

Egypt

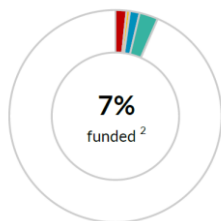
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Egypt hosts **291,578 refugees and asylum seekers**. Most refugees and asylum seekers are **in urban areas** of Greater Cairo and on the North Coast.

UNHCR Egypt is the **largest refugee status determination (RSD) operation globally** and adjudicated 11,007 decisions in 2022. Around **37 per cent** of all refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt are children.

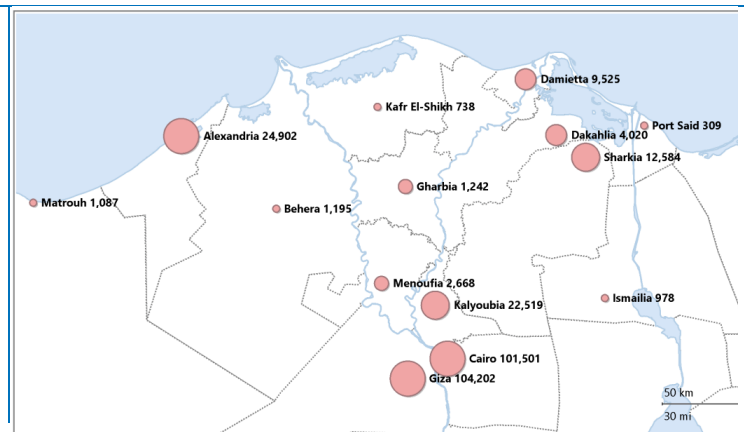
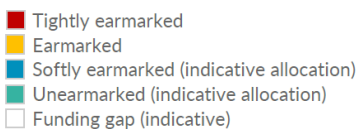
UNHCR **registers, documents, and conducts RSD** for refugees and asylum seekers on behalf of the Government and **facilitates access to protection and essential services**, such as health and education.

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\$131.2 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Protect

- Refugees and asylum seekers have **access to legal remedies and representation** through lawyers of NGO partners.
- UNHCR **advocates with local authorities for the release of those under administrative detention** for residency-related offences and for access to persons in detention who may need international protection.
- UNHCR and partners provide **tailored assistance and psychosocial support to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV)** and those who have experienced or witnessed conflict, violence or trauma.
- UNHCR conducts **best-interest assessments and prioritizes protection and assistance to unaccompanied and separated children and other children at-risk** across all programmes through prevention and response activities and specialized services.
- UNHCR and partners provide targeted support to **persons with specific needs (PWSN)** through individual case management, community-based psychosocial support and emergency response.
- In 2019, **the GOE announced its commitment to create a domestic asylum legal framework** and UNHCR is providing capacity building to support advancement of a draft asylum law.

Assist

- UNHCR **supports national efforts to improve the quality of health services** to refugees and asylum seekers and the host population in areas with high concentrations of refugees.
- Refugees and asylum seekers continue to have **access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care** equal to Egyptian citizens.
- The Office supports the delivery of healthcare assistance to patients with **chronic diseases, as well as psychosocial and mental health support**.
- UNHCR delivers **monthly unconditional cash grants** to extremely vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers to provide protection and assistance and prevent refugees from resorting to harmful coping mechanisms. In 2023, UNHCR Egypt decided to **increase the number of families** (over 13,200 families in 2022) assisted with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance by 29% in order to mitigate the negative effects of the rising inflation on beneficiaries. This decision is in line with the findings of the year-end 2022 post-distribution monitoring exercise, which shows that the cash assistance enabled almost all beneficiaries (97%) to afford items/services that they had been unable to afford before receiving the cash.

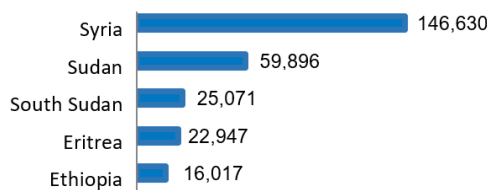
Empower

- For the 2022/2023 academic year, UNHCR provides **education grants to more than 56,000 refugees and asylum seeker students** (50% female) in public, community and private schools. Additionally, enhanced education grants are provided to around 1,800 unaccompanied and separated children and some 600 children with disability.
- UNHCR maintains an **active outreach programme** for Communication with Communities (CwC). The Office provides refugees and asylum seekers with information about services UNHCR and its partners provide.
- UNHCR provides eligible refugees and asylum seekers with training, coaching, counselling and other support services to assist them in **sustainable livelihood activities**.

Solve

- Due to its location, Egypt is part of the Syrian and Central Mediterranean **resettlement initiatives**. In 2022, 2,834 refugees were submitted for resettlement consideration to Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US, while 4,101 refugee departed for resettlement countries.

Top-5 nationalities of refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt



Working with Partners

- UNHCR cooperates with the **Government** of Egypt through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2023, UNHCR Egypt is working through the following **partners**: Refuge Egypt | CARE Egypt | Caritas Egypt | Catholic Relief Services | Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights | Save the Children International | Terre des Hommes | United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).
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UNHCR Presence in Egypt

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46 International	1 Country office in Cairo
249 National	1 Registration centre in Giza
	1 Field office in Alexandria

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