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Chronic disease consultations in Primary Health Care since the beginning of 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- During September, the health sector working group including UNICEF, UFPPA and WHO met to jointly set the common objectives, outputs and activities that will fall under the Refugee Resilience Response Plan.
- On 4 September, UNHCR and the Egyptian Ministry of Health signed an agreement for refugees and persons of concern of all nationalities to access acute and emergency care at six of its public hospitals in Greater Cairo. UNHCR Regional Representative, Deputy Representative, and Health Unit team attended the signing with the Minister of Health.
- On 10 September, UNICEF, Ministry of Health (MOH) and UNHCR jointly organized a technical briefing event to enhance Syrian refugee mainstreaming in the public Primary Health Care (PHC) system in Alexandria and Damietta, ahead of the program implementation on September 15th. Around 80 MOH officials from Alexandria and Damietta and some 30 PHC directors, assistant directors and nursing heads along with UNHCR health providers "Caritas and Resala" Project managers and Medical team members were also present.
- UNHCR carried out focus group discussions with the Syrian community and has developed, jointly with UNICEF two flyers regarding information on the public primary health care facilities addresses, working hours, available health services and cost of different types of services at these facilities supported by UNICEF, WHO and UNHCR in Alexandria and Damietta.
- UNHCR along with its partners are regularly conducting field visits to the public primary health care facilities in order to ensure the ongoing process of mainstreaming Syrian refugees in the health care system and to respond to any difficulties faced.

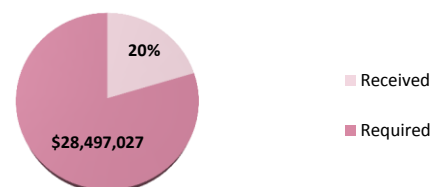


Mahmoud Mosque Hospital, UNHCR/Shawn Baldwin



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

* Funding received as of May 2014



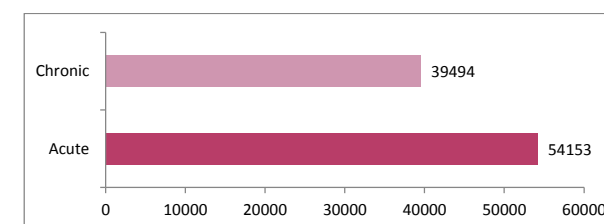
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrian refugees are scattered in 230 districts. Access to healthcare remains a challenge because of distance and cost. Public preventative primary healthcare is accessible and free while curative care is not always available. Referral to secondary and tertiary level healthcare needs support for life saving treatment.

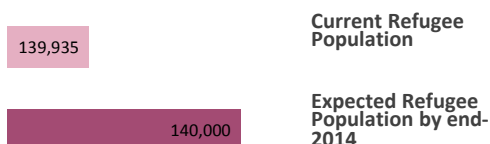
Monitoring referrals, and ensuring a cost-effective secondary and tertiary health care in the refugees areas of residence remains a challenge to Geographical coverage and expansion of service delivery.

The sector objective is to improve access, quality and coverage to health services for Syrian refugee in Egypt by focusing on supporting the Ministry of Health facilities, strengthening UNHCR's health providers' capacity and awareness raising among Syrians through community health outreach program.

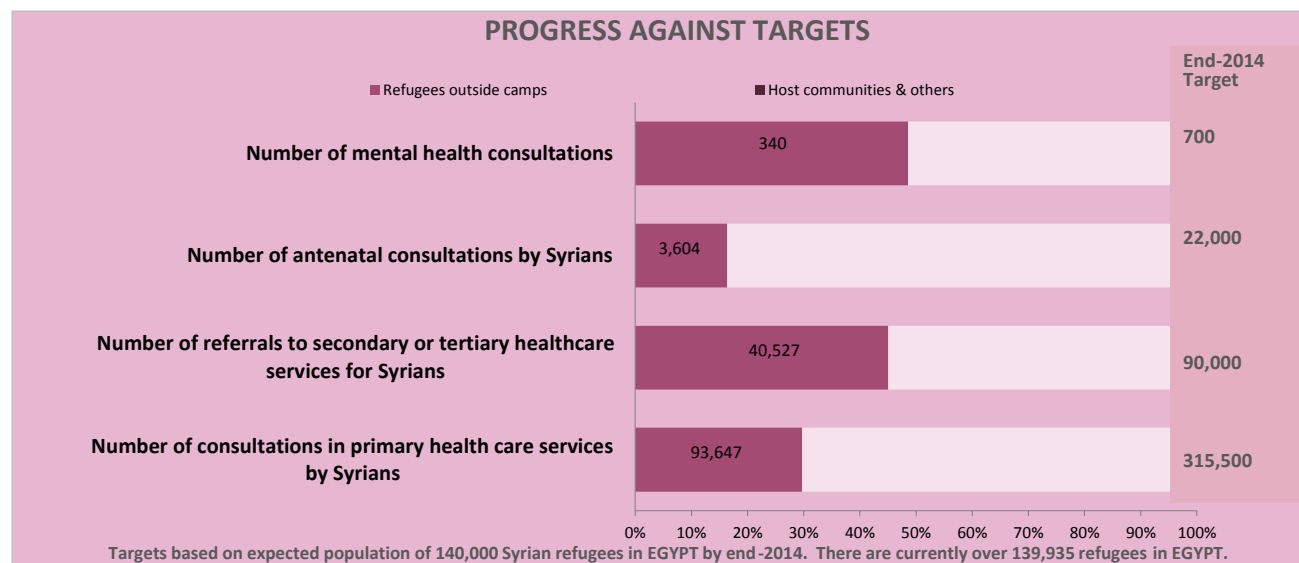
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REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS



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