



 Egypt

# Facts and Figures (January – December 2025)

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization ensuring humanitarian protection and assistance for people affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence. It provides assistance and protection services while promoting International Humanitarian Law (IHL) — the law that protects victims of war. The ICRC has been operating in Egypt for over 100 years, with activities dating back to the First and Second World Wars, and has continued its humanitarian work in Egypt throughout the past century. Today, the ICRC continues its humanitarian and diplomatic efforts through its delegation in Cairo, which was permanently established in 1983.

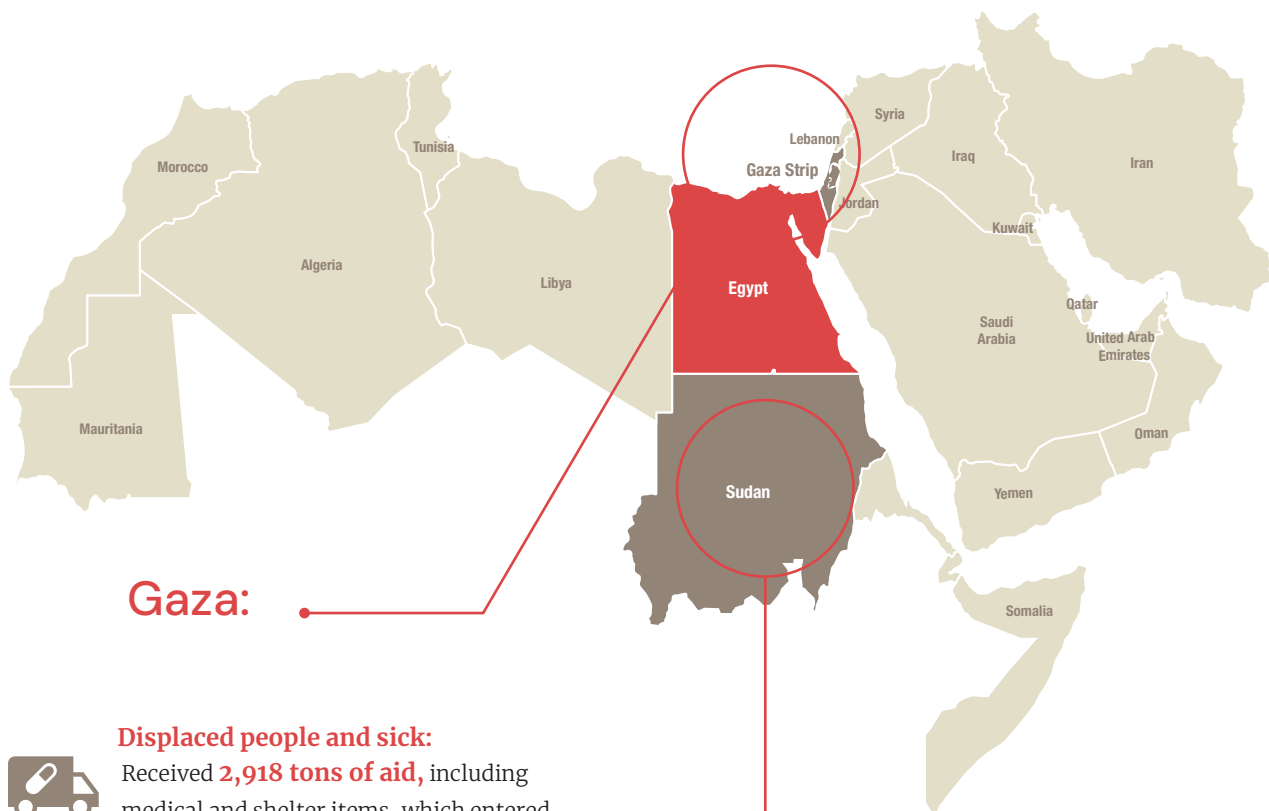
In Egypt, the ICRC:

- **Works to reunite families separated by conflict**, violence or migration, facilitating communication and tracing services to help reconnect loved ones.
- **Promotes and disseminates IHL** among various stakeholders nationally and regionally, including military and police officers, judges, diplomats and academics, in coordination with the Egyptian National Committee on IHL (ENCIHL).
- **Partners closely with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)**, its primary humanitarian partner in Egypt, to address humanitarian needs and assist vulnerable populations both within Egypt and the broader region
- **Engages in humanitarian diplomacy** with a wide range of actors, including the diplomatic community, regional organizations such as the League of Arab States and the African Union, as well as international organizations based in Egypt.
- **Serves as a key operational hub**, supporting ongoing responses to conflicts in neighboring regions such as Gaza and Sudan, in close cooperation with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).
- **Hosts regional teams** that work to strengthen ICRC's presence and engagement within the Arabic-speaking world, including the Regional IHL and communication teams.

In 2025, with its direct services, and in partnership with ERC and other entities, ICRC focused on:

## Support for victims of armed conflicts in the region

The ICRC in Egypt provides diplomatic, operational, and logistical support to the organization's humanitarian response in neighboring conflict-affected countries as follows:



### Gaza:



#### Displaced people and sick:

Received **2,918 tons of aid**, including medical and shelter items, which entered Gaza through Egypt in cooperation with the ERC and the United Nations.



#### 14,253 phone calls

Reconnected individuals in Egypt with their families in Gaza, facilitated by the ERC using ICRC-provided emergency kits, including mobile phones and internet routers.



#### 1,258 palestinian families

in Egypt received cash assistance to cover their immediate needs through the ERC.



#### Active coordination:

The ICRC in Egypt actively contributed, through its diplomatic engagement in Cairo, to supporting the ICRC's neutral intermediary operations in Gaza in the context of the first phase of the latest ceasefire agreement.

### Sudan:



#### 614 phone calls

Reconnected Sudanese nationals in Egypt with their families in Sudan, facilitated by the ICRC and the ERC.



#### 376 tracing requestes

were opened by Sudanese and other nationals in Egypt seeking to reconnect with family members separated by the conflict in Sudan.



#### 203 Sudanese Families

in Egypt received cash assistance to cover their immediate needs through the ERC.



#### Support at the border:

The ICRC provided financial support to the ERC to help deliver humanitarian services at the two border crossings between Egypt and Sudan.

# Emergency preparedness and response with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)

The ICRC and ERC are working closely to address humanitarian needs in Egypt and the region through complementary efforts and collaboration in areas such as emergency preparedness and response. In 2025, the two organizations partnered in the following ways:



## 213 volunteers

From Cairo, North Sinai, Port Said, Ismailia, Alexandria and Aswan governorates were trained in Restoring Family Links (RFL) services, strengthening their capacity to respond to the Gaza and Sudan crises.



## 800 volunteers & staff

Trained in safety, emergency response, cash assistance, logistics, data management, humanitarian negotiation, and safe driving, strengthening safe and principled humanitarian action.



## 35 wireless telecommunications devices

and 2 mobile operations rooms were provided to the ERC to enhance emergency response and coordination.

## Bringing Families Together

As part of its protection mandate, the ICRC works to prevent family separations, search for the missing, and reunite loved ones. Egypt, a transit country for migrants fleeing conflict, often sees people lose contact with family members during their journey. Through its Cairo office, the ICRC helps trace, restore contact, and reunite hundreds of families separated by armed conflict, violence, disasters, or migration. In 2025, the ICRC achieved the following:



## 16,361 phone calls

were facilitated by the ICRC and the ERC to help migrant community members in Egypt maintain contact with their loved ones abroad.



## 5,526 persons

contacted the ICRC through visits, calls and by email for protection enquiries and/or restoring family links services.



## 2,906 tracing requests

Opened by people searching for missing loved ones and are currently being handled by ICRC teams.



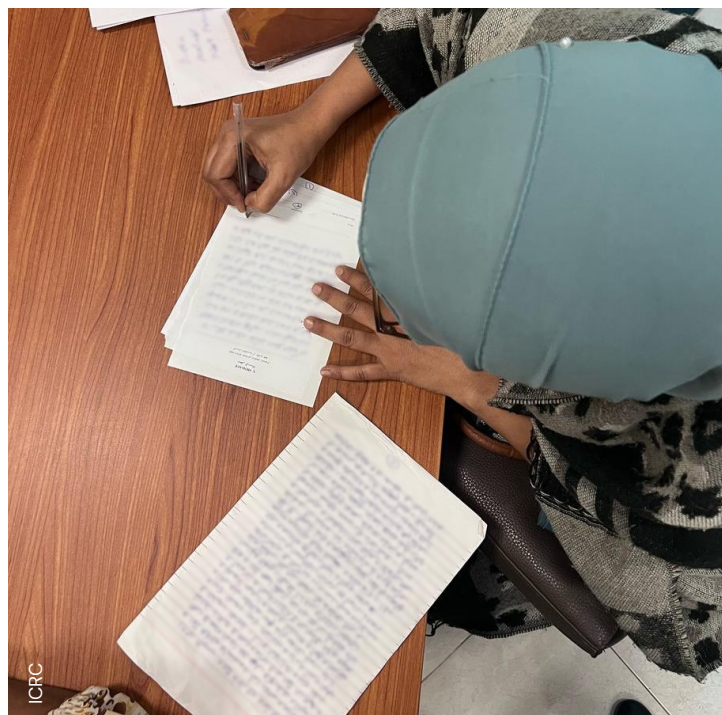
## 256 persons

Who had been reported missing were located through ICRC efforts, including restoring contact through Red Cross Messages and phone calls, and in some cases facilitating family reunifications in Cairo.



## 61 Red Cross messages

and oral greetings (*Salamat*) were exchanged between families living in Egypt and their relatives visited by the ICRC in places of detention abroad.



**A Sudanese woman in Egypt writes a Red Cross Message to a family member in Sudan**

# Promoting International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

The ICRC works globally to promote International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to protect people affected by armed conflicts and violence. In Egypt, it raises awareness of IHL at the national and regional levels by engaging with the armed and security forces, judges, media, academics and key institutions like the League of Arab States and Al-Azhar. In 2025, the ICRC focused on the following:

## At the national level:



**With the armed and police forces:**

**7,100** members of the Egyptian Armed Forces enhanced their knowledge of IHL through **29** training courses and dissemination sessions.

**1,950** troops enhanced their knowledge of the ICRC and IHL in preparation for peacekeeping deployments to Somalia and the Central African Republic.

**63** participants from the Military Justice Authority and the National Committee on IHL participated in two roundtables on selected IHL topics.

**295** Egyptian and US officers enhanced their knowledge of the ICRC and IHL through ICRC-led sessions during the multinational military exercise Bright Star 25.

**120** officers from the United States, Egypt, Turkey, and Qatar were trained on the application of IHL in multinational operational contexts during the same exercise.

**1,225** police officers and cadets enhanced their knowledge of the ICRC and IHL through dissemination sessions.



**With the Egyptian National Commission for IHL (ENCIHL):**

**6** members of the ENCIHL enhanced their knowledge of the ICRC and IHL through participation in the annual Regional Arabic course on IHL.



**Part of the ICRC's participation in the multinational military exercise Bright Star 2025.**

**3** members of the ENCIHL, including diplomats, participated in three state consultations related to the Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to IHL (GIHL), specifically related to the naval and information and communication technology thematic workstreams.

*GIHL is a joint effort launched by six States and the ICRC to elevate IHL as a political priority. It is organized around seven thematic workstreams, each co-chaired by supporting States and the ICRC. Egypt co-chairs the naval workstream.*



**With the media and academic circles:**

**10 scholars** from Al-Azhar University participated in an expert meeting with ICRC legal experts on the rules of war under IHL and Islamic Sharia law.

**25 journalists** from local and regional news outlets enhanced their knowledge of the ICRC and IHL through one workshop.

## At the regional level:

**50** participants from **13** Arab countries, including government and academic representatives, enhanced their knowledge of IHL through the Regional Arabic IHL Course in Luxor, Egypt, organized in cooperation with the League of Arab States (LAS). Heads and representatives of **17** Arab National IHL Committees met in Cairo for the 13th Regional Meeting, organized by the ICRC, LAS, and Egypt's NCIHL, to advance national implementation and agree on a new regional plan.

**60** government officials from 12 Arab countries participated in the second LAS-ICRC meeting on IHL and New Technologies at LAS HQ in Cairo.