



SUDAN CRISIS

UNFPA Egypt Response

Situation Report #1

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The situation



UNFPA staff conduct a focus group discussion with women fleeing from Sudan.

- Fighting between the Army of Sudan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces erupted on April 15, and has forced thousands of people to flee the country to neighboring countries. Over 73,684 people fleeing armed conflict in Sudan have crossed into Egypt, including around 5000 third-country nationals, most of whom are women and children.
- Only women, children and men over 60 are admitted to Egypt. Men aged 16-59 are only admitted with valid visas from Sudan.
- Lack of access to sustainable accommodation, basic nutrition needs for their children was reported.
- UNFPA is coordinating efforts with the Egyptian government, local authorities and humanitarian partners to meet the urgent needs of women and girls for health and protection, through ensuring access to quality reproductive and maternal healthcare services and gender-based violence against women and girls (GBVAWG) prevention and response services and enhancing measures to mitigate the risk of violence and prioritizing women's access to reproductive health services.



73,684
People have entered
Egypt from Sudan



350,000
People are expected
to enter by the end of 2023



115,000
To be targeted by
UNFPA's response



24%
estimated to be women of
reproductive age
(15-49 years old)



4%
estimated to be pregnant in
the course of 12 months

UNFPA response in Aswan



Protection sector

Through ensuring access to quality GBVWG prevention and response services and enhancing measures to mitigate the risk of violence to respond to emergency needs as well as long term humanitarian needs.

Health sector

Through prioritizing women's ensuring access to quality reproductive and maternal healthcare services

- **UNFPA conducted a field mission** during the first week of May to Aswan to assess the needs of Sudanese women and third-country nationals, who have arrived in Aswan, Egypt.
- **UNFPA is providing support through its Safe Space in Aswan.** Caseworkers at the Safe Spaces were given a refresher training on UNFPA emergency response priorities and the referral mechanism in Aswan.
- **UNFPA facilitated coordination between the Ministry of Health and Population and Ministry of Social Solidarity** to complement the health services offered by former, by providing services and counseling in the clinics affiliated to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by the latter, to ensure that the physical and mental health needs of women and girls in reproductive age are met.
- **UNFPA coordinated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports,**

which offered volunteers' support, and on-ground presence through the Youth Centers operating as emergency support hubs for protection.

- **The Ministry of Health and Population deployed a mobile clinic** to one of the areas with high concentration, offering services as an immediate response to the needs expressed by the Sudanese women to the UNFPA field team.
- **WHO and UNFPA jointly arranged for a crash-course for front-liners** from the Ministry of Health and Population to provide mental health support and to be able to detect cases of maternal complications, GBVWG, and psychological distress.
- **UNFPA is part of the Inter-agency appeal** for the Refugee Response Plan in Egypt.

