

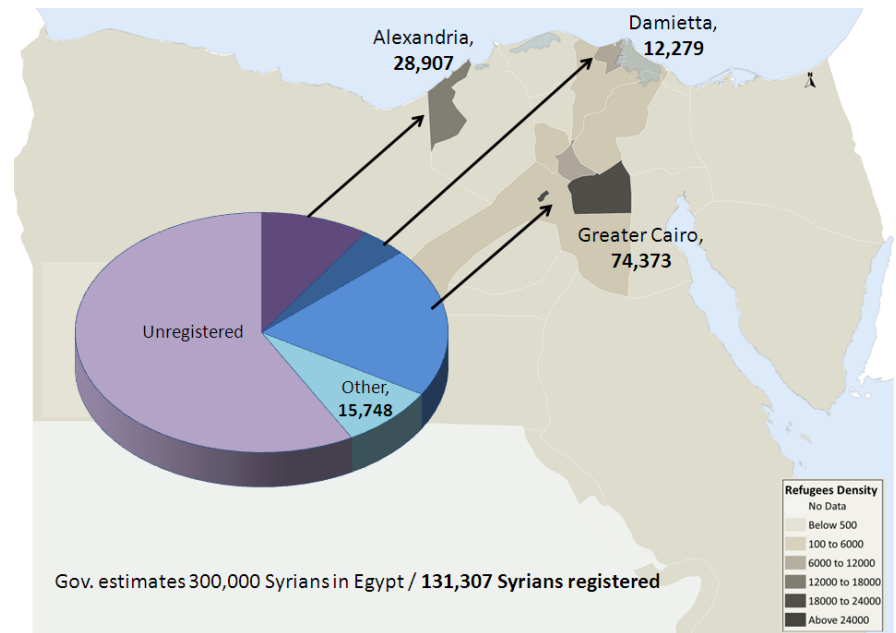
Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 28 December)

Response in Egypt to Syrian Crisis

As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region in search of refuge has been increasing. Some 300,000 Syrians currently reside in Egypt according to Government estimates provided in June, of whom UNHCR has registered 131,307 individuals as of 28 December.

Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighbourhoods, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefit from access to public education and health care.

UNHCR conducts registration, provides counselling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance and address the social needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt. UNHCR also operates hotlines for emergencies and inquiries, and sensitizes refugees of the dangers of involvement in political activities.



50.3% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.9% passed through Lebanon, 12.3% through Jordan, and 10.8% through others countries.

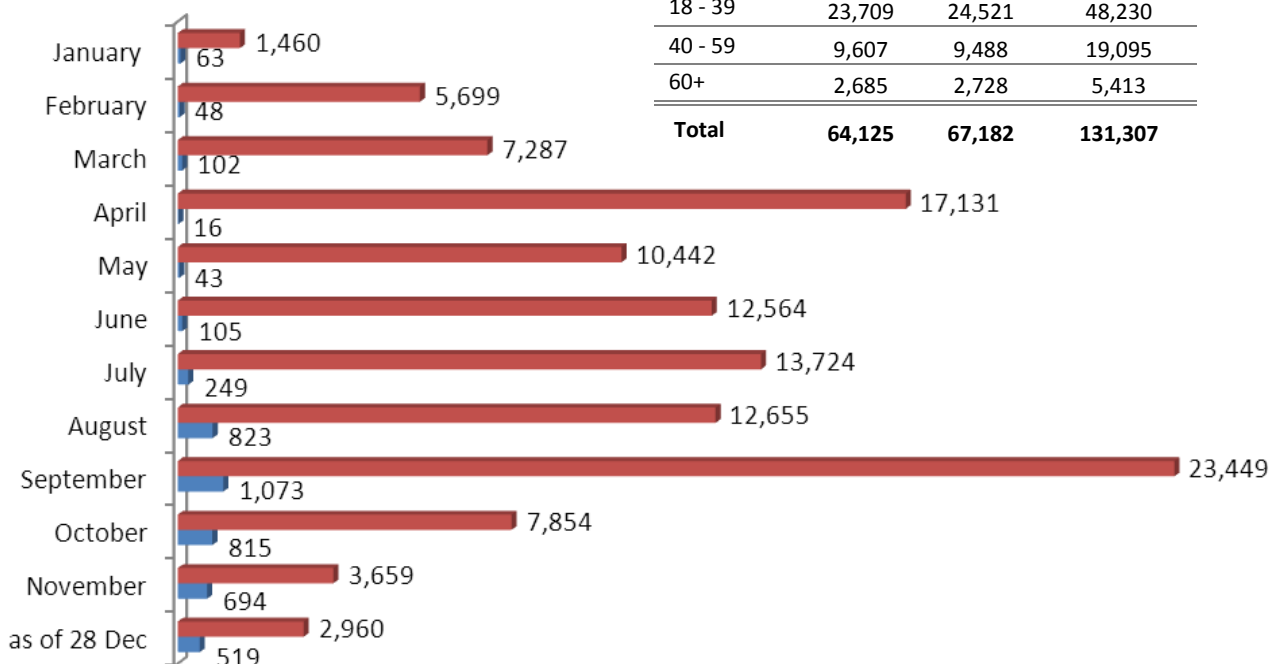
During the week, 550 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 25 persons were identified with specific needs.

Registration and Closure Trends in 2013

Registration Total: 118,884

Closure Total: 4,550

From 1 Jan – 28 Dec



Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	9,456	9,881	19,337
5 - 11	11,271	11,991	23,262
12 - 17	7,397	8,573	15,970
18 - 39	23,709	24,521	48,230
40 - 59	9,607	9,488	19,095
60+	2,685	2,728	5,413
Total	64,125	67,182	131,307

Protection Timeline



Field Office in Alexandria

The new Field Office in Alexandria will take on the responsibilities for monitoring the conditions of families that had been released from detention during the last weeks to ensure they are provided shelter, receive emergency cash assistance, access to registration for those not registered with UNHCR and fast tracking of vulnerable cases with respective partners to ensure the provision of regular assistances. Some families continuously expressed difficulty in enrolling their children in school because they had missed the deadline, while others are extremely concerned over their regularization of their stay after their temporary visa expires, livelihood opportunities and at least one person left to Turkey. UNHCR coordinated in the process of monitoring and provision of necessary assistance with its partners and other agencies such as UNICEF, WFP, PSTIC, Caritas and MSF.

In Alexandria, UNHCR and Caritas conducted distribution of 887 blankets to 350 families as part of the winterization programme in El-Agamy and Borg El-Arab areas; 1,199 blankets were also distributed to 800 families in Damietta. Caritas and Ressler are delivering blankets door to door because for vulnerable families unable to reach the distribution points.

Education

The Social Protection Unit at the Foreign Student Affairs Department at the Ministry of Education organized a one-day trip to the Pharaoh Village for 30 Syrian students. The students enjoyed a sailing trip down a network of canals and expanded their knowledge of the ancient world and ancient Egyptian life.



The Director of Kuwaiti Zakat House, Mr. Ismail Abdallah El Kandary receiving UNHCR's Regional Representative in Egypt, Mr. Mohamed Dayri during a visit to the Zakat house on 30 December 2013.

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