

KEY FIGURES

585

Unaccompanied and separated minors

26,500

Individuals provided with cash grants in September

140

SGBV survivors who have received assistance from UNHCR

511

People provided with legal counseling and assistance

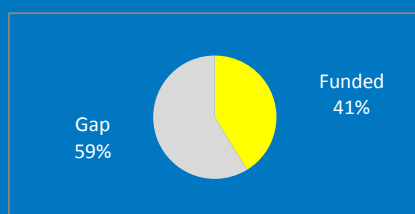
9,705

Individuals with specific needs identified in Syrian population

FUNDING

USD 141,977,106

Requested for RRP6



Priorities

- Improve access to basic health and education services through coordination and capacity building for selected government ministries.
- Save lives by enhancing targeting assistance and follow-up of most vulnerable cases
- Enhance access to livelihoods and skills training both to enhance self-reliance in Egypt and to prepare for eventual return to Syria.
- Promote coexistence between Syrian communities and their Egyptian hosts.
- Coordinate protection response with particular emphasis on child protection, SGBV and prevention of irregular migration.

EGYPT

SYRIA OPERATION

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

15 November 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 12 November UNHCR Regional Representative Elizabeth Tan and Dinesh Shrestha, UNHCR Head of Field Office in Alexandria, met with Major General Tarek Mahdy, Governor of Alexandria, to further strengthen the cooperation between UNHCR Egypt and the Egyptian Authorities on matters relating to refugees.
- The Verification process of the Syrian population has been on going with full speed in order to verify their presence in the country.
- Food voucher distribution for the October round ended benefitting 99,315 beneficiaries.



Elizabeth Tan UNHCR Egypt RR, Major General Tarek Mahdy Governor of Alexandria and Dinesh Shrestha Head of Office of UNHCR Alexandria Field Office . Photo/ © UNHCR

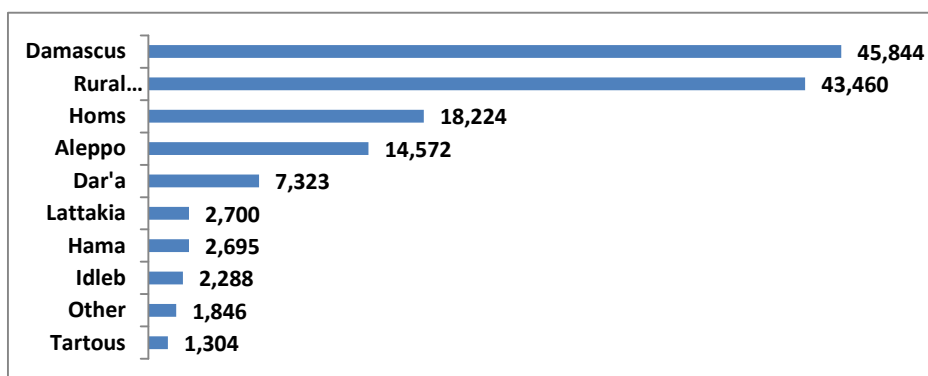
Population of concern

A total of **140,256** Syrian refugees

Gender and Age Breakdown

Custom Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	9,063	9,449	18,512
5 - 11	12,507	13,345	25,852
12 - 17	7,865	8,690	16,555
18 - 39	25,605	27,099	52,704
40 - 59	10,418	10,212	20,630
60+	3,033	2,970	6,003
Total	68,491	71,765	140,256

Place of Origin



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- As the conflict in Syria continues, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region in search of refuge continues unabated. New arrivals of Syrians into Egypt, however, have decreased dramatically since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements for Syrian entering the country. UNHCR has registered 139,958 individuals as of 11 October. Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighborhoods, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefiting from access to public services in education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counseling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance and address the social needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt. UNHCR also operates helplines for inquiries and counseling.
- In June 2014, UNHCR started the verification process of registered Syrians in order to update the data gathered at registration stage and to verify their continued physical presence in the country. The updated data and more accurate profiling will improve identification of vulnerable groups such as women and children and other groups with specific needs, appropriate referrals, access to rights and services and the identification of solutions.

Protection

Irregular Movements

- During 2014, more than 1,400 Syrian nationals have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt, including children and women. The Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest. Those released have immediate relatives in Egypt. Authorities are issuing six months residency permits to Syrians who are released, no longer accompanied with the remark of being “non-renewable”.
- It has been reported that a boat carrying 104 refugees from Syria (45 Syrian nationals and 59 Palestine refugees from Syria), which had departed from Turkey was found in Egyptian territorial waters while intending to reach Italy. The individuals found on board were taken to Karmouz police station on 2 November 2014.
- UNHCR is aware of at least 150 Syrian nationals (including 74 individuals who were on board a boat that came from Turkey) being held at several detention facilities in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates, for attempting irregular movement. It is worth noting that around 50 per cent of the arrested Syrians are registered with UNHCR.
- UNHCR’s partners, Caritas and Resala, have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care. IOM has also provided assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items.
- There are a number of new detention facilities being used recently, such as Zaafrana and Ezbet Elborg, which indicate that different routes are being taken for irregular departures. It is also noted that Marsa Matrouh appears to have become another new route for irregular departure by sea.

Community Activities

- Tadamon Fasial – Haram Community centre held their annual event at the community centre. The event program included songs and theatrical performances, in addition to some health awareness sessions. More than 350 individuals attended the event, which was mainly based on the participation of children and adults in the preparation of the event such as in paintings and drawings which indicate co-existence messages.
- Save the Children (SC) conducted a workshop under the ‘Youth Livelihoods Program’ which focuses on training youth (Egyptian and Syrian) to enhance their employability skills through three structured programs: Humanitarian Traineeship, Vocational Training Apprenticeship, and Youth Entrepreneurship. The primary objective of the program is to develop the skills of Syrian and Egyptian youth, whilst simultaneously reducing social tensions between both communities. The workshop focused on developing basic inter-personal and soft skills for the professional world.



Children at Tadamon Fasial – Haram Community centre annual event, Photo/ © Tadamon

- Caritas in cooperation with Women and Development NGO conducted training 'Art of Beauty and Cosmetics' consisting of a series of ten sessions in Alexandria. The objective of the training was to teach the beneficiaries skills with which they can increase their employability. Participants consisted of 12 Syrian and 3 Egyptian women. After the training the women started practicing their skills as freelancers from their home. The women will be provided with a microcredit to begin their own business.



Basic Needs and Livelihood

- UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs by providing them with cash grants on a monthly basis. In October, 26,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt representing 19 % of the registered population. The value of cash assistance varies between EGP 400 (equivalent to US\$ 57) and EGP 1,300 (equivalent to US\$ 185) based on the level of vulnerability and household size. The monthly cash assistance programme injected into the local economy in October amounts to US\$ 779,526.
- 147 Syrian individuals received emergency cash grants during the month of October with a total of 3670 USD.
- UNHCR livelihood unit worked closely with its partners Save the Children International, Caritas and Resala to reach cruising speed in the implementation of the Socio-economic assessment. SCI continued carrying out successfully interviews in Greater Cairo, while Caritas and Resala focused on preparing their teams and overall set-up to start interviewing using the tablets for households living in Alexandria and Damietta.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and IDSC in Cairo, and Caritas in Alexandria, pursued their efforts to facilitate access to both wage and self-employment for refugees and Egyptians. Besides the very good overall quantitative results, UNHCR was able to identify and analyze very promising trends in terms of income generated and sustainability. It is to be noted however, that these results will be closely monitored in the forthcoming months in order to be able to confirm the positive results.



Education

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continued to disperse education grants to families with children between 3 and 20 years to ensure access to education. Additional support is provided to families with children with special needs and vulnerable families. 25,000 education grants were dispersed for 2014/2015 academic year to date to Syrian students.
- UNICEF, Save the children and UNHCR continued to support the Ministry of Education with teacher training, capacity enhancement through the provision of supplies, school furniture, and construction of new classrooms as well as well management training for Directors of Education in all governorates hosting Syrian refugees. Since the beginning of the year 433 administrators and school personnel from 135 schools were provided with training about high density classroom management. 95 new classrooms were added in 4 public schools hosting the highest number of Syrian refugees in Cairo, Giza, Qalyoubeyya, Damietta and Alexandria with a total cost of approximately 1,119,000.00 USD.



Food Security and Nutrition

- Food voucher distribution for the October round ended benefitting 99,315 beneficiaries. To date, more than US\$ 36 million has been injected into the local economy through food vouchers.
- Results from the Beneficiaries Contact Information Monitoring (BCM) conducted during the October distribution cycle show that the three main households' needs are cash, rent, and food. The cash utilization is mainly to pay the rent and buy the food. The results also indicate significant improvement in the overall knowledge of WFP food voucher assistance programme and its components (from 89.5 to 97.5 percent), improvement in the knowledge of allowed items to purchase with WFP vouchers (from 92.5 to 97.5 percent) and general improvement of respondents' knowledge about feedback/complaint mechanism was noted.



- UNICEF, WHO and UNHCR are working alongside to ensure the necessary support to the mainstreaming of Syrian refugees in Alexandria and Damietta with regular field visits. Moreover UNICEF is currently supporting the mainstreaming of Syrians in public primary health care (PHC) services in Port Said governorate. The regular monitoring aim is to overcome any obstacles encountered to access of services and utilization difficulties at this initial mainstreaming phase.
- Arab Medical Union (AMU) supported Community Health Volunteers (CHV) is sustaining the dissemination of health messages among the Syrian households. AMU is currently conducting training session for a new group of CHV in the area of 6 of October area.
- UNHCR health unit participated in World Diabetes Day celebration (WDD) which was held by the Arab Association for the Study of Diabetes and Metabolism (AASD) on the 14th November 2014, at Horeya Garden in Zamalek. UNHCR health partners provide care and treatment for refugees and other persons of concern of all nationalities suffering from non-communicable diseases (NCDs), among which Diabetes is one. Around 120 refugees along with Egyptian nationals were present to benefit from the health services offered during the WDD. During the day, a marathon was organized, followed by diabetes awareness sessions. The events were sponsored by several pharmaceutical companies in line with their "Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR).

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