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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SUPPORT TO KEY EMERGENCY ACTORS

EGYPT

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) are implementing a 24-month disaster preparedness project in Egypt, funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The initiative strengthens the ability of local authorities, civil society organizations (CSOs), and communities to anticipate and respond to crises driven by climate change and conflict, with particular focus on supporting people on the move and host communities. By combining innovative predictive models with community-based disaster preparedness, the project helps local responders and decision-makers plan ahead, act earlier, and save lives when emergencies strike.

WHY PREPAREDNESS MATTERS



CLIMATE SHOCKS

Egypt is increasingly affected by overlapping risks:

Egypt faces acute vulnerabilities linked to environmental pressures. The agriculture sector (11–12% of GDP, 25–30% of jobs) is increasingly threatened by erratic temperatures and declining yields. Egypt experiences a severe annual water deficit (~40 km³), while intensifying heatwaves exacerbate health risks and migration pressures, particularly in densely populated urban areas such as Cairo. Recurrent floods, including fatalities in 2020, further compound risks, and rising sea levels pose growing threats to coastal regions, notably Alexandria and the Nile Delta.



MIGRATION DYNAMICS

Owing to its position along key migration routes, Egypt continues to host and transit a growing number of people on the move, who face increasingly severe protection risks.



CONFLICT DYNAMICS

Egypt's location at the centre of a region affected by multiple conflicts exposes it to ongoing displacement flows and places the country at the crossroads of regional instability and migration movements.

OUR GOAL

Overarching Objective:

Improve safety, protection, and resilience of vulnerable populations in North Africa through stronger national and local capacities to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to climate- and conflict-induced emergencies

Specific Objective:

Enhance the disaster preparedness and resilience of local communities, authorities, and organizations by equipping them with predictive tools, trainings, and resources for proactive, timely action.

KEY RESULTS

1

PREDICTIVE & RESPONSIVE SYSTEMS

- Multi-hazard early warning systems strengthened, providing timely alerts and information.
- Local authorities, CSOs, and first responders equipped with actionable risk analysis tools to guide planning and decision-making.

2

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES

- Development of a comprehensive Training of Trainers (ToT) package on disaster preparedness and risk reduction.
- Local officials, CSO staff, and first responders trained and cascading knowledge within their communities.
- Increased ability of municipalities and local organizations to integrate preparedness into governance and service delivery.
- Supporting partners with practical business continuity measures and funding to strengthen their preparedness.
- Supporting partners with practical digital security measures and funding to enhance their protection.

3

RAPID RESPONSE THROUGH CRISIS MODIFIER

- A flexible Crisis Modifier mechanism ensures that the consortium can respond within 72 hours to a sudden crisis.
- Immediate support delivered through cash or in-kind assistance depending on context, covering shelter, basic needs, and protection services.
- Communities and local responders supported to adapt quickly and reduce the humanitarian impact of sudden-onset disasters.

WHO BENEFITS



Priority groups: People on the move and host communities — with a particular focus on vulnerable groups, including women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities.

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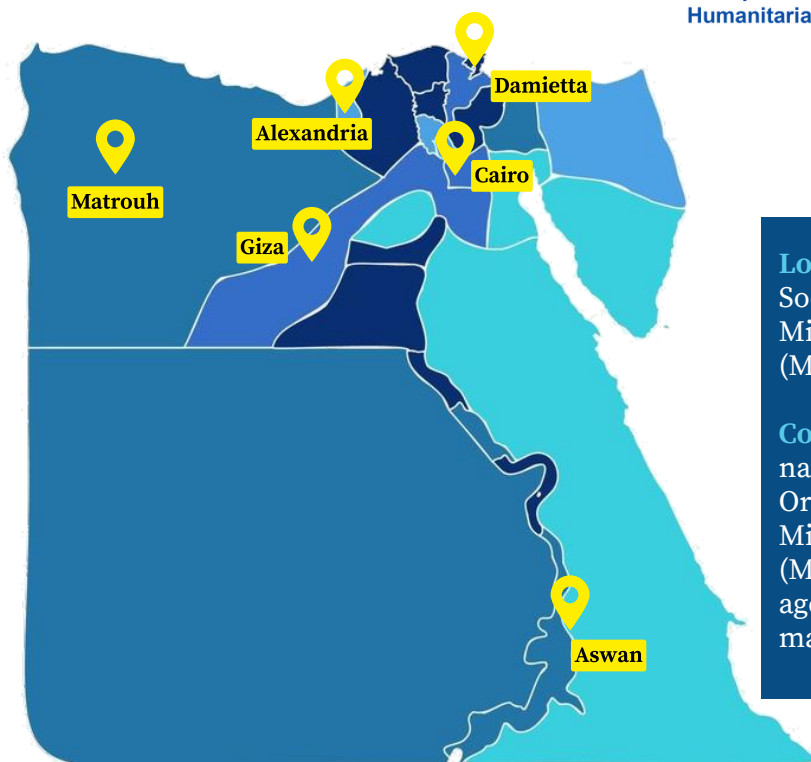
Consortium Partners



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WHERE WE WORK



Local and national Partners: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Migrant/Refugee-Led Organizations (MRLOs)

Coordination with: Local and national Partners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Migrant/Refugee-Led Organizations (MRLOs), National authorities, UN agencies, and regional disaster management bodies.