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Azza is one of the 1.2 million Sudanese who found safety in Egypt after fleeing their country since the conflict started in April 2023. Together with her four children, she crossed the border one year ago. Now they live in Greater Cairo, where Azza participates in UNHCR's livelihoods programmes. ©UNHCR/Jaime Giménez



1.2 million
Sudanese forced to
flee to Egypt

from 15 April 2023 on — latest figure from the Government of Egypt

51% funded

of the \$57.7 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt in 2024



UNHCR Egypt has now registered more than half a million Sudanese

The number of **Sudanese** refugees and asylum-seekers fully registered with UNHCR Egypt **increased more than eightfold** between the onset of the Sudan conflict and the end of September 2024.



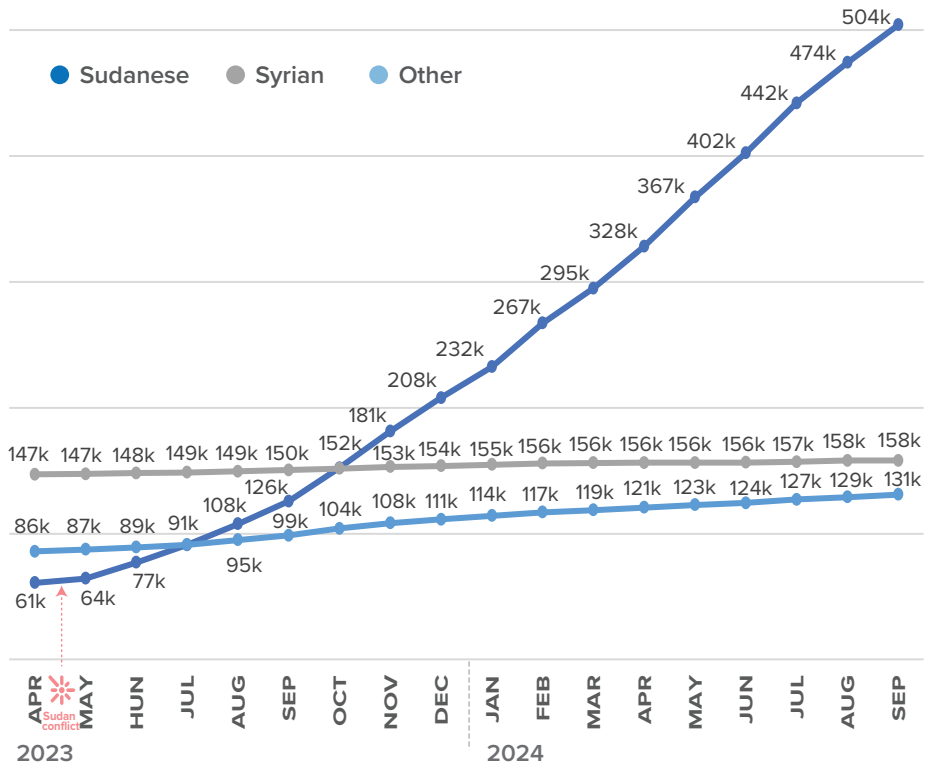
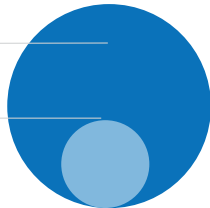
729%

Sudanese Increase



170%

Overall Increase



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.2 million Sudanese have fled to Egypt since the start of the conflict in April 2023, according to the latest figure provided by the Government of Egypt (GoE) to UNHCR on 25 September 2024. This indicates that Egypt is the top country receiving individuals forced to flee due to the current conflict in Sudan, followed by Chad with about half of this number.
- The number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Egypt reached half a million on 26 September. 86% of them arrived in Egypt after the onset of the conflict in Sudan.
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, [met](#) with Egypt's Foreign Minister (FM) Badr Abdelatty during the 79th UN General Assembly in New York on 23 September. The FM praised UNHCR's support for Egypt's efforts to care for refugees and asylum seekers, stressing the need to further assist refugees and to ease the strain on Egypt and local communities. He noted worsening crises in neighbouring countries, which have led to a surge in refugee flows, making Egypt the third-largest recipient of asylum applications in 2023. Abdelatty reaffirmed Egypt's commitment to its international obligations. The meeting also covered the situation in Sudan, where the FM detailed Egypt's efforts to aid the Sudanese, push for a ceasefire, and improve humanitarian access.
- On 22 September, Egypt's FM [called](#) for an urgent resolution to the Sudan crisis to end the violence, secure a ceasefire, and protect the country's resources. He made this statement during a meeting with Sudanese FM Hussein Awad Ali at the UNGA. Abdelatty outlined Egypt's efforts to support Sudan's unity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity through international channels. He also stressed the need to improve aid delivery via border crossings to ensure essential supplies reach the Sudanese people.
- Dr. Hanan Hamdan, the UNHCR Representative to Egypt, [met](#) with the French Ambassador in Cairo on 26 September. UNHCR expressed gratitude to France for being UNHCR's 5th largest donor globally in 2024 and for funding the operation for the first time in the context of the Sudan Situation, as well as their leadership role around the Paris conference. The Ambassador inquired mainly about the UNHCR registration process and the overall protection environment in Egypt.
- UNHCR Representative [met](#) with Tarek Al-Khouly, Deputy Chairman of the Egyptian Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, in Cairo on 22 September. They discussed potential collaboration to bring sustainable development solutions to support the Government of Egypt's efforts in hosting refugees and asylum-seekers.

Protection

Registration

As of 29 September, UNHCR Egypt provided registration appointments to 755,131 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. Of those, UNHCR has now registered 431,172 individuals for assistance and protection (57%). Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by South Sudanese (2%), and Eritrean (2%).

Six weeks after the launch of UNHCR's online registration appointment tool for Sudanese new arrivals, 10,782 individuals have received their appointments through the online tool. This has eased pressure on UNHCR's registration centres in Greater Cairo and Alexandria, improving efficiency.

Capacity-building

From 24 to 26 September, UNHCR delivered a training session in Cairo attended by 23 border control officers serving at various border points across Egypt. The officers learned about international protection, refugee status determination, identification of persons with specific needs, coordination during emergencies, and child protection. So far in 2024, UNHCR has facilitated 11 capacity building activities with the Ministry of Defense covering various military branches and institutions.



Mohammed, a 10-year-old refugee from Sudan, attends English classes at the Hope for Refugees community centre in Alexandria. ©UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes

Education

During the first two weeks of September, education grant registration at UNHCR partner's premises continued with a high demand from refugee families. So far in 2024, UNHCR partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has registered more than 53,000 children including some 35,000 Sudanese.

Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, some 12,500 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. During the same period, UNHCR partner Terre des Homme (TdH) provided on-the-spot basic psychosocial support to 7,500 new arrivals, from which 340 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

On 22 September, UNHCR delivered a training session on protection services to eight members of the Ahdaf community organization in Aswan. Participants were highly engaged and expressed interest in further training to enhance their ability to assist Sudanese communities in Southern Egypt and guide them to effectively access UNHCR protection services.

Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 21,400 inquiries (a 4% increase compared to the previous fortnight). Of those, 3,900 new registration appointments were allocated to 10,200 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 88%, Aswan 6%, and Alexandria 5%. Since the start of the conflict to date, 514,000 new arrivals from Sudan have received appointments through the Infoline.



Legal and physical protection

During the reporting period, 544 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and legal partners, an 11% increase compared to the previous two weeks. Of them, 293 were Sudanese. Additionally, 122 cases were referred to UNHCR legal partners, the Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR), and United Lawyers (UL) for legal aid, related to early and late birth registration, filing legal reports, divorce, custody, and legal representation.



Cash assistance

As of 28 September, 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 35,292, comprising 107,213 individuals. Of them, 6,901 households (31,171 individuals) have received the MPCA, representing 35% of the total 20,000 assisted households. During the last two weeks, 43 families were assessed for emergency cash assistance (ECA) in Aswan. Since the start of the crisis, a total of 21,182 registered and unregistered households (57,799 individuals) have been identified as eligible for one-off ECA, out of whom 17,023 families (49,100 individuals) have successfully received their assistance.

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