



### 319 refugees have been provided with legal counselling and assistance since the beginning of 2016

#### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

##### Counselling

In December 2016, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal and administrative issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 53 cases were referred to UNHCR's legal partner for legal assistance. Throughout the reporting period the legal assistance continued to be extended for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless civil registration was the main reason for referrals in December. They range from marriage authentication and birth registration to acquisition of Egyptian nationality.

##### Child Protection

During the reporting period, child protection interventions by 3RP partners continued to focus on systematic and targeted response services to adequately address the protection of children at risk. To address the needs of children at risk, specialized child protection services, community-based protection, and recreational activities for children and life skills for adolescents were provided on a continuous basis. The provision of services was reinforced through inter-agency coordination under UNHCR and UNICEF direction and the strengthening of national child protection systems. Community-based protection interventions, including psycho-social support provided by community workers, helped 2,644 girls and boys and parents to address their basic needs and enhance their physical and emotional well-being. During the reporting period, 434 children benefitted from specialized child protection services, in particular case management, including home visits and cash assistance, and specialized psychosocial support.

Syrian refugee children continue to benefit from a range of community psycho-social support services provided by Save the Children, with tailored group sessions on positive parenting which concluded in December. Innovative cultural activities addressing child protection issues were rolled out, including a theatre performance. 51 girls and boys participated in the event that helped them to strengthen interpersonal skills and address the challenges that affect children and youth in the context of displacement, including psychological issues.

##### Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

During the reporting period, 3RP partners continued to focus on multisectoral approach for prevention and response to SGBV incidents.

36 women attended sexual and reproductive health awareness sessions where early marriage and marital rape were discussed with a highlight the health consequences. 38 women attended psychosocial session in group setting. A psychodrama group session was also provided for 26 women who acted out events from their past and expressed themselves.

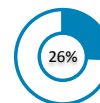


*Syrian woman with her children attending an awareness session, UNHCR/ Pedro C. Gomes*

#### Sector Response Summary:



**187,300 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 48,000 assisted in 2016.**



#### Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



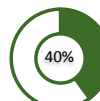
**107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 116,000 currently registered or awaiting registration.**



#### 3RP Overall Funding Status:



**USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 58.7 million received in 2016.**



#### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Since April 2016, Egypt's Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR) collected data from 17462 households (78002 individuals), comprising approximately 66% of the total Syrian refugee population registered with UNHCR in Egypt. In Egypt, 94% of Syrian refugees are unable to meet the minimum expenditure for their families, with 61% of households (66% of individuals) being severely vulnerable and a further 29% of households (28% of individuals) being highly vulnerable. Expenditure on food represents the largest proportion (45%) of overall spending. Rising food prices have the greatest impact on more vulnerable households, for whom food represents a larger proportion of expenditure. Rent is the next largest expenditure overall (28%). The majority of households identified their most important unmet need as additional support for rent or improved shelter. Health represents the third largest expense (5% of overall expenditure), followed by education-related costs (2%). Amongst the Syrian re-assessed refugees, 55% of individuals received food vouchers and 39% received cash assistance. A significant increase on the cash assistance beneficiaries is noted as beneficiaries within the cash assistance were prioritized for the EVAR phase. Despite the cash and food assistance provided, 48% of the households assessed up to date, needed to borrow money or purchase on credit in the last month in order to meet their basic needs.

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280 women approached the Women Friendly Space to benefit from awareness raising sessions, language courses and case management interviews. During the reporting period, 3RP partners continued to focus on multisectoral approach for prevention and response to SGBV incidents. 25 Syrian refugees reported SGBV incidents that account for 30 % of the total SGBV reports for December (84 cases) identified by UNHCR Egypt's offices in Cairo and in Alexandria either directly or via partners.

While multisector response services, including quality individual case management and access to emergency medical response and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)/it, have been continuously ensured for survivors reporting SGBV incidents, community-led activities remains a key component of SGBV prevention for UNHCR and partners. CARE International, UNHCR partner, facilitated a psychodrama group workshop for 15 young Syrian women that provided them with a platform to express their feeling, reflect on their self-image, and regain dignity and self-confidence. 189 women approached CARE's Women Friendly Space funded by UNHCR and benefited from awareness information and training sessions, language courses and individual counselling. At the Women Friendly Spaces in 6th October City and Maadi, sport and cultural events for The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign were also held under the theme "Breaking Circle of Violence" during and after the 16 days of activism. 116 women and 106 children attended these events. They enjoyed these innovative sessions that provided them with an opportunity to discuss and reflect safely on their rights to oppose violence, and on the benefits to develop equal and cooperative relationship between parents and children.

##### Community Outreach

Thirty-five refugee community groups received micro-grant assistance to initiate community-based protection activities within their respective communities. The grants were disbursed following a competitive application process that was open to graduates of the Community Empowerment Project's Core Training activity where participants learned how to conduct community needs assessment, write project proposals, and deliver on project implementation. Mentoring sessions were also organized while the different groups were undertaking their initiatives in order to support and enhance the effectiveness of their interventions.

A social event was also organized under the title "Diversity is Richness" on December 17th as part of the Community Empowerment Project, the purpose of which was to increase exposure of refugee initiatives and facilitate networking between different refugee groups and nationalities. Twenty-four refugee groups and 15 Egyptian civil society initiatives took part in the day where they demonstrated the richness of their cultures through artistic performances and entertainment acts. Concurrent to the event, eight workshops were run for interested participants on various thematic subjects including cultural identity, diversity management, and peaceful conflict transformation. Over 200 individuals, between refugees and host community members, participated in the different activities of the day.

##### Training

During reporting period, the Unit has conducted two workshops for 40 Police Officers working in Alexandria and Matrouh Police Directorates. The workshop covered the principles of international protection and current protection challenges for refugees and asylum seekers as well as the State. In addition, the Office has also conducted a five-day training of trainer for 10 Military officers on the principles on international protection, including the non-refoulement principle, rights and obligations of refugees, and challenges of refugee protection in the context of mixed migration.

#### EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2016

