

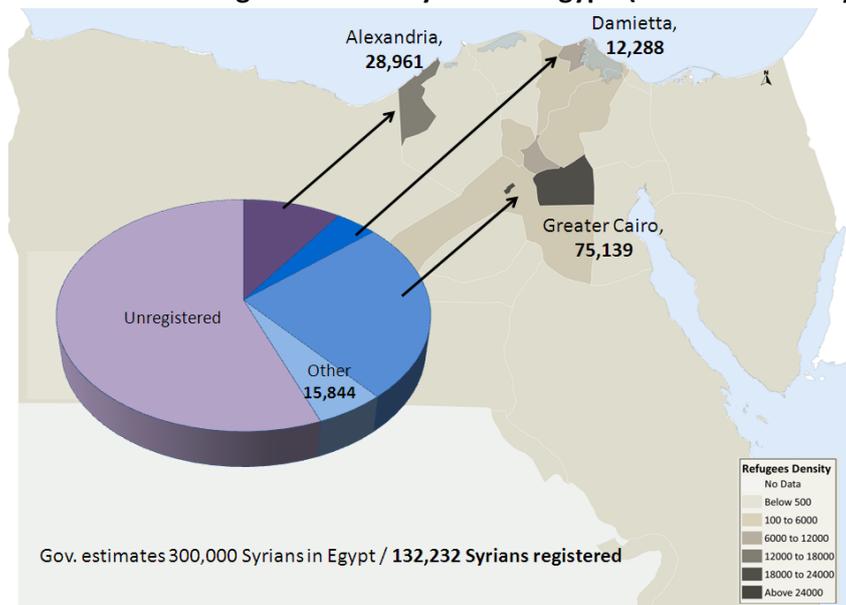
Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 11 January)

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 132,232 individuals as of 11 January.

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.



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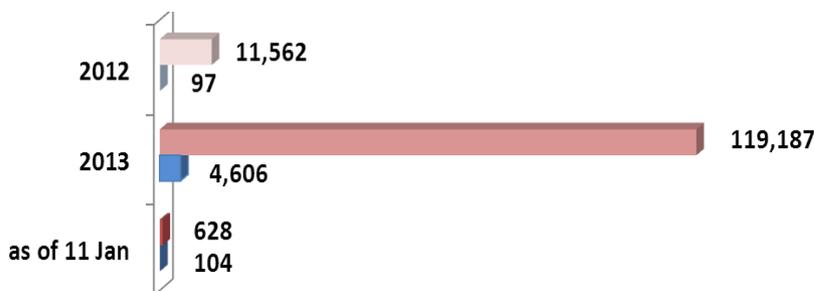
50.3% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.7% passed through Lebanon, 12.4% through Jordan, and 10.9% through others countries.

During the week, 581 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 19 persons were identified with specific needs.

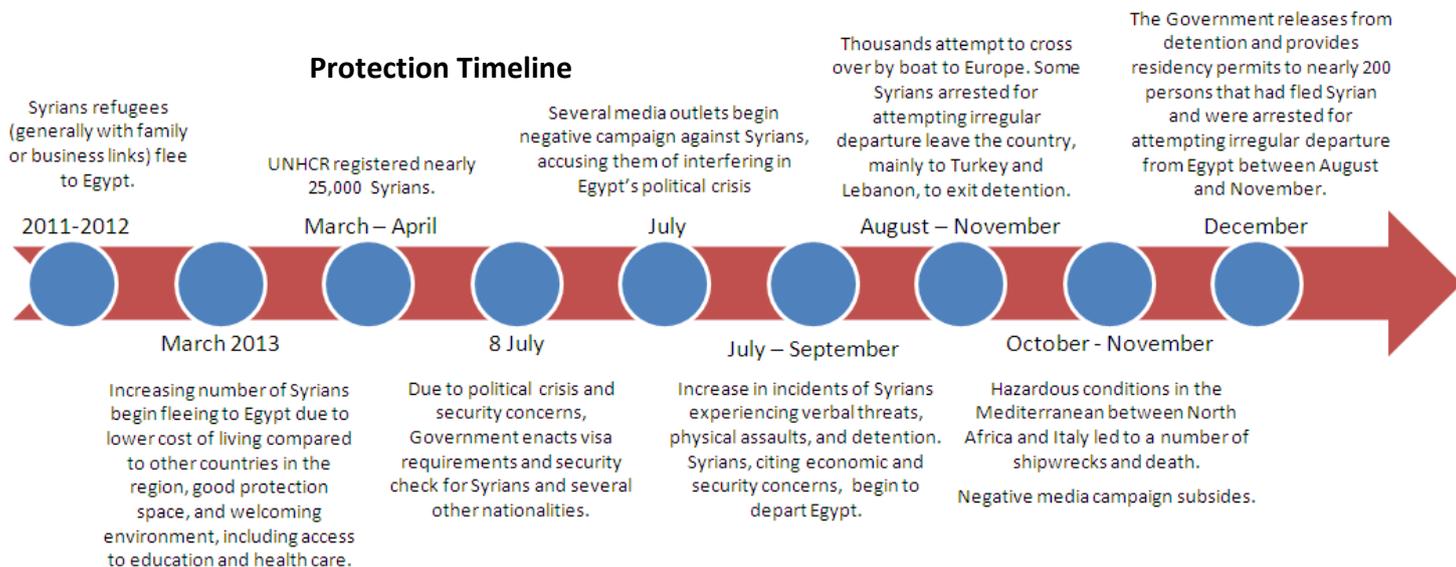
Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,977	9,366	18,343
5 - 11	11,476	12,213	23,689
12 - 17	7,487	8,553	16,040
18 - 39	24,183	25,199	49,382
40 - 59	9,691	9,587	19,278
60+	2,737	2,763	5,500
Total	64,551	67,681	132,232

Registration and Closure Trends in 2012-2014



Protection Timeline



Detention/Releases

On 8 January twelve Syrian doctors and nurses were arrested in 6 of October (Greater Cairo) for practicing medicine without a license in a private clinic. Authorises referred the cases to the public prosecutor and then released them on bail. UNHCR and its partners have provided legal assistance and are following the cases.

There was also a recent arrest of a Syrian who was found during a routine check at a security checkpoint to have overstayed his visa. He was promptly released and directed to register with UNHCR to assist in regularizing his residency in Egypt.

On 9 January the Egyptian authorities released 48 persons that had fled Syria (including 6 women and 12 children) and were arrested on 3 January for attempting irregular departure from Egypt by boat. The Government provided the released individuals with transportation to the immigration office in Behaira Governorate and issued three month residency permits in order for them to regularize their stay in Egypt. UNHCR and its partner Caritas provide transportation thereafter to Alexandria or Cairo. UNHCR, Caritas and PSTIC also provided emergency assistance, including temporary shelter. 30 persons remain in detention pending clearance from National Security or administrative steps.

Registration

UNHCR conducted 5 home visits on 9 January to register 6 individuals unable to reach UNHCR's Registration Centre in Zamalek due to infirmity.



Distribution of blankets to Syrian refugees by UNHCR's partner Tadamon in Greater Cairo as part of the winterization efforts. (*Tadamon*)

Second International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria

On 15 January Kuwait hosted the Second International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria in Kuwait City. International donors pledged more than 2.4 billion USD to help UNHCR and other aid organizations respond to the massive humanitarian needs generated by the crisis in Syria.

The conference was chaired by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "These pledges prove that the people devastated by this conflict are not forgotten," said the UN Secretary-General. "It is also sending a strong signal to the neighbouring countries – that we appreciate their generosity, and that they will not be left to shoulder the burden alone."

During 2013, the number of registered Syrian refugees rose from 500,000 to more than 2.3 million.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres said, "This conflict has not only caused one of the worst humanitarian crises in decades, but it is also the biggest threat to global peace and security the world has seen in a long time." We also stated that, "For the international community, responding to the needs we have presented here today is therefore more than a question of generosity. It is, in fact, a matter of enlightened self-interest."



Partners:

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