155,000 households, have received appointments via Infoline.



Dancers from the South Sudanese group Sons of Farateet get ready to go on stage for their performance during the UNHCR's World Refugee Day event at the American University in Cairo on 12 June. ©UNHCR/Mohamed Kamal

Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, some 6,300 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. At the same time, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 3,420 new arrivals, from which 33 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

Cash assistance

As of 20 June, 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 30,840. Of them, 4,290 families (19,926 individuals) have received the MPCA.

During the last two weeks, 22 households, 55 individuals, were assessed for emergency cash assistance (ECA) in Aswan. Between 16 and 22 June, no rapid needs assessments were conducted due to the Eid al-Adha public holidays. 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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