



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



13,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in primary education

7,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in secondary education

3,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in early education, nurseries or kindergartens

1,000

Syrian refugees benefit from adult education

NEEDS

Although the Ministry of Education has granted Syrian children access to public schools, Syrian families still face many challenges. This includes the difficulties of enrolling after the start of the academic year and attaining documentation, which is still required by schools for enrolment.

In private and some community-based schools, school fees are high and families are unable to afford them in the long run. Some parents with larger families therefore prioritize their sons' education over that of their daughters. At present there are only a limited number of scholarships for higher education provided by foreign institutes. This is not sustainable and does not meet the demands of the Syrian refugee community.

Vulnerable children with additional needs will need support through special interventions. In addition, adult literacy and numeracy classes will be needed for some Syrian families to assist them in lifelong learning and help them support their children's education.

Provision of psychosocial support for students based on an individual needs assessment remains a priority, especially considering that many of the pre-school children have suffered trauma and loss before coming to Egypt.

OBJECTIVE

Refugee population has optimal access to education.

ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Refugees enrolled in early childhood education, nurseries or kindergartens, primary education, secondary education
- Refugees benefit from adult education
- Advocacy for implementation of Government policy on access to education and to remove barriers as well as to improve quality of education
- Promote girls' education and safe learning environment

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As a result of advocacy efforts, the Minister of Education has confirmed that the Government of Egypt will continue to allow Syrians to have access to public education for the 2013-2014 academic. This will allow Syrian children to enrol in school prior to obtaining a residency permit.
- In partnership with Ministry of Education, UNICEF and UNHCR are conducting a Joint Schools Needs Assessment of public schools with the highest numbers of Syrian refugees in Cairo, Giza, Qualubia, Damietta and Alexandria. The Needs Assessment will help indicate which assistance the schools will need to enhance capacity in order to facilitate easier access to Syrian refugee students, for which UNHCR and UNICEF are prepared to support. A number of gaps have already been identified, including insufficient number of teachers, desks, blackboards, lab equipment, computers, and classrooms to absorb the additional students. The assessment has also taken note of potential space through rehabilitation and refurbishment.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



14,000 children enrolled in primary and secondary education



4,922 received education grants



1,300 students enrolled in higher education



15 advocacy sessions conducted with the



10 education facilities assessed in partnership with



5 informal education centres assisted



2,400 Syrian benefitted from adult education

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Reporting Agencies for this month:

