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WHO EGYPT RESPONSE TO SUDAN EMERGENCY

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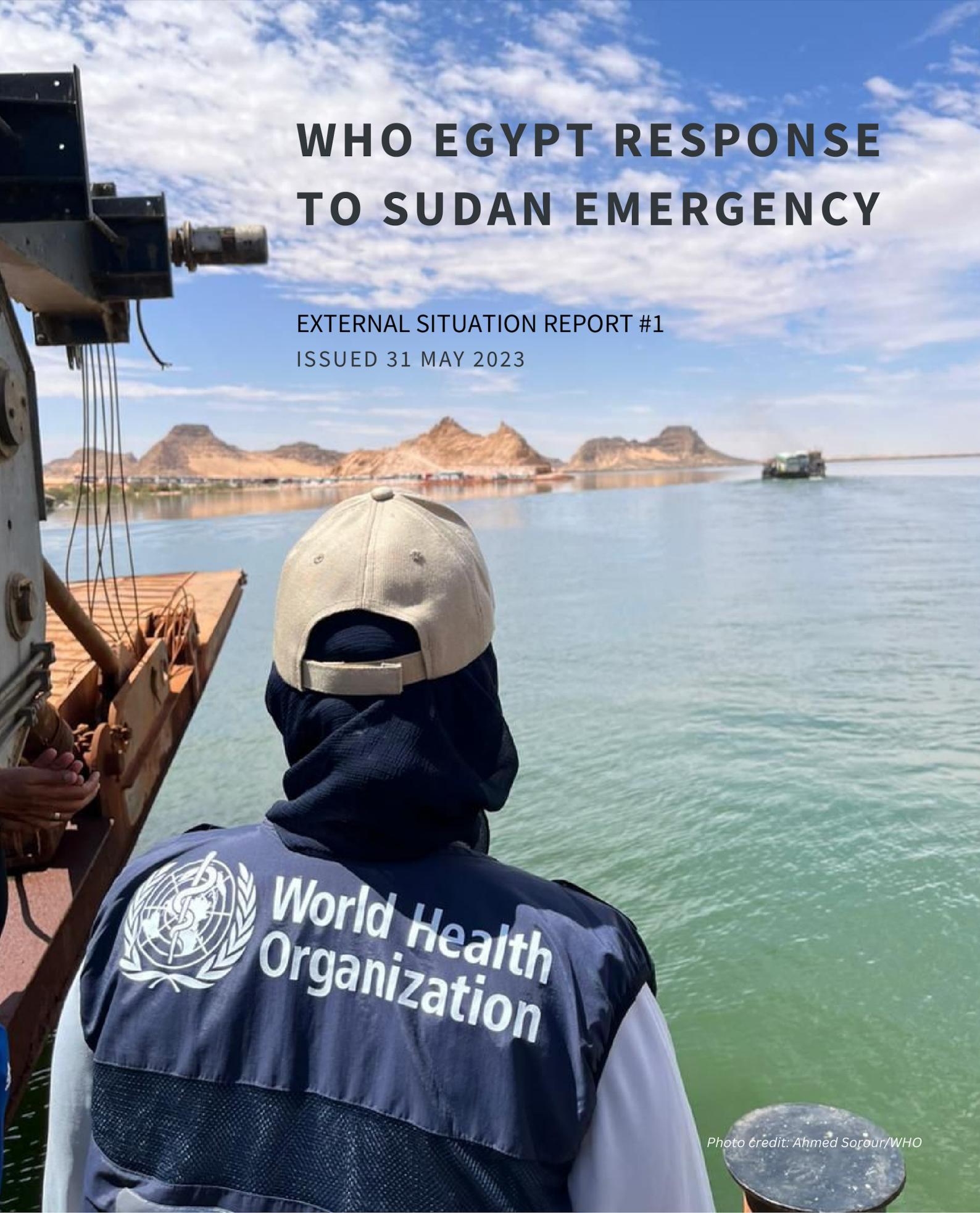


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KEY FIGURES



164,000+ DISPLACED
PEOPLE IN NEED



350,000 EXPECTED TOTAL
ARRIVALS IN EGYPT



10+ TONS OF LIFE-SAVING
MEDICINES DISPATCHED



US\$ 310,000 UTILIZED FOR
ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES



30+ TONS OF MEDICAL
AID DELIVERED



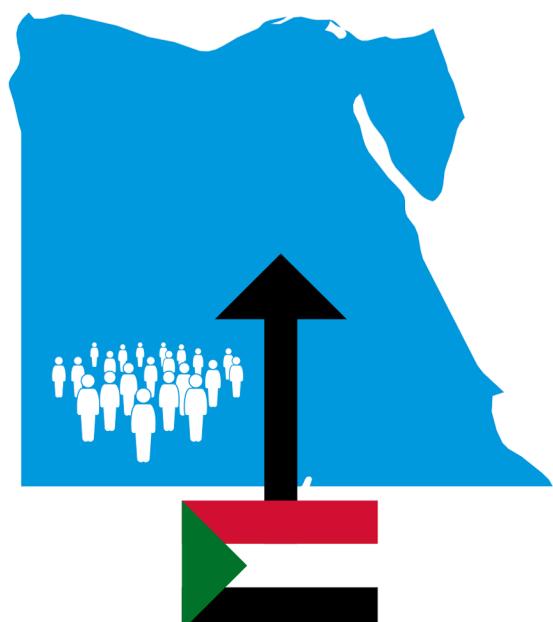
US\$ 5 MILLION REQUIRED
TO SUPPORT WHO'S
RESPONSE IN EGYPT



A Sudanese child and her mother at a WHO mental health clinic located inside Karkar Station in Aswan

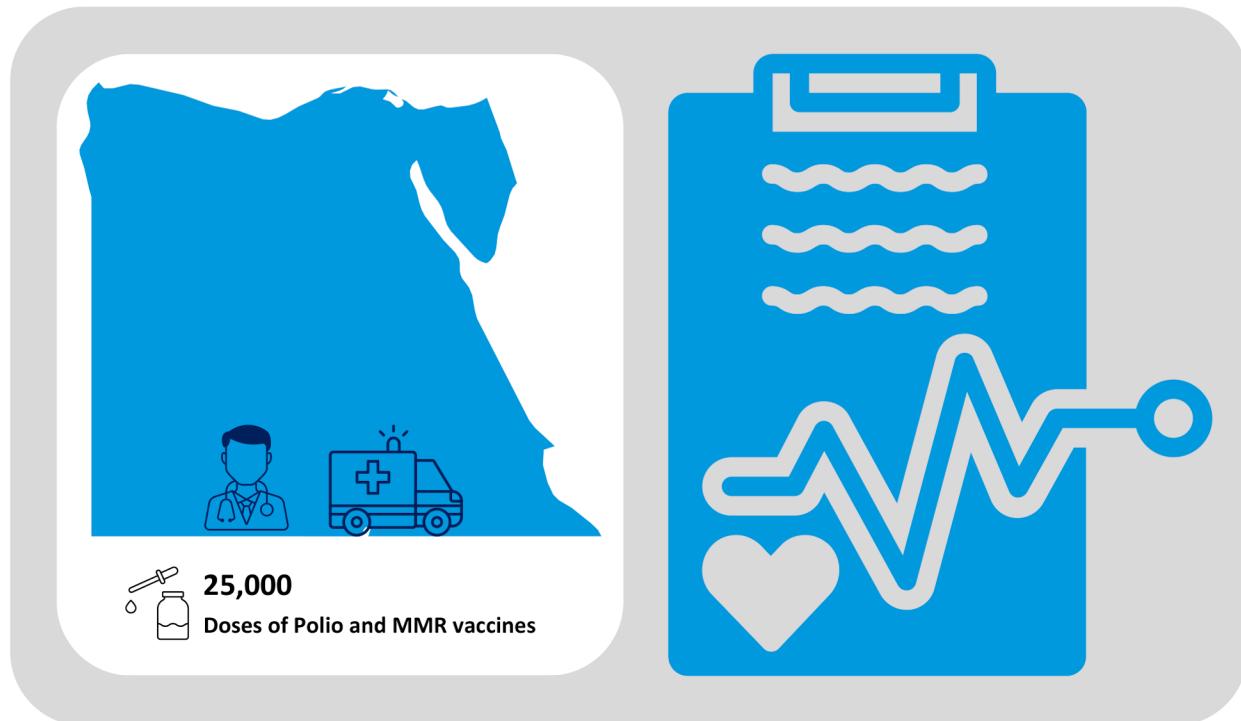
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Egypt has received the largest number of displaced people from Sudan to date. According to the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **164,000 Sudanese have crossed into Egypt as of 28 May**. The number of border arrivals is estimated to be increasing with a daily average of 6500 individuals crossing the border per day, mostly older people, women, and children.





HEALTH SITUATION



Based on assessments by WHO staff on ground, the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) is addressing the health and nutrition needs at the borders with a focus on preventive measures including laboratory testing for communicable diseases, malaria vector control, mobile health clinics, and vaccinations for children. According to MoHP, more than 25,000 doses of polio, and MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccines have been administered as of 28 May.

Following the initial alarm over the occupation of the National Public Health Laboratory in Sudan, and what public health threats this event could pose to Sudan's neighboring countries - including Egypt - WHO conducted an in-depth risk assessment and has determined the public health risk of this event as moderate. The key concern is that the laboratory cannot perform its vital role in diagnosing diseases inside Sudan. MoHP had confirmed that there are no imported cases of polio, cholera, or any other diseases of epidemic-potential.



WHO RESPONSE

WHO has been one of the first agencies on the ground with the MoHP to assess the public health situation and provide urgent humanitarian support as needed, in collaboration with the other UN agencies. The support of WHO in Egypt to date included:

- Delivering 30 tons of medical and surgical supplies,** accessibility equipment, and drinking water tanks, among other WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) tools to the borders and to the hospitals in Aswan in coordination with MoHP and the Egyptian Red Crescent.
- Conducting three training courses on based on WHO's Mental Health Gap Action Programme (MhGAP) Intervention Guide for Mental Neurological and Substance-use Disorders in Non-specialized Health Settings** for 160 trainers of trainers, professionals and non-professionals in Cairo and Aswan.
- Establishing a mental health and psychosocial support clinic at the Karkar Bus Station,** the final stop for buses coming from Sudan before heading to Aswan, in cooperation with MoHP.
- Orientation of 80 healthcare providers and volunteers** from the National Council of Women in Aswan on health response to gender-based violence including identification, first line of support, referral, clinical management of rape and mental health and psychosocial support, estimated to serve 5000 beneficiaries.
- Conducting training for 27 health officials in Aswan** Health Directorate on Risk Communication and Community Engagement.
- Dispatching 10+ tons of chronic diseases medicines,** expected to serve 40,000 individuals in addition to rapid diagnostic tests,
- Utilizing a total of US\$ 310,000 to deliver urgent health supplies** and life-saving medical aid
- Distributing Information, Education, and Communication materials** to benefit an estimated 6500 people crossing the border daily.



WHO Rep. in Egypt assessment visit to the borders
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A WHO-procured shipment of chronic diseases kits at Dubai Hub on its way to South Egypt
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WHO training at Aswan on the health response to gender-based violence
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Some of the WHO and MoHP information materials
on the available health services at the borders
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MoHP mobile clinic at Qustul border
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WHO and MoHP Mental Health and psychosocial
support clinic at Karkar Station
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FUNDING NEEDS

WHO Egypt seeks immediate funding of **US\$ 5 million for 6 months** to ensure the sustainability of health care services, respond to the urgent needs of the displaced individuals and host communities alike, and maintain cross-border health security.

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