

## KEY FIGURES

**524**

Unaccompanied minors assisted

**31,683**

Individuals provided with cash grants in May 2015

**77,216**

Syrian refugees received WFP food vouchers in May

**917**

Individuals submitted for Resettlement since the beginning of 2015

**11,670**

Individuals with specific needs identified in Syrian population

**76**

SGBV survivors who have received support since the beginning of 2015

**1,081**

People provided with legal counseling since the beginning of 2015

## FUNDING

**USD 189,581,596**

requested by agencies for 3RP response



## 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

# INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE – SYRIAN REFUGEES IN EGYPT

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## HIGHLIGHTS

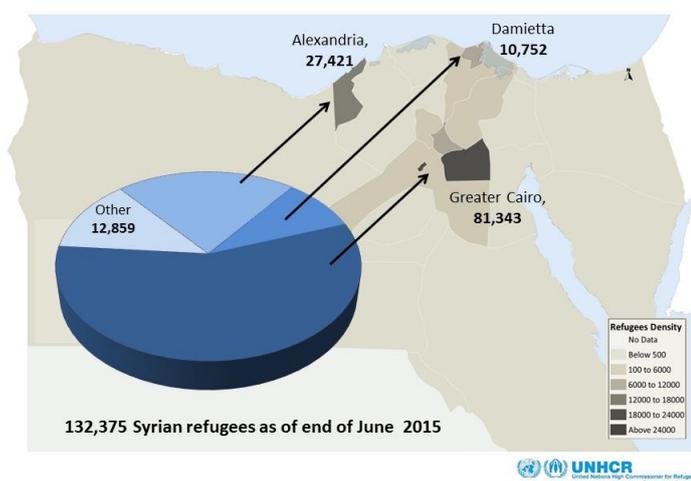
- On the occasion of World Refugee Day, various events took place across Greater Cairo, Alexandria and New Damietta. Some of the events were aimed at beneficiaries while others were primarily held to raise awareness about the issues facing refugees in Egypt today.
- UNHCR Egypt commemorated this year's World Refugee Day under the theme 'Get Involved Stand Together'. The Egyptian band Wust El Balad and Jazz singer Ahmed Harfoush performed at the event, and Dr. Amr Mabrouk, spoke about his experience working with refugees.
- UNHCR Alexandria Field Office opened on 14<sup>th</sup> June in collaboration with the Depository Library Unit in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina a UNHCR photo exhibition "Refugees Voices: Ordinary people living through extraordinary times" to commemorate World Refugee Day 2015.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> June, Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and UNHCR attended a get-together to meet the DAFI scholarship students, organized by the German Embassy in Cairo and the German Exchange Service (DAAD).

## Population of concern

A total of **132,375** people of concern (POC)

Custom Age Group	F	M	Total
0-4	7,812	8,196	16,008
5-11	12,425	13,176	25,601
12-17	7,728	8,319	16,047
18-39	24,230	25,350	49,580
40-59	9,834	9,716	19,550
60+	2,777	2,812	5,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,806</b>	<b>67,569</b>	<b>132,375</b>

## Places of Concentration in Egypt



# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

- As the Syrian conflict enters its fifth year, the refugee response in Egypt continues to address the rights and needs of Syrian refugees in Egypt, in addition to advocacy with the Government.
- Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighborhoods, renting and sharing accommodation but also benefitting from access to public services in education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counseling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance. The interagency operational partners work to address the social, education and health needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt.
- The 3RP Resilience component lead by UNDP aims to bring together humanitarian and resilience-based responses to achieve common objectives such the protection and support for Syrians refugees and impacted host communities.

## Achievements

### Protection

#### Irregular Movements

- A new wave of irregular land entries by Syrian nationals to Egypt through Libya and Sudan has been observed.
- During the month of June, 730 individuals were arrested for illegal crossing of the Mediterranean Sea from Egypt, including 203 Syrians, which is a significant increase in comparison to 500 arrested in May.
- Till present a total of 2,013 individuals have been detained at police stations in Alexandria, El Beheira, Marsa Matrouh, Dakahleya and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates since April 2015.
- Caritas and PSTIC in partnership with UNHCR, continue to provide emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care and psychosocial support services (PSS). Medical assistance is provided by MSF and IOM continues to provide assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items.

#### Child Protection

- The Child Protection Sub-Working Group (CPSWG) has advanced in establishing an implementation work plan for case conferences and networking meetings, following the development of the inter-agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Case Management.
- UNICEF and UNHCR facilitated four case conferences in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta in June.
- The assessment of 25 complex and high-risk cases has been carried out by experienced caseworkers to determine efficient and timely responses for refugee children.
- The inter-agency response for refugees, asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Alexandria, continues to co-ordinate substantially to address the issue of children held in detention after attempts of irregular migration by sea. Chaired by UNHCR and through the collaboration of UNICEF, IOM, MSF, PSTIC and Caritas, focused on assisting the 97 children arrested in June including at least two unaccompanied minors.
- To further strengthen coordination efforts UNICEF has signed an agreement with Caritas to provide humanitarian assistance to children in detention.

#### Psychosocial Support

- UNICEF has provided non-specialized community based child protection and PSS to 5,435 refugee children in Egypt and sustained child protection and PSS programs to 453 children in Greater Cairo to date.

#### Community Activities

- On the occasion of World Refugee Day (WRD) an event was held for children in the Masaken Othman's 'Meet and Play Garden', a safe, open space. The event organizers underlined peaceful coexistence and mutual acceptance in line with the WRD spirit. Over 150 Egyptian, Syrian, and Sudanese children attended a play and



Egyptian and Syrian children attending the puppet show in the Meet and Play area in Masakan Othman Photo © Kayan

participated in artistic workshops including freehand drawing, puppet manufacturing, and origami. The event on 15<sup>th</sup> June was organized by the UNHCR Community Support Programmes (CSP) in coordination with Shaarawi NGO and Kayan Organization.

- An exhibition for 27 groups of Syrians and Egyptians was held for the recipients of micro-grants granted by UNHCR and Caritas in an effort to promote their products. The exhibition hosted an array of products including food, juice, under garments, evening dresses, accessories, recycled materials, pottery, bed covers and sheets, night gowns as well as house ornaments made of beads. It was hosted by Caritas Alexandria and UNHCR.
- Over 100 children and their mothers attended a day event on the beach front at the Armed Forces Club in Gamasa, Damietta. Children enjoyed music and participated in fun games including beach racket tennis, football, tug of war and racing.



Children on the beach having fun with their gift bags during the event, Photo © TDH.

## Education

- UNICEF in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) designed and implemented a special assistance programme for children with special needs to facilitate their access to education opportunities. Over 107 students were supported and some qualified for more than one type of assistance. School fees were covered for 94 students, medication and devices were provided for 68 students and 85 students' transportation fees were granted. The average allocation per case was 2000-5000 EGP (approximately \$300-\$750 USD) determined via a case by case assessment.
- UNHCR secured an additional 30 higher education scholarships for the 2015/2016 academic year. The increased number of scholarships will facilitate access to universities for the most vulnerable refugee students.

## Health

- To ensure the proper and accurate data collection on services utilized by Syrians in Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) primary health care (PHC) facilities, unified data collection has been developed for precise reporting requirements. It is conducted through collaboration between UNHCR, MOHP, UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO.
- Arab Medical Union completed a training for an additional 27 female community health volunteers (CHVs), who will join the existing group of CHVs to conduct home visits and disseminate health messages to Syrian families. The CHVs are from 6<sup>th</sup> October, Obour and 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan.
- UNFPA supported a three-day training on Gynecological ultrasonography for 22 family medical physicians in 10 MOHP PHC units in Greater Cairo and New Damietta. UNFPA also supported an intensive twelve day training for Obstetrics/Gynecology in four main obstetric and neonatal care (CEMONC) centers.
- UNFPA supported the arrangement of safe spaces for women and girls and conducted 20 health awareness sessions in Damietta. Over 166 women attended twelve sessions on reproductive health, SGBV, adolescent health and other relevant topics, while 47 girls attended eight sessions addressing sexual and reproductive health knowledge and life skills training.

## Basic Needs and Livelihood

- Selected Syrian refugees are assisted to meet their basic needs through the provision of cash grants on a monthly basis by UNHCR and Caritas. In June 31,683 vulnerable Syrians were assisted, representing 24% of the registered population in Egypt. Cash assistance values vary between EGP 400 – 1,300 (US\$ 57 – 185) based on the level of vulnerability and household size.
- A total of 1,730 assessments were conducted by Save the Children and Caritas in June 2015. In the coming month, Save the Children will hand over the project to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) who will continue the interviewing process with Caritas.
- A marketing fair was held in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation to support 12 female micro-entrepreneurs with the marketing of their products. The beneficiaries expressed the benefits of their participation, with many highlighting the need for similar marketing opportunities enabling access to local markets. The fair conducted by CRS was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Obelisk Garden in Zamalek, Cairo.

- CRS established a mentorship network for past micro-entrepreneur program participants, whom were invited to attend a three-day training of two daily sessions consisting of a marketing module and strategic planning capacity building exercises. A total of 47 refugees and asylum-seekers participated in the mentorship activities.



## Food Security and Nutrition

- A total of 77,216 beneficiaries were reached during the June distribution of vouchers (74,399 Syrian and 2,817 Syrian/Palestinian refugees), almost meeting the month's 99% target.
- The reduced voucher value will remain at US\$17 per person/month, which is a 30% reduction from the initial US\$ 24.2 intended by WFP due to funding restraints.
- The shift from geographic to vulnerability targeting of registered Syrian refugees continued in June, with a total of 2,795 individuals removed from the distribution list based on vulnerability targeting scores in Greater Cairo.
- The distribution of e-cards (electronic gift cards) with Fathallah supermarket chains launched in May, was finalized in Alexandria and Marsa Matrouh. The introduction of the e-card modality in Fathallah, in addition to existing Carrefour e-vouchers, has reduced the use of food paper vouchers to 15% mainly used at Hyper supermarket in Damietta. The electronic system has substantially improved and simplified the process for both beneficiaries and partners supporting food voucher provision.

## Working in Partnership

- In 2015, the refugee response continues to be overseen by the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG), chaired by the UNHCR Representative. The IAWG oversees the Sector Working Groups (SWGs) through the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG), and the related strategic, advocacy and funding processes. The ISWG encourages synergy between sectors to avoid duplication, and ensure coordination on common processes. The 3RP is a platform for the collaboration between SWGs in Egypt to coordinate, identify and raise relevant operational topics to ensure a standard approach.
- AOHR ● Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials and Human Rights (ACSFT) ● Arab Medical Union (AMU) ● Care Intl/USA ● Caritas ● Catholic Relief Services (CRS) ● ILO ● IOM ● Dr. Mostafa Mahmoud Society ● Refuge Egypt ● Refuge Point ● Save the Children ● St Andrews Refugee Services (StARS) ● Terre des Hommes - Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) ● UNDP ● UNFPA ● UNICEF ● UNOPS ● UNV ● WFP ● WHO ●

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