



## TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

 **25,000**  
Syrian refugees (Livelihoods)

 **65,000**  
Syrian refugees (Basic Needs)

 **2.7 million**  
USD required (Livelihood)

 **19 million**  
USD required (Basic Needs)

## OBJECTIVES

- 1 Refugees' livelihoods and self-reliance improved.
- 2 Population has sufficient basic and

## NEEDS

In 2012, the main source of income for many Syrian families was personal savings brought from Syria. However, in the last quarter of 2012 and the beginning of 2013, those savings have significantly depleted.

UNHCR and partners have focused on:

- 1) increasing self-employability of Syrian refugees in Egypt;
- 2) increasing the purchasing capacity of vulnerable Syrian refugees through provision of assistance by UNHCR and partners; and
- 3) establishing mechanism to protect Syrian refugees from work related risks such as exploitation present in the informal economy.

The influx of refugees has also increased demand on the local rental market. Refugees are scattered within communities; some of them are able to afford to rent apartments, others have been hosted by their relatives or friends. As the number of residents within communities has increased significantly and rapidly, the demand on basic urban services has also increased. In collaboration with other UN Agencies and NGOs, UNHCR has been working on securing the basic needs of Syrian refugees with housing assistance and access to basic domestic items. Housing remains a pressing challenge for refugee communities.

## KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- The livelihood service initiative was kicked off in August.
- Political and insecurity situation limited the access of Syrian Refugees to the labor market in Egypt.
- UNHCR and partners' capacity for vulnerability assessment was increased, which lead to a significant decrease in the waiting period to receive cash assistance.

## ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

-  1,200 refugees with the potential to become self-reliant are identified .
-  60 refugees receive entrepreneurship, vocational and technical skills training and are registered in job placement
-  6 refugees have access to self-employment or business opportunities, wage earning employment, and community self-management support
-  41,272 of individuals provided with goods
-  10,123 vulnerable families receive cash

## ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Household goods provided
- Socio economic profile and livelihood capacities of persons of concern defined and monitored
- Population provided with entrepreneurship, vocational and technical skills training
- Population registered in job placement services
- Access to financial services facilitated (formal and informal)
- Access to self-employment/business facilitated
- Access to wage earning employment facilitated
- Opportunities for community self-management supported
- Individual/ family support provided

Leading agency: UNHCR

Reporting Agencies for this month: UNHCR, CRS, Islamic Relief - Egypt, Caritas, Resala, Save the Children, tadamon

