

# WHO EGYPT RESPONSE TO SUDAN CRISIS

## EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT 7

REPORTING PERIOD 1ST NOVEMBER TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

### > At A Glance


**1,660,000**

Sudanese fled into Egypt since April 2023\*


**569,629**

Registered Sudanese\*\*

\*UNHCR Sudan 2025 RRP Factsheet

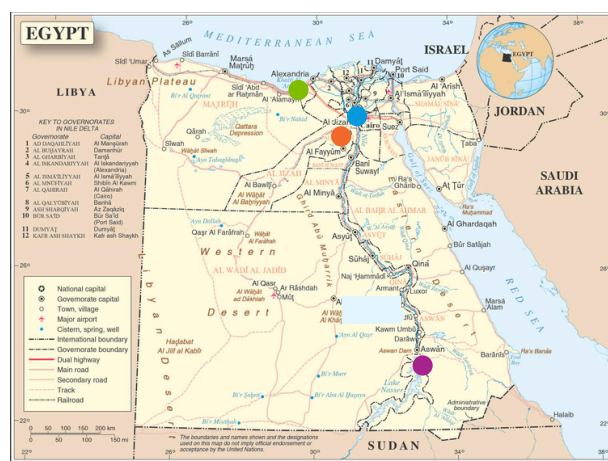
\*\*UNHCR Factsheet for 30th November 2024

### > Current Situation

The conflict in Sudan, which commenced in April 2023, has now persisted for **over 600 days**, with **Egypt hosting the largest number of Sudanese refugees**, according to UNHCR.

Greater Cairo and Alexandria have been the main governorates accommodating the forcibly displaced Sudanese individuals. However, a significant number, particularly the most vulnerable individuals unable to afford the high cost of living in these cities, have moved to areas closer to the border, including **Aswan governorate**.

The vulnerability of the Sudanese refugee community in Aswan has been further exacerbated by the increasingly restrictive border control measures since the beginning of the conflict, which resulted in **a rise in irregular migration** and consequently a **rising protection risk**.



● Cairo

● Giza

● Alexandria

● Aswan

Aswan is undergoing extensive reforms to its healthcare system, including raising healthcare costs for non-Egyptians, which affects their access to essential medical services. Additionally, imported cases of Malaria among the newly arrived refugees as well as ones affected by the recent outbreak of gastroenteritis in Aswan have highlighted the group's indispensable need for affordable healthcare.

# > Role of WHO in Supporting Egyptian Healthcare System

WHO Egypt is working closely with the National stakeholders including Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population (**MOHP**) and Egyptian Healthcare Authority (**EHA**) to strengthen the Egyptian Healthcare System and in turn effectively respond to the ongoing crisis while also addressing the needs of host communities.

## 1 Healthcare Expenses Coverage Program

\$ | 235,000

 | 2,570  
Healthcare services

In November and December 2024, in collaboration with the Egyptian Health Authority in Aswan governorate, coverage was provided for **606 healthcare services** for Sudanese for the cost of **\$80,000** under the Healthcare Expenses Coverage program, bringing the total **health services covered to 2,570** for a total amount of **\$235,000**.

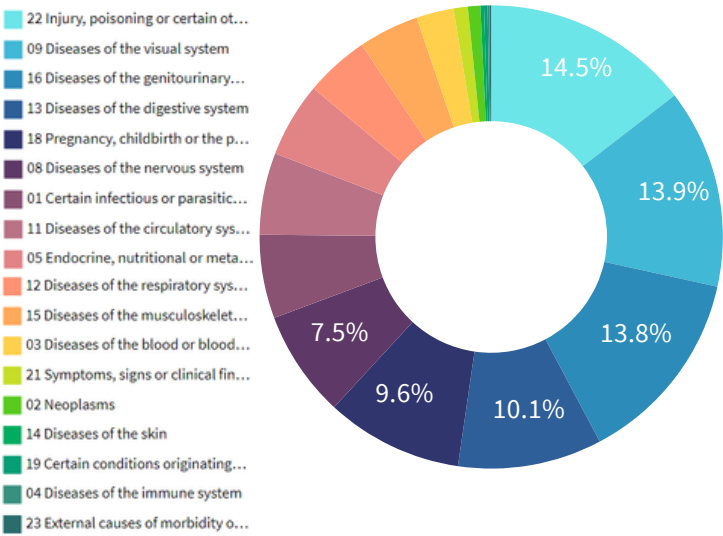
The most common services provided included management of injuries and fractures constituting 14.5%, renal dialysis and eye surgeries each constituting 13.9%, gastrointestinal illness management constituting 10%, and Caesarean sections and normal deliveries constituting 9.6%. Treatment of Malaria cases, intensive care admissions, and emergency surgeries were among the other health services covered by the program.

*“Thank you for standing with us in a difficult situation. Now thank God I am in good health. Thank you and we appreciate it.”*



Fardous, a Sudanese Refugee who received a health service under the Healthcare Expenses Coverage program. © WHO Egypt

ICD Classification of Cases



## 2 Procurement

Supporting the Egyptian MOHP's Sudan Response through the procurement of:



# 200,000

Patient medications covered for 3 months



# 783,000

total cost of procured items

**essential medicines to treat noncommunicable diseases,** including hypertension, cardiac conditions, type 2 diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases.

With a value of more than **US\$ 100,000**, funded by the European Union, these medicines will cover the needs of 200,000 Egyptian and non-Egyptian patients with chronic diseases for a period of 3 months.

This brings the total cost of procured items by WHO Egypt to **783,000 USD**.



## 3 Capacity Building



### 40 Healthcare providers

participated in a workshop in Cairo aiming to **strengthen the health sector's response to violence against women and girls** and improve referral systems for Egyptians and non-Egyptians. The workshop was funded by EU and organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population. The participants included personnel from curative care, primary healthcare, and the General Secretariat of Mental Health and Addiction Treatment.



## 40 Healthcare providers

attended a workshop on **addressing the health needs of refugees and migrants**, as part of the Joint Platform for Migrants and Refugees to help improve access to health for the most vulnerable populations in Egypt. This workshop, funded by the EU and held in Giza, focused on family medicine, noncommunicable diseases, and reproductive health.



This brings the total number of healthcare providers trained by WHO Egypt to **625**

## 4 Assessment Mission



## 6 Healthcare facilities

As part of the ongoing support provided by UNICEF and WHO to strengthen MOHP and EHA health systems, a **joint WASH mission** was conducted focusing on assessing water, sanitation and hygiene standards in **healthcare facilities across Aswan** and identifying critical areas for improvements specially in overwhelmed areas where quality WASH facilities are essential.

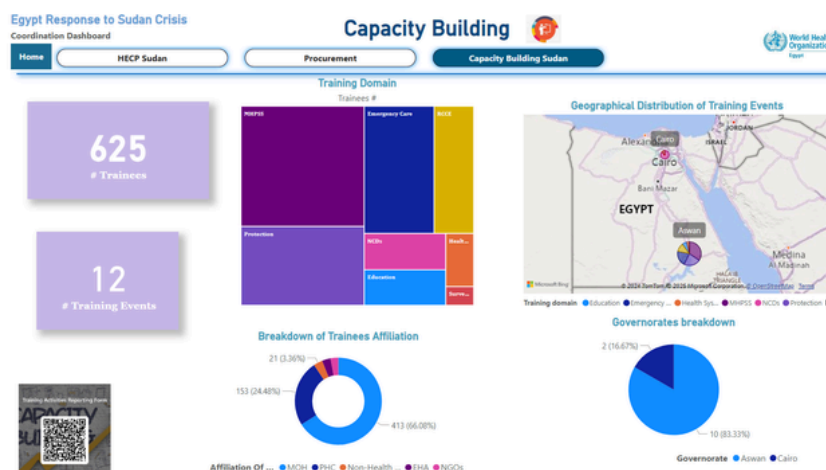
## 5 Coordination Platform

Health working group (HWG) is co-led by WHO Egypt and UNHCR since the beginning of the Sudan conflict, with active participation of key partners including UN agencies, NGOs, and INGOs. The purpose of the HWG is to coordinate health-related efforts among various partners and national authorities to address the overwhelming health challenges resulting from the conflict.



## 6 Reporting

WHO Egypt has developed an interactive dashboard for the health response to Sudan crisis, which can be accessed through this link: [Egypt Emergency Response Dashboard](#)



"WHO Egypt extends its deepest gratitude to the **European Union** (EU), for its invaluable contributions and unwavering support, in response to the Sudan crisis, enabling us to deliver critical healthcare assistance to those in need".



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