

Population by nationality

UNHCR for the refugee

response in Egypt in 2025.

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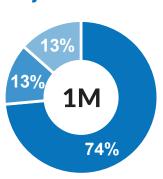
755,646 Sudanese



127,753Syrians



136,928 Other nationalities



Of which:



73.5%

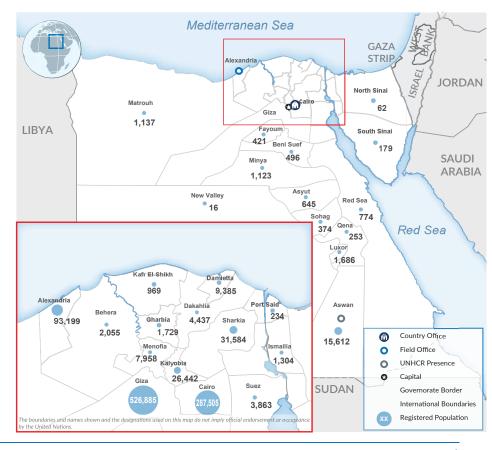
Women and children



18.85%

Persons with specific needs

Source: UNHCR registration data



the Sudan conflict in April 2023.



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- On 13 July, UNHCR Egypt <u>released</u> detailed comments on Egypt's newly promulgated Asylum Law, published in the Official Gazette on 16 December 2024. As the UN-mandated agency for refugee protection, UNHCR welcomed Egypt's efforts to codify refugee protection and acknowledged the range of rights afforded under the law, reflecting Egypt's commitment under the 1951 Refugee Convention, the 1967 Protocol, and the 1969 OAU Convention. UNHCR provided technical recommendations aimed at further strengthening the law's alignment with international standards, including consideration of an explicit non-refoulement provision and harmonization of refugee definitions with those in the 1951 and 1969 conventions. UNHCR looks forward to continuing its close cooperation with the Government of Egypt in the implementation of the law, including efforts to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers have effective access to education, healthcare, and pathways to work, self-employment, and association in line with national systems and policies.
- UNHCR and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) <u>signed</u> a landmark agreement on 16 July to mobilize USD 2.5 million in Islamic philanthropic financing to support Sudanese refugees across Egypt, Chad, and Libya. This funding includes a USD 1.5 million grant from IsDB, with additional contributions from the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and the Global Islamic Fund for Refugees (GIFR), marking the first major disbursement from the GIFR since its launch in 2022. In Egypt, the funds will enable UNHCR to provide supplementary education, critical medical care, and assistive devices for refugees with special needs, addressing urgent humanitarian gaps as the country hosts over 700,000 registered Sudanese refugees.
- The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) joined a Best Interest Determination (BID) panel for the first time on 16 July. This marks an important step toward integrating refugee children into Egypt's national protection system and strengthens the BID process for unaccompanied and separated children at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The milestone follows sustained advocacy and ongoing collaboration, including a recent two-day workshop coorganized with NCCM on international refugee law, Egypt's new Asylum Law, registration and RSD, and child protection in asylum contexts. The workshop promoted knowledge exchange and coordination to support more child-sensitive asylum procedures. NCCM's involvement is also a positive step for resettlement, as some countries require national authority participation in BID decisions.
- On 17 July, UNHCR hosted a live video session on Facebook to address real-time questions from refugees on the topic of resettlement, which garnered 152,000 views that same month, making it the most watched live video since the project began in 2020. The broadcast explained resettlement as a key protection tool, clarified eligibility criteria, and debunked common rumors circulating within the refugee community. It also addressed frequently asked questions such as how refugees can know if their file is being considered for resettlement, what criteria are applied, how long the process takes after being informed of eligibility, and whether the color of a UNHCR card has any impact on resettlement decisions.



On 28 July, UNHCR Egypt <u>facilitated</u> a visit with the Swiss Ambassador, accompanied by the Deputy
of the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and then acting SDC Head, at the UNHCR Main
Building. The visit included a tour of reception and registration facilities and direct discussions with
refugees. The focus was on the Sudan crisis, given the Ambassador's current coverage of Sudan
from Cairo, and on Egypt's asylum system transition. Switzerland committed to remaining a crucial
partner and donor in the face of the challenges posed by the funding shortfall and the unresolved
Sudan crisis.



Registration

In July 2025, UNHCR Egypt registered around 23,500 new refugees and asylum-seekers, 89% of whom were Sudanese nationals. Smaller numbers include other nationalities (10%) and Syrians (1%). Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, UNHCR Egypt has provided registration appointments to 955,000 individuals who fled the country. Of these, 710,000 people (74%) have been fully registered to receive protection and assistance.

As of 31 July, the total registered population is 1,020,000 individuals, including those who arrived in Egypt before the conflict, with the following breakdown: 756,000 Sudanese (74%), 137,000 of other nationalities (13%), and 128,000 Syrians (13%). Women make up 53% of the registered population.

Community-Based Protection (CBP):

In July, 24,900 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 12,500 individuals, out of whom 60 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment and another 370 fast-tracked for further urgent assistance. Additionally, UNHCR provided counseling to 900 refugees, including 700 who received in-person counseling, while the rest were assisted through remote sessions.

On 30 July, UNHCR Egypt organized a community meeting at a multi-purpose community centre (MPCC) in Cairo, bringing together 35 male and female community leaders and members, including Sudanese, to discuss key services provided by UNHCR.

From 22 to 26 July, UNHCR Egypt, in partnership with TdH and members of the government, organized a five-day training at a center in Cairo. The training brought together 18 young participants – 9 Egyptians and 9 refugees, including Sudanese – and covered facilitation skills, safeguarding policies, life skills, and the design of protection-focused sports activities. The training served as a platform to build trust, strengthen social cohesion, and encourage community engagement between Egyptian and refugee youth.



On 15 July, UNHCR Egypt organized a joint reception at a multi-purpose community centre (MPCC) in Cairo. The event brought together UNHCR staff and implementing partners. A total of 67 refugees and asylum seekers, including Sudanese, attended the reception where they received protection, registration, and counselling services.

On 2 July, UNHCR Egypt and TdH jointly organized a legal information session at an MPCC in Cairo for representatives of refugee-led organizations (RLOs). The session, attended by 26 participants of various nationalities, was facilitated by a lawyer from a UNHCR legal partner and focused on the procedures and requirements for official refugee registration. Participants discussed common challenges in the process and explored possible approaches to help organizations meet registration criteria.

Legal and Physical Protection (LPP):

In July, 2,680 individuals received legal counselling sessions through UNHCR and partners, concerning early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation.

Additionally, UNHCR provided LPP case management for 300 refugees, including 73 Sudanese.

Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence:

On 15 and 16 July, UNHCR Egypt participated in a two-day regional workshop undertaken by an organization that provides online mental health support, including writing-based therapy for issues such as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The sessions focused on digital Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and brought together participants from across South-West Asia and North Africa. Discussions covered the integration of new technologies in MHPSS, strategies for delivering support during crises, and the role of peer networks among mental health professionals.

On 9 July, UNHCR Egypt conducted a monitoring visit to a partner case management office in Cairo. Discussions focused on strengthening communication systems, enhancing the functionality of information hotlines, and supporting service accessibility. Psychosocial support consultants were present during the visit to provide individual sessions for refugees and asylum-seekers. The visit also highlighted ongoing coordination efforts between field teams in different governorates to ensure effective case management and monitoring.

On 1 and 2 July, UNHCR Egypt, in collaboration with UNFPA, co-facilitated the first two days of an online training on the use of online protection tools. The sessions brought together around 30 practitioners of violence against women and girls from partner organizations and served as an interactive training with the use of a mix of videos, presentations, quizzes, and practical exercises to strengthen participants' knowledge of core online protection tools.

Child Protection:

On 16 July, UNHCR Egypt joined partner staff on visits to community childcare facilities operated by refugee women who graduated from a training program on day care. The visits highlighted both the dedication of the women running these spaces and the challenges they face, including limited space, high temperatures, and the need for additional resources such as toys, furniture, and cooling equipment. Opportunities were identified to strengthen safeguarding practices, enhance referrals for children with specific needs, and explore avenues for material support. The initiative demonstrates strong potential for empowering women and expanding safe childcare options within the community.



On 2 July, UNHCR Egypt, in collaboration with a legal partner, conducted a legal clinic session for refugee and asylum-seeker children of various nationalities. Held in Cairo, the session was attended by approximately 25 participants and focused on refugees' legal rights and obligations. The session also introduced the legal services provided and outlined the role of legal counsel. This activity forms part of the series of thematic sessions delivered by UNHCR Egypt to refugee and asylum-seeker children throughout.

(A) Infoline:

In July, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline responded to 23,800 inquiries. Additionally, 3,200 individuals fleeing the conflict in Sudan secured registration appointments through the Infoline. Since the crisis began, a total of 625,605 people have successfully been scheduled with appointments using this system.

Education

In July, UNHCR Egypt, through its education partner, initiated monthly follow-up interviews with DAFI scholars. During these meetings, scholars were briefed on the schedule of summer complementary activities aimed at building skills for academic and professional development. Additionally, 70 DAFI scholars began English language classes with AMIDEAST Egypt to further strengthen their language proficiency and support their academic success.

Cash Assistance

Provision of cash for food, rent, and shelter to refugees and asylum-seekers faces imminent suspension due to severe funding shortfalls. If no new funding is secured, the final cash disbursement will take place in September 2025, covering both September and October, and is expected to reach fewer than 4,000 beneficiary households. This marks a sharp decline from the 20,000 families (over 80,000 individuals) supported in January-February 2025. Without additional contributions, there will be no cash assistance list for November or December, effectively suspending the programme from November 2025 onward.



Rabab, a disabled Sudanese single mother. Like many refugees, Rabab's family are struggling to cope after losing UNHCR cash assistance.

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Capacity-building:

On 31 July, the first digital communication workshop was held with the participation of 19 members from UNHCR Egypt. The session covered topics such as effective use of digital tools, selecting appropriate platforms for specific purposes, content creation strategies, inter-organizational coordination for information dissemination, practical tips for communicating across various digital channels, online protection measures, and identifying credible sources. This pilot workshop forms part of a broader initiative to strengthen refugee digital engagement and enhance the reach and impact of their social media platforms.

IceAlex, in partnership with UNHCR Egypt and TdH, facilitated a workshop on 9 July for 20 Sudanese participants focused on the role of marketing in brand building and business growth. The session aimed to enhance participants' understanding of marketing strategies and how to craft clear, impactful messages that convey value to customers. Innovation was highlighted as a critical driver for improved performance and market competitiveness. Participants actively engaged in discussions, exploring ways to apply these concepts to their own entrepreneurial initiatives.

As part of efforts to strengthen national capacities in asylum and child protection, UNHCR Egypt organized a two-day workshop for the NCCM in Cairo and Giza. The training explored the roles of registration, refugee status determination, and legal protection for refugee and asylum-seeking children, and covered the basics of international refugee law and child protection principles. A total of 41 participants took part in this first round of training.

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