



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



13,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in primary education

7,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in secondary education

3,000

Syrian refugees enrolled in early education, nurseries or kindergartens

1,000

Syrian refugees benefit from adult education



12.2 M

USD budget requirements

NEEDS

Although the Ministry of Education has granted Syrian children access to public schools, Syrian families still face many challenges. This includes the difficulties of enrolling after the start of the academic year and attaining documentation, which is still required by schools for enrolment.

In private and some community-based schools, school fees are high and families are unable to afford them in the long run. Some parents with larger families therefore prioritize their sons' education over that of their daughters. At present there are only a limited number of scholarships for higher education provided by foreign institutes which is not sustainable and does not meet the demands of the Syrian refugee community.

Vulnerable children with additional needs will need support through special interventions. In addition, adult literacy and numeracy classes will be needed for some Syrian families to assist them in lifelong learning and help them support their children's education.

Provision of psychosocial support for students based on an individual needs assessment remains a priority, especially considering that many of the pre-school children have suffered trauma and loss before coming to Egypt.

OBJECTIVES

Refugee population has optimal access to education

ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Refugees enrolled in early childhood education, nurseries or kindergartens, primary education, secondary education,
- Refugees benefit from adult education
- Advocacy for implementation of Government policy on access to education and to remove barriers as well as to improve quality of education
- Promote girls' education and safe learning environment

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

UNHCR through concerted advocacy efforts with Ministry of Education, both at central level as well as at local level in Damietta, succeeded in enrolling more than 850 out of school children back into school. The children were not housed in any of the seven local schools due to capacity issues as well as pressure on the director of education from the host community represented in The Parents Council. UNHCR held several meetings with the Under-Secretary of education, Syrian refugee community, the managers of the seven local schools and the Parents council and reached an agreement that all the children should start attending school immediately. Measures to enhance schools capacity and improve learning outcomes for both refugees and host community children were discussed and a set of steps agreed and in the process of implementing.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



32,000 (10,600 during November) children enrolled in primary and secondary education



27,873 (10,772 during November) school age going children received education grants and 930 vulnerable cases assisted



3000 students enrolled in higher education



7 (4 during November) assessments of educational needs



40 (8 during November) advocacy sessions conducted with the Ministries of Education and Higher Education



26 (8 during November) education facilities assessed in partnership with the Ministry of Education



6 informal education centre assisted



4000 (500 during November) Syrian benefitted from adult education

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