The information below is the most recent information available to WFP gathered through an assessment conducted on 10 May 2011 of the Egyptian side of the Salloum border crossing. This snapshot provides a report of the findings from the assessment.

### Salloum Land Port – Egypt – 8 June 2011

**Border Point Name** | **Borders with** | **Features**
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Salloum Land Port | Libya | Salloum: 31°34'36.58 N, 25°03'53.54 E

This is the main border entry point between Egypt and Libya. Although Egypt shares a long border with Libya (1100km) this is the only official crossing point between the two countries. This border point can be accessed using a main highway from the Egyptian side. Salloum border crossing is about 220km from Marsa Matruh, 400km from Al-Alamein and 520km from Alexandria port.

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<td><strong>Opening hours of the crossing</strong></td>
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As there are no waiting areas on the Libyan side of the border, trucks awaiting clearance stay overnight in Salloum port. This situation may lead to traffic jams in Salloum if the volume of traffic should increase.

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<th>Average number of trucks per day</th>
<th>On average, 400 trucks can cross through Salloum border daily. If the traffic volume increases, more personnel will be deployed to speed up clearance of the trucks crossing through.</th>
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<td>Specialized equipment available</td>
<td>There are cargo scanners available in Salloum. A small one is located in the customs hall and a scanner-truck for inspection of containers and cargo loaded on trucks is also available.</td>
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<td>Commodities that take the longest to cross the border</td>
<td>Permission is required from the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to export rice and sugar of Egyptian origin, as these commodities are considered critical for Egyptian food security. There is no problem with the export/transit of sugar and rice procured outside Egypt. There should be no problem for small quantities of rice and sugar procured in Egypt (up to 2 mt) to cross the border without MFA permission.</td>
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<td>Possibilities for accelerating the crossing procedure</td>
<td>The authorities can activate additional customs clearance lanes/booths and deploy additional personnel.</td>
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<td>Other agencies present at the border crossing</td>
<td>There are representatives from DFID, ECHO, ERC, IMC, IOM, OCHA, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO present at the border crossing. They monitor the humanitarian situation and assist the displaced population in Salloum.</td>
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<td>Potential bottle necks if border traffic increases</td>
<td>If the crisis persists and commercial transport returns to normal levels, the passage of humanitarian cargo across the border may be slowed down.</td>
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<td>What can be done to remove the bottlenecks?</td>
<td>The port authorities may prioritize clearance of the trucks carrying humanitarian aid over the commercial trucks if officially requested to do so.</td>
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<td>Influx of third country nationals (TCNs) to the border area</td>
<td>The influx of TCNs to the border crossing in Salloum has declined. IOM has a processing desk in the customs hall.</td>
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<td>Additional facilities available at the crossing point.</td>
<td>There are toilets at the border crossing (some permanent and some established by UNICEF). There are sufficient parking areas for the trucks at the border crossing. There is a hotel/restaurant base in Salloum town, which is several kilometers from the border crossing on the Egyptian side. However, truck drivers who get stuck at the border typically sleep under their vehicles. Vehicle workshops are available in Salloum, although army and police present at the border crossing have their own facility on-site.</td>
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Border authorities

Salloum border crossing overview