



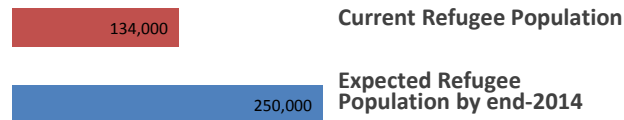
225 refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNHCR continues to advocate and engage with the relevant Egyptian authorities to maintain a favorable protection space and meet the protection needs of Syrian refugees in Egypt. The Government has adopted a practice of releasing Syrians arrested for invalid visas or residency permits after a short period provided they agree to register with UNHCR and renew their residency permits.
- The first Child Protection Interagency Working Group meeting in 2014 took place on 3 February. The Working Group, co-chaired with UNICEF, introduced its planned activities for 2014.
- During February, UNHCR conducted 8 awareness sessions for 249 Syrians in Cairo and Alexandria on the dangers of irregular migration as well as the importance of respecting Egyptian laws and regulations, and in particular obtaining the residency permits on UNHCR asylum cards. The participants were also briefed on services provided to Syrian refugees by UNHCR and its partners in Egypt and how to access them.



REFUGEE POPULATION IN COUNTRY EGYPT:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

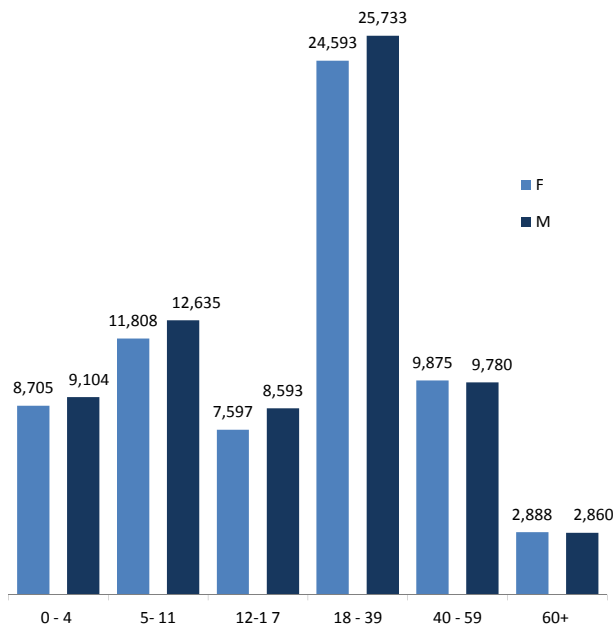
Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. Preparations have begun for a verification exercise to begin in April 2014. In addition, UNHCR will conduct a survey in order to have a better overview of protection gaps.

Child-friendly spaces remain insufficient and the capacity to conduct Best Interest Assessments for all separated children is limited, including regular monitoring visits for most separated children. UNICEF plans to increase its child-friendly spaces in Alexandria from three to seven by the end of March 2014. Child-friendly spaces in Damietta, however, do not exist. There continues to be few programmes assisting refugee youth, as well as children with disabilities.

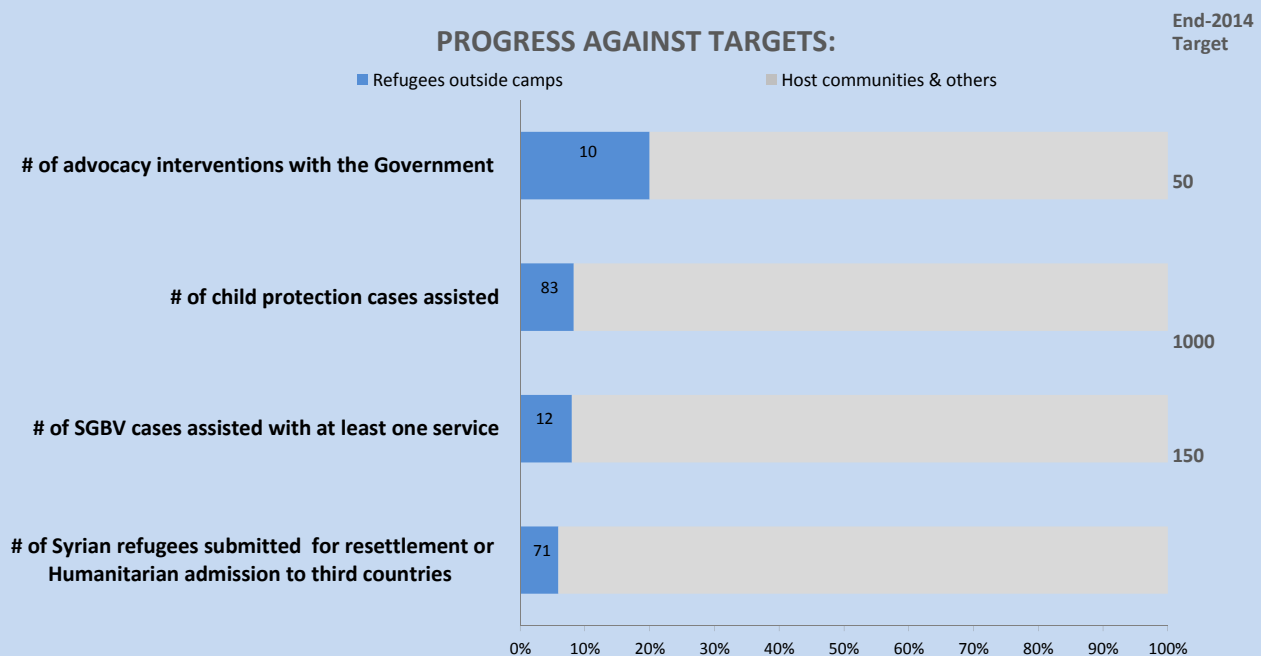
The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) survivors in particular. CARE International plans to expand its services, including case management, to Alexandria after June 2014. Damietta, where the third largest concentration of Syrian refugees, remains without similar services.

Challenges remain in identifying legal aid partners with sufficient coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.

Gender Breakdown of the total population in February



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in EGYPT by end-2014. There are currently over 134,000 refugees in EGYPT.