## **Emergency Appeal for Sudanese Refugees**

Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt

Since brutal fighting in Sudan began in April, over half a million Sudanese have been forced to flee for their lives. Their plight is documented elsewhere, but we write today to describe what we're seeing here in Cairo, first-hand.



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## The Good News:

Our church not only has open hearts for these displaced souls, but expertise and processes in place to provide real assistance in their journey through Cairo. From new arrivals, who need food and medical care, to long-term support through education and case-management, <u>Refuge Egypt</u> is beacon of hope, sharing God's love to refugees since 1987.



\*In the church courtyard, near the Refuge Egypt office

## The Bad News:

The number of Sudanese newcomers right now is overwhelming. Hundreds of people come to the church each day, many of whom line up outside as early as 5AM. Their hope? To receive a simple bag of food, containing a few essentials such as rice, oil, lentils, and molasses. They will stay as long as the Refuge Egypt staff and volunteers allow, even until 10PM. The UN does not provide food.

When the food supply is short, we have to apply heart-wrenching cut-off criteria. One time, for example, only families who had more than five kids and arrived in Cairo in the past month could enter the office. When that food ran out, we had to turn away everyone, even the needlest, to protect them from waiting all day in vain. These realities keep us awake at night, and we long to do more.



\*Outside the church gate

## The Goal:

We are trusting God for the means to supply 1,000 food bags per week, consistently, until the influx of Sudanese slows down. This will allow us to give food to 200 families per day, while also registering their cases for follow-up care.

Each food bag costs \$5 (USD), which is 150 Egyptian Pounds.

\$5,000 can feed 1,000 families for one week.

\$20,000 can sponsor this effort for one month.

Note: Money received for this appeal will go straight to Refuge Egypt for emergency assistance, with no funds removed accept what is required by bank fees and international processing. Our diocese, churches, and people are donating and volunteering as much as we can.

Thank you for reading this, and for prayerfully considering joining hands in this effort.