

# Egypt

## Sudan Emergency Response Update

16 October 2024



On 14 October in Geneva, Sudanese refugee Nada Fadol received the Nansen Regional Award for the Middle East and North Africa from Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Nada was recognized for her efforts in providing essential aid to hundreds of families fleeing to Egypt. ©UNHCR/Anne-Laure Lechat



**1.2 million**  
Sudanese forced to flee to Egypt

from 15 April 2023 to 25 September 2024, according to the Government of Egypt.

**51% funded**

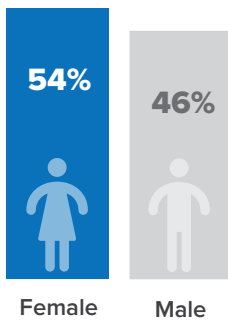
of the \$57.7 million required by UNHCR for the Sudan emergency response in Egypt in 2024



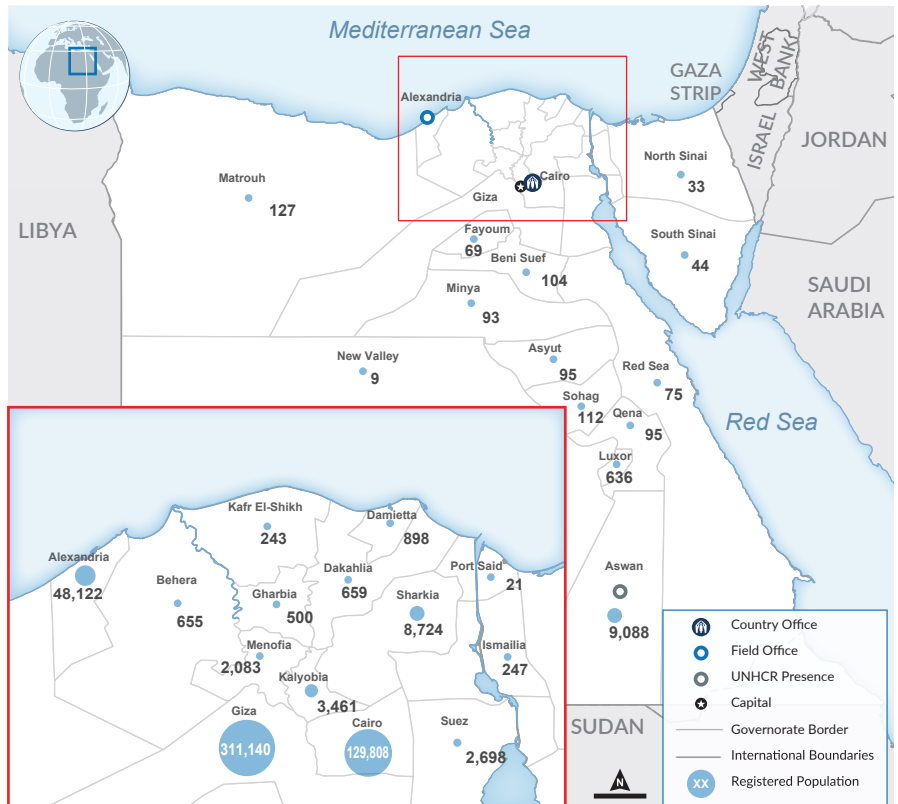
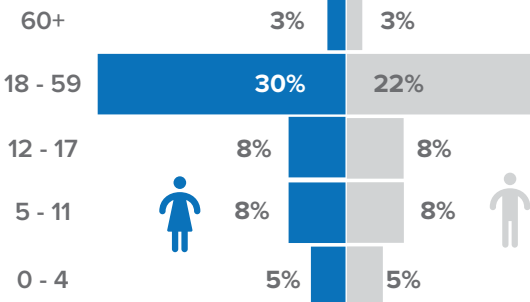
## Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt

**520,000**

Sudanese registered with UNHCR Egypt as of 15 October 2024, including those who arrived before the onset of the crisis in April 2023.



### Age and gender breakdown



Source: UNHCR registration data / Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the UN

## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – HIGHLIGHTS

- Nada Fadol, a Sudanese refugee in Egypt who has mobilized essential aid for hundreds of refugee families, was [announced](#) as the 2024 regional winner for the Middle East and North Africa of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award on 9 October. She founded the Rouh Initiative, a youth-led community centre in Alexandria where forcibly displaced people, mainly from Sudan, receive free healthcare services and skills training. Despite limited resources, Nada's efforts have significantly impacted hundreds of families, providing crucial support and temporary shelter. Through the initiative, Nada has connected refugees in need with Egyptian philanthropists and volunteers, facilitating access to cash, medical care, education, and shelter. She also established a network of over ten Egyptian doctors who offer pro bono healthcare. Learn more about her story [here](#).
- On 30 September, UNHCR, together with the Government of Egypt (GoE), the European Union, and other UN agencies (IOM, UNICEF, and WHO), [launched](#) the Joint UN Programme under the Joint Platform for Migrants and Refugees (JPMR). The programme aims to enhance access to health and education for refugees and migrants and host communities while ensuring protection services for the most vulnerable remain available. The EU-funded programme will support public entities with refurbishment, equipment, and hardware in the health and education sectors, and include capacity trainings, awareness raising and advocacy, for practitioners, front liners and the community at large. The UNHCR Representative, Dr. Hanan Hamdan, reiterated the need for shared responsibility, calling for increased international support to complement Egypt's long-standing efforts.
- On 9 October, the UNHCR Representative [participated](#) in the second edition of the Climate Connect series in Cairo, where she highlighted UNHCR's efforts to address the challenges refugees face due to climate change. She focused on how extreme weather events affect vulnerable populations and UNHCR's role in providing humanitarian assistance to those displaced by these events. The event brought together experts, policymakers, and activists to discuss the urgent challenges of climate change and explore sustainable solutions for climate resilience.
- In September, UNHCR Egypt's [Help website](#) was the most visited globally with 114,000 visits, marking a 28% increase compared to the same month last year. One reason for the increase is the launch of UNHCR Egypt's online registration appointment tool in August. A dedicated page for this tool was created on the Help website, where most users now access it. In 2024, Egypt's Help page has been the most visited among all UNHCR operations worldwide, with a total of 726,000 visits. The platform serves the growing number of refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt, offering key information on available services, registration with UNHCR, and emergency contacts.

### Protection

### Registration

As of 15 October, UNHCR Egypt provided registration appointments to 767,700 people forced to flee Sudan since the onset of the conflict in April 2023. UNHCR has now fully registered 59% of them (449,600 individuals) for assistance and protection. Most of the newly registered population arriving from Sudan are Sudanese nationals (95%), followed by South Sudanese (2%), and Eritrean (2%). The great majority originate from Khartoum (85%).

### Community-based protection

Over the last two weeks, some 13,600 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 8,800 new arrivals, from which 83 cases were referred for in-depth psycho-social assessment.

On 8 October, UNHCR, together with refugees with communication disabilities, met at the Multi-purpose Community Centre, managed by UNHCR and its partner TdH, in El Behouth (Giza) to continue innovating the set of Augmentative and Alternative Communication Tools. The team developed a wallet-sized card in Arabic and English that identifies holders as deaf and states their specific communication needs.



### Capacity-building

From 7 to 9 October, UNHCR provided training to the Egyptian Ministry of Defence (MoD) for 21 officers from the Egyptian Navy in Alexandria. The workshop covered a variety of topics related to international protection, coordination during emergencies and protection considerations in mixed movement flows. This training is the third workshop conducted this year for the Navy forces out of four planned in 2024. During 2024, UNHCR facilitated 14 activities with the MoD covering different military branches and institutions.

### Legal and physical protection

During the reporting period, some 500 individuals received legal counselling through UNHCR and legal partners, including 168 Sudanese. Additionally, 150 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.

### Infoline

Over the past two weeks, UNHCR Egypt's Infoline handled some 19,100 inquiries. Of those, 3,890 new registration appointments were allocated to 10,140 individuals who had fled Sudan. The proportion of callers from Greater Cairo was 87%, Aswan 6%, and Alexandria 5%. Since the start of the conflict to date, 522,000 new arrivals from Sudan have received appointments through the Infoline.

### Education

During the first two weeks of October, 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 64,250 children including some 40,700 Sudanese.



 **Health**

So far in 2024, UNHCR has provided some 32,000 primary care consultations to Sudanese refugees in Egypt. UNHCR has also supported specialized healthcare, including hospital care, for some 3,500 Sudanese individuals. UNHCR continues to enhance the quality of health services for refugees, asylum-seekers, and host communities. Through its partners, UNHCR offers treatments for chronic and mental disorders and supports secondary and tertiary healthcare interventions in hospitals. As UNHCR works to expand access to national healthcare systems, it ensures quality and cost-effective services and a network of general and specialized hospitals, laboratories, radiology and dialysis centres, and pharmacies. However, challenges have emerged regarding access to public healthcare for refugees in areas where the new Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS) has been implemented, including Aswan, Ismailia, Luxor, and Port Said.

 **Inter-agency coordination**

On 2 October, UNHCR [organized](#) a workshop to prepare the 2025 Egypt Refugee Response Plan, including the Egypt chapter of the Sudan Regional Response Plan (RRP). The workshop was co-hosted by UNDP and attended by 31 partners, including UN agencies, national and international NGOs and refugee-led organizations. During the workshop, UNHCR introduced revamped Egypt's Refugee Coordination Model (RCM) structure and presented the 2025 Egypt strategic objectives, country population projected figures, and the RRP planning process.

 **Livelihoods and economic inclusion**

With UNHCR support, more than 30 refugees took part in the 4th edition of [She Arts](#), the first festival dedicated to women in arts in the Middle East and North Africa. It was held from 26 to 29 September in Cairo and Alexandria. Sudanese and Syrian music bands performed on stage, showcasing their talents to the audience. Moreover, a band formed by six Sudanese [won](#) the first prize in the festival's music competition. Additionally, refugee artisans sold their handmade creations at the festival's bazaar.



A group of Sudanese women participates in the 4th edition of the She Arts festival in Cairo on 27 September. They performed a traditional bridal dance from Sudan. ©UNHCR/Karim Hany


**Cash assistance**

As of 12 October, 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 36,189, comprising 110,434 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, 83 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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