

Egypt

Emergency Response Update

August 2025

Reem Hariri, holds her baby girl, Jury. A mother of 7, Reem volunteers in many NGOs, offering advice and support to other refugees in Egypt.

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36% funded

of the \$137.7 million required by UNHCR for the refugee response in Egypt in 2025.



964,000 individuals

were provided with registration appointments since the outbreak of the Sudan conflict in April 2023.



1,035,325

Registered population



414,034

Registered households



73.6%

Women and children



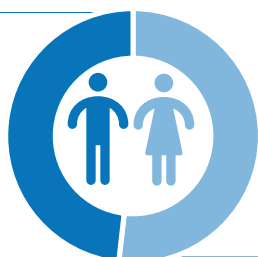
18.75%

Persons with specific needs

Gender of registered population

477,408

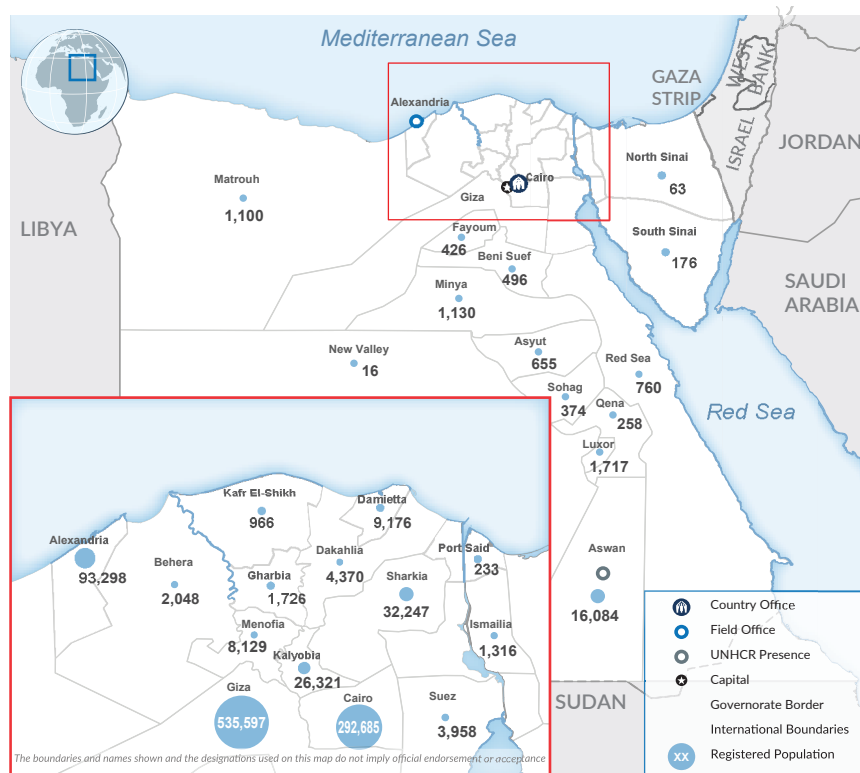
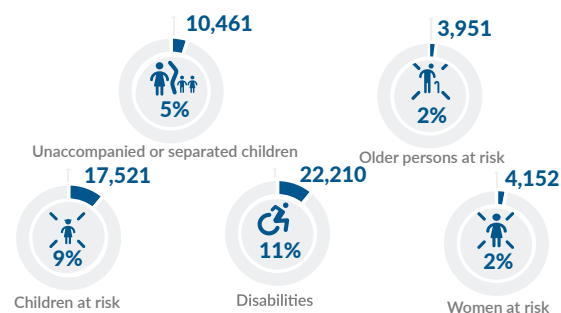
46.1%



53.9%

557,917

Persons with specific needs



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- On 20-21 August, UNHCR Egypt, alongside Representative Hanan Hamdan, welcomed a high-level delegation from the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) for discussions on the ongoing Sudan crisis. The meeting was joined by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Discussions highlighted areas of cooperation on humanitarian response and cross-border coordination, as well as the importance of strengthening partnerships to address the needs of refugees and communities affected by displacement. All parties reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing collaboration and communication in support of those most in need.
- In an interview with SWR Aktuell Radio (Germany) on 18 August, Sebastian Herwig, Head of External Relations at UNHCR Egypt, spoke about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Sudan as well as the consequences of aid funding cuts in Egypt, which has taken in the largest number of Sudanese refugees. This represents a stark reminder of how vital sustained support is for refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as the communities hosting them.

Protection

Registration

In August 2025, UNHCR Egypt registered around 24,322 new refugees and asylum-seekers, 88% of whom were Sudanese nationals. Smaller numbers include other nationalities (11%) and Syrians (1%). Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, UNHCR Egypt has provided registration appointments to 964,000 individuals who fled the country. Of these, 731,000 people (76%) have been fully registered to receive protection and assistance.

As of 31 August, the total registered population is 1,035,300 individuals, including those who arrived in Egypt before the conflict, with the following breakdown: 772,000 Sudanese (75%), 138,000 of other nationalities (13%), and 125,000 Syrians (12%). Women make up 53% of the registered population.

Community-Based Protection (CBP):

In August, 23,100 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 7,900 individuals, out of whom 40 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment and another 185 fast-tracked for further urgent assistance. Additionally, UNHCR provided counseling to 480 refugees, including 290 who received in-person counseling, while the rest were assisted through remote sessions.

As part of ongoing collaboration with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), UNHCR and TdH organized a summer volunteer program to support the refugee community. Following a training in July, top-performing AASTMT students were connected with community centers and refugee-led spaces, where they facilitated six interactive English classes throughout August. The program reached over 70 refugee children – primarily Sudanese, along with

a few Syrians and Yemenis – helping them strengthen their language skills. In parallel, media students collected stories and prepared a documentary film highlighting the resilience of refugees.

Between 24-28 August, UNHCR Egypt, in collaboration with TdH, organized a training for 20 registered grassroots organizations serving refugees, both Egyptian and refugee-led. A total of 42 participants attended the sessions, which focused on social cohesion and disability inclusion. The training aimed to strengthen the capacity of these organizations and equip them with the skills needed to support refugee-focused activities and services.

On 20 August, UNHCR Egypt convened a community meeting at a multi-purpose community center (MPCC) in Cairo with the participation of 50 refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen, allowing UNHCR to address any community concerns.

Between 13-15 August, UNHCR Egypt held two information sessions on UNHCR and partner services in collaboration with Egyptian community-based organizations (CBOs). A total of 60 refugees, including Sudanese, attended the sessions, benefiting from the services provided by these two CBOs.

On 13 August, UNHCR Egypt organized a community meeting with 38 asylum-seekers and refugees with communication disabilities, the majority from Sudan. The session, attended by UNHCR staff from various units, addressed concerns related to violence against women and girls, integrity, legal support, and physical protection. Participants proposed practical recommendations to improve access to protection services, including increasing the number of interpreters across partner organizations.

On 12 August, UNHCR Egypt organized a joint reception event at a MPCC in Cairo. UNHCR staff from various units, together with implementing partners, participated in the event. A total of 76 refugees and asylum-seekers – mainly from Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia – received protection services.

Legal and Physical Protection (LPP):

In August, 1,500 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 180 refugees, including 40 Sudanese.

Child Protection:

On 20 August, UNHCR Egypt delivered a legal training for the team at Plan International. The session included an overview of the legal services provided by UNHCR's legal team and partners and covered key topics such as cases of violence against women and girls.

On 6 August, UNHCR Egypt participated in a roundtable on addressing child marriage, hosted by Plan International and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM). Discussions centred on the legal and procedural challenges in tackling child marriage, particularly in rural contexts. UNHCR highlighted the importance of including refugees in these efforts and emphasized that awareness sessions and counselling provided to refugees should align with national laws.

Infoline:

In August, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline responded to 34,400 inquiries. Additionally, 3,600 individuals fleeing the conflict in Sudan secured registration appointments through the Infoline. Since the crisis began, a total of 629,117 people have successfully been scheduled with appointments using this system.

Education

During August, UNHCR Egypt, through its education partner, continued to interview parents of refugee children applying for the standard education cash grants for the 2025-2026 academic year. To date, the partner has interviewed parents of 4,674 refugee students (3,447 Sudanese, 695 South Sudanese, 530 from other nationalities, and 2 Syrian). In addition, the partner interviewed parents of 251 refugee children with disabilities. Furthermore, 30 refugee children attended UNHCR bridging classes, and another 30 participated in UNHCR Technical and Vocational Trainings (TVET).

Capacity-building:

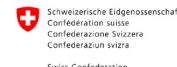
On 12 August, UNHCR in Alexandria and TdH, in partnership with Care Egypt, held a training workshop for 18 Sudanese participants who are part of newly formed committees bringing refugee-led organizations (RLOs) together to coordinate and address community priorities. The workshop focused on strengthening participants' skills in assessing community needs and introduced key principles and methodologies of vulnerability assessment. Through interactive exercises, participants revisited their collective vision, refined objectives, and deepened their understanding of strategic planning, helping to lay the groundwork for more effective, collaborative responses to emerging challenges.

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