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Mostafa, six, came to Egypt from Sudan with his mother—seeking a lifeline for his failing heart. ©UNHCR/ Basma Fathy

36% funded
of the $137.7 million required by UNHCR for the refugee response in Egypt in 2025.

628,423 individuals
were provided with appointments through UNHCR's Infoline.

1,056,651
Registered population

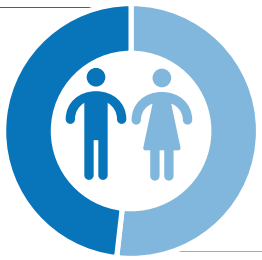
423,408
Registered households

74.1%
Women and children

19.07%
Persons with specific needs

Gender of registered population

486,698
46.1%



53.9%
569,953

Persons with specific needs

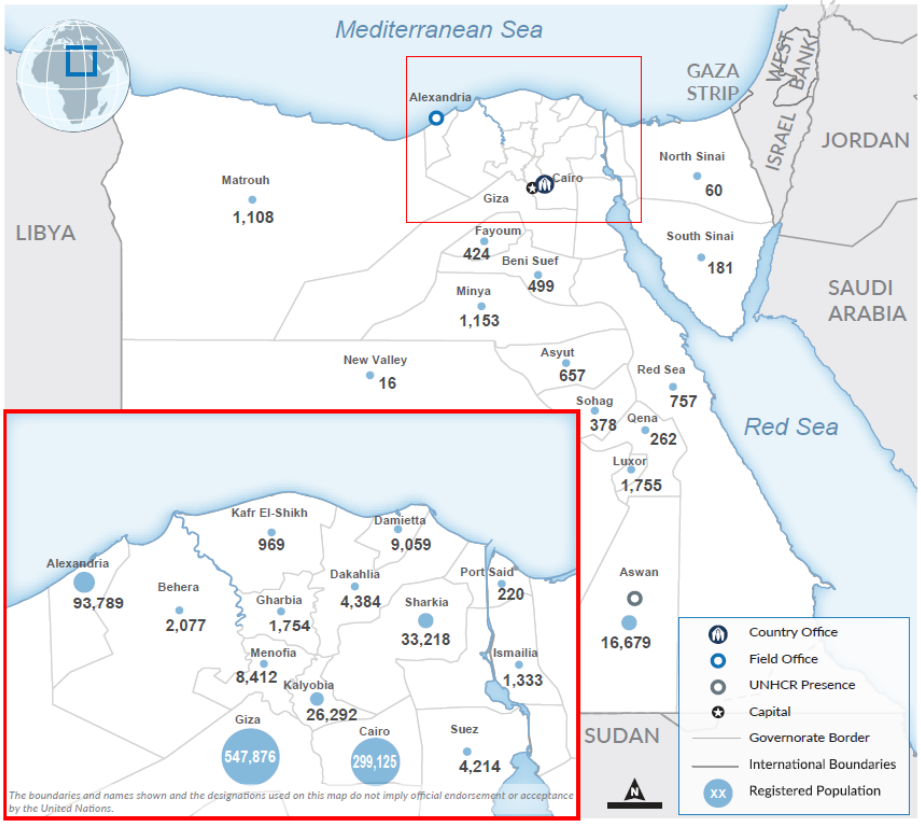
10,609
5%
Unaccompanied or separated children

4,075
2%
Older persons at risk

19,099
9%
Children at risk

23,310
11%
Disabilities

4,147
2%
Women at risk



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- On 2 and 3 September, the CBP team participated in the capacity-building training for the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD). The team provided sessions on disability inclusion and community-based protection, focusing on communication and transparency to 23 staff members from the national council. The training aimed at exploring the role of the council in light of the new national asylum law.

Protection

Registration

In September 2025, UNHCR Egypt registered around 25,739 new refugees and asylum-seekers, 89% of whom were Sudanese nationals. Smaller numbers include other nationalities (9%) and Syrians (2%).

Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, UNHCR Egypt has provided registration appointments to 967,517 individuals who fled the country. Of these, 755,224 people (78%) have been fully registered to receive protection and assistance.

As of 30 September, the total registered population is 1,056,651 individuals, including those who arrived in Egypt before the conflict, with the following breakdown: 792,760 Sudanese (75%), 140,508 of other nationalities (13%), and 123,383 Syrians (12%). Women make up 53% of the registered population.

Community-Based Protection (CBP):

In September, 29,752 refugees and asylum-seekers, including new arrivals from Sudan, received information on services, assistance, and procedures for reporting fraud and complaints from outreach community workers at UNHCR's Reception Centre in 6th of October City, Greater Cairo. In addition, over the same period, UNHCR's partner Terre des Hommes (TdH) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 8995 individuals, out of whom 63 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment and another 83 fast-tracked for further urgent assistance. Additionally, UNHCR provided counseling to 505 refugees, including 315 who received in-person counseling, while the rest were assisted through remote sessions.

On 9 September 2025, the CBP unit conducted a focus group discussion in Terre des Hommes Community Centre Dokki with a group of refugees with communication disabilities. The purpose was to finalize testing and reviewing the communication tool for refugees with communication disabilities. The next phase will be to rollout the tool at UNHCR Registration and Reception areas.

On 10 September 2025, the CBP unit in coordination with the Durable Solutions unit conducted a briefing session on complementary pathways and labour mobility in Terre des Hommes Community Centre Dokki. The session was attended by 23 male and female refugee youth from different nationalities (Sudan, South Sudan, Syria and Eritrea). The objective of the session was to provide information and raise awareness on complementary pathways.

On 16 September 2025, the CBP unit, in coordination with the Child Protection unit, and UNICEF conducted two focus group discussions at a Terre des Hommes community centre as part of the taskforce on Asylum law messaging. A total of 13 children participated in one session for the 10–14-year age group and the other

for the 15–17-year age group. The focus group discussions were conducted to better understand the most suitable channels for disseminating information about the national asylum law to these specific age groups.

From 21 to 25 September, the CBP team, in collaboration with Terre des Hommes team conducted a training for 39 refugee-led organizations (RLOs)' representatives (20 males, 19 females) from 20 RLOs. The training sessions covered key topics including problem analysis, budgeting, planning, M&E, documentation, disability inclusion, and referral pathways. As a result, the training enabled the 20 participating RLOs to develop proposals for material support, which will be awarded to 10 RLOs to help sustain and strengthen their ongoing efforts in addressing refugee community challenges and needs.

On 23 and 24 September, as part of the ongoing training series initiated by UNHCR to strengthen the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) institutional understanding of international refugee protection, the CBP team in collaboration with Terre des Hommes facilitated two training sessions for 45 MoYS Youth Center administrators from different governorates. The training covered key topics, including UNHCR's role, the Asylum Law No. 164 of 2024, and refugee registration procedures.

On 24 September 2025, the CBP unit conducted a community meeting attended by 35 asylum-seekers and refugees from Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrean, Syrian and Yemen at Terre des Hommes community centre Dokki. The meeting addressed and focused on health services that are provided in Egypt by a different organization and was attended by the health working group chairs and members, including UNHCR, IOM, WHO, Mersal and StARs staff were present. The meeting was informative, and the different organizations staff updated the community on the available health services in Egypt and how they can access the services.

Nashwa Al-Abrash (L) and Khetam Souid (R), artisan refugees from Syria, weave a strap for a leather bag as a part of a collaboration between MADE51 and Al Sadu Society, from Kuwait. ©UNHCR/ Pedro Costa Gomes

Legal and Physical Protection (LPP):

On 16 September, UNHCR attended an event by the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) towards enhancing the protection of migrants and refugees. The meeting highlighted NCHR's work since 2003, including Law 92/2017 (amended 2022) criminalising trafficking,

the set-up of a new complaints' hotline on trafficking, and youth outreach activities. Civil society and academics noted persistent gaps such as discrepancies in migrant data, delays in refugee registration, insufficient funding to address the needs of migrants, need for further skill development for migrants and security concerns related to the challenges in accessing residency. Priorities for the NCHR moving forward will focus on: Strengthening the hotline to receive complaints of immigrants; training lawyers following the adoption of the executive regulations; awareness-raising and training of civil society on refugee and migrant rights. This initiative comes at a time when NCHR faces the risk of being downgraded to "B" status.

On 28 September, UNHCR hosted a briefing and visit by the National Council for Human Rights. NCHR explained their constitutional mandate and scope of work, which includes mediation between victims of human rights violations and authorities, monitoring and reporting on human rights issues, reports to the parliament, the Prime Minister and the President and provision of legal aid services. NCHR has been engaged in the development of the law and asked the parliament to consider international standards. NCHR and DIHR will organize a workshop on 6-7 October to promote human rights principles in the executive regulations, with the attendance of several key ministries and national councils. NCHR intends to expand its work on migrants and refugees, including expanding from a unit to a department. UNHCR and NCHR identified areas of joint engagement to be formalized in an MoU and workplan, such as support of UNHCR to the development of NCHR's new department, capacity-development, and joint interventions to promote international refugee law with government stakeholders and within civil society.

Prevention and Response to Violence Against Women and Girls:

On 3 September, as part of the national initiative to launch Safe Women Clinics in university hospitals across Egypt, the GBV unit delivered an awareness session to the medical cadre at Aswan University Hospital virtually. This initiative, implemented by UNFPA in collaboration with the National Council for Women (NCW), aims to strengthen institutional responses to gender-based violence (GBV) and ensure survivors have access to specialized support services. UNHCR's participation in the session focused on raising awareness among healthcare providers that refugees have the right to access public hospitals and should be treated on an equal basis with Egyptian nationals. The presentation also included an overview of the referral pathway for GBV case management, highlighting how refugee survivors can be connected to appropriate protection and psychosocial services when needed.

Child Protection:

On 1 September, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) inaugurated its new branch in Alexandria. UNHCR provided key material support for the NCCM branch along with 6 others, given their pivotal role in supporting children at risk, including refugee children.

On 7-8 September, the CP unit delivered a two-day workshop to the technical secretariats of the National Coordinating Committee for Prevention of Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons NCCPIM&TIP. The session focused on the international legal framework, the newly adopted asylum law, registration, RSD and child protection.

On 22 and 23 September, the child protection unit participated in a roundtable held by National Council by Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), by an initiative called the National Child Empowerment Initiative. This is focused on developing countrywide Standard Operating Procedures for the empowerment of children, preventing and addressing child protection risks. This roundtable brought together national counterparts, INGOs, UN agencies and ministries, and is the first in a planned series of roundtables and workshops to develop these national SOPs.

On 22 and 23 September, Plan International, in collaboration with UNHCR CP unit, conducted an evaluation of their alternative care and protection housing components. The primary aim was to ensure compliance with child protection guidelines and identify gaps and areas of improvement. The first day focused on discussions with the Emergency Team Leader, the project manager, and the community volunteers, as well as a review of data protection practices. On the second day, two field visits were conducted: one for an alternative care family hosting two children at risk under the age of five, and another to a community-based organization hosting unaccompanied children. The key gaps identified included limited community engagement in order to identify suitable care arrangements for children, and a lack of consistent and ongoing home visits for younger children placed in alternative care. A plan is being put in place to address these gaps, including strengthening community involvement and improving follow-up mechanisms for children in alternative care.

Infoline:

In September, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline responded to 26,409 inquiries. Additionally, 1,451 individuals fleeing the conflict in Sudan secured registration appointments through the Infoline. Since the crisis began, a total of 628,423 people has successfully been scheduled with appointments using this system.

Capacity-building:

Between 16 – 18 September, UNHCR delivered a training to the Egyptian Ministry of Defence for 17 border guard officers. The workshop was conducted in the border control school, covering a variety of topics related to UNHCR mandate and international protection, identification of persons with specific needs, and protection in mixed movements.

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