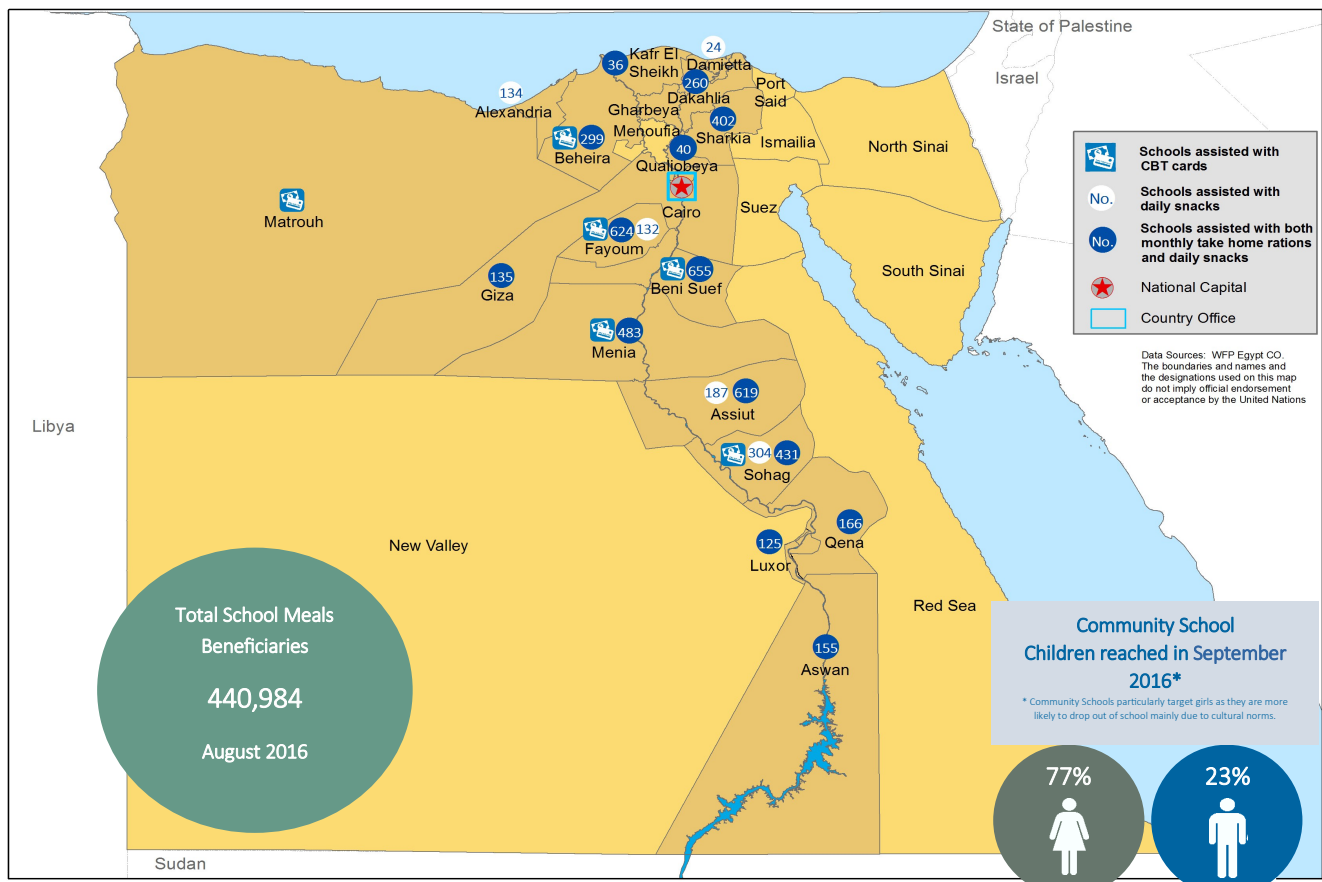


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WFP supports the Egyptian Government's National School Feeding Programme.

The Government of Egypt invests USD 110 million per year in the National School Feeding Programme, which reaches 12.5 million pupils. Household food security is very fragile. Fluctuating food prices can cause severe shocks since the average Egyptian family spends 40 percent of their income on food. WFP School Feeding activities complement this national programme.



WFP provides food incentives to encourage the enrolment and attendance of children in schools, girls in particular.

School Meals provides an important contribution to a social safety net, as well as a fiscally sustainable investment in human capital. Fortified in-school daily snacks ensure that children have access to adequate and nutritious food whilst attending school so that hunger is not an obstacle to their concentration and educational attainment. Family take-home rations (THR) are distributed on the condition of 80 percent school attendance on a monthly basis. Economic shocks and poverty puts children living in rural areas at risk of engaging in child labour instead of attending school.

In addition, girls are more likely to drop out of school, mainly due to cultural norms such as early marriage. Hence, School Meals helps combat child labour by

encouraging school attendance. WFP also tackles the root causes of child labour by providing training to teachers to improve their capacities to deal with child labour. It also provides training on income-generation activities and offers micro-credits for mothers of working children and children at risk of entering the workforce.



WFP provides technical support to government on the development of the National School Feeding Strategy.

Following a situation analysis conducted last April on the national School Feeding policies and systems, WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Egypt, conducted an in-depth assessment on the National school feeding monitoring and evaluation system. One of the main recommendations was to introduce an electronic online data entry system. Data entered by the responsible person at the school-level could be validated from the district level, while at the same time be instantly available for analysis at all levels. Hence, this system benefits the timeliness and accuracy of general educational statistics. In that context, WFP has introduced its geo-referenced electronic data collection system to both the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) and will start its adaptation to the national context in the coming months.

In addition, a technical task force was formed with representatives from the MoE and WFP with the purpose of ensuring a close follow-up on the projects and to take necessary remedial measures to address challenges.

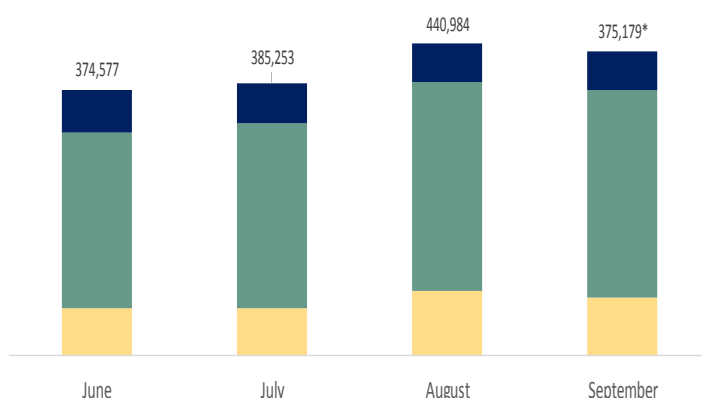


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■ Total family members receiving cash-based transfers ■ Total family members receiving take home rations ■ Total children receiving school snacks

*Estimated figure based on 95% of number of children enrolled in CBT. CBT reconciliation for September is ongoing



WFP works with local non-governmental organisations (NGO).

In the target governorates a local NGO facilitates the distribution and storage of food, and acts as a community liaison. WFP ensures continuous capacity building and training to NGOs in order to strengthen the role of communities in the implementation of School Meals Programmes. Currently, there are 14 NGOs contracted with WFP Egypt CO.



School Meals provision is made possible with the continued support of several invaluable donors.

The European Union (EU) helps WFP provide food assistance to 100,000 children, mostly girls who are at risk of engaging in child labour.

The EU contribution also allows WFP to assist up to 400,000 family members of the school children through provision of monthly THR, and helps train 50,000 women heads of households in new ways to generate income. Furthermore, EU funds is used for the rehabilitation of 3,500 community schools to proper standards and for the development of a national plan to combat child labour.

The Government of Canada helps WFP support Egyptian children and Syrian refugee enrolled in Egyptian schools in areas with highest refugee concentration. 218,000 Egyptian and Syrian children are provided with daily in-school snacks in 249 public primary schools in Alexandria, Damietta and Cairo. The German Development Bank KfW helps WFP assist 274,000 public school children with in-school snacks.

Private sector partners are also increasingly important to School Meals in Egypt. WFP works with Vodafone Egypt Foundation, Pepsico Foundation, Alexbank, Pepsico Egypt, MBC, and Cemex to expand its school feeding provision.



WFP introduced a voucher modality for THR beneficiaries. In August 2016 almost 54,000 people were assisted.

In lieu of food commodities, WFP started distributing electronic food vouchers to support 15,000 children and their family members in five governorates. WFP plans to reach 21,800 people in six governorates in the coming months. These e-vouchers, redeemable in local shops, allow greater choice and control over household food and support local communities through small scale retailers who are selected and trained by WFP to facilitate the redemption process. WFP launched the implementation of electronic food vouchers in June 2015 with a small pilot in two governorates and expanded in May 2016 to reach an additional three governorates. In August, WFP distributed 13,510 e-vouchers that benefit 54,040 people.



WFP complementary interventions help reinforce the benefits of School Meals Programmes.

School Meals Programmes are best implemented as part of a range of complementary activities addressing quality education, nutrition and health. In addition to food assistance, WFP carries out specialized activities, including the rehabilitation of existing school facilities, the implementation of Deworming Programmes, and the awareness raising on education, nutrition and hygiene. Since the beginning of the year, WFP Egypt has assessed 1,365 community schools and rehabilitated 170 community schools in four governorates. Furthermore, a total of 1,147 teachers have been trained by 125 trainers.

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