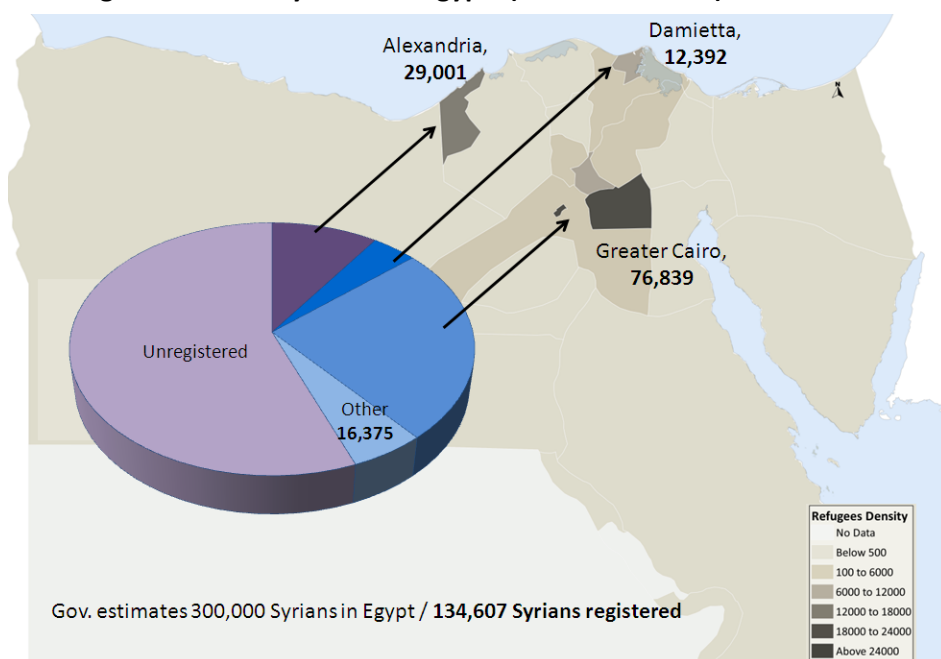


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As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region in search of refuge has been increasing. Some 300,000 Syrians currently reside in Egypt according to Government estimates provided in June 2013, of whom UNHCR has registered 134,607 individuals as of 1 March. 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.

Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 1 March)

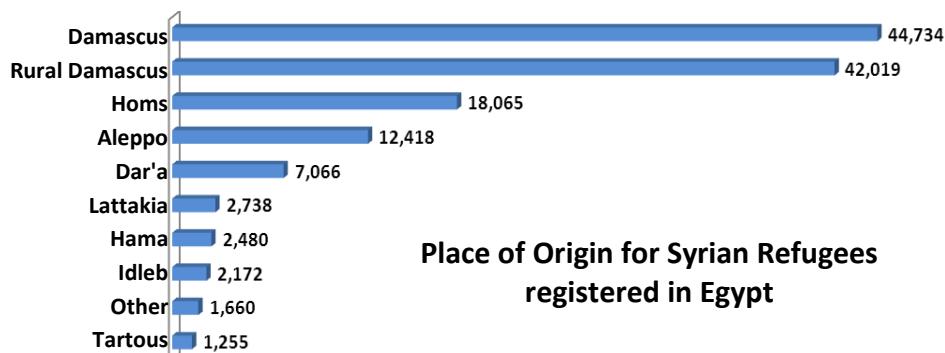
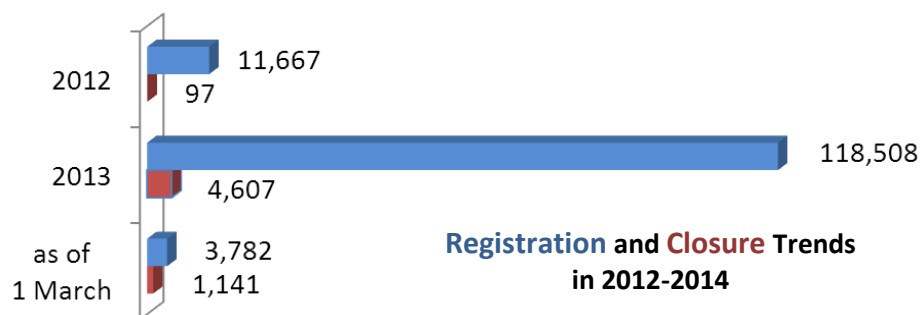


50.6% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.6% passed through Lebanon, 12.3% through Jordan, and 11.1% through others countries.

During the week, 511 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 21 persons were identified with specific needs.

Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,842	9,243	18,085
5 - 11	11,797	12,624	24,421
12 - 17	7,630	8,620	16,250
18 - 39	24,643	25,820	50,463
40 - 59	9,898	9,780	19,678
60+	2,857	2,853	5,710
Total	65,667	68,940	134,607



Partners:

Arab Medical Union (AMU) • Care Int/USA • Caritas • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Islamic Relief Worldwide • Mahmoud Mosque society • Refuge Egypt • Resala Association • Terre Des Hommes - Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) • Save the Children • TADAMON • UNFPA • UNHABITAT • UNICEF • WFP • WHO

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Protection

On 25 February UNHCR conducted a training session for 7 employment facilitators working as part of Quick Impact Project in 6th of October city (Greater Cairo). The session focused on UNHCR's mandate and the basic principles of international protection for refugees.

On 26 February UNHCR conducted an awareness sessions for 32 Syrian refugees residing in Ain Shams (Greater Cairo). The session focused on the dangerous consequences of irregular migration from Egypt as well as the importance of respecting Egyptian laws and regulations, particularly in regards to obtaining residency permits on UNHCR asylum cards. The participants were also briefed on the services that UNHCR provides to Syrian refugees in Egypt and how to access them. Finally, the sessions addressed the issue of resettlement as a protection tool to minimize expectations around the topic.

In Alexandria, UNICEF has established five Child Friendly Spaces in partnership Community Development Associations for 2,215 children (1,091 girls and 1,124 boys).

Education

In coordination with the Ministry of Education, UNHCR and UNICEF have increased the capacity of schools in areas with a high concentration of Syrians to enable access to education for some 6,960 children between 6 to 14 years-old in 53 primary public schools in 5 governorates. UNHCR and UNICEF have provided computers, furniture and education supplies to

20 schools with high concentrations of Syrian children. UNICEF is also conducting an assessment of 13 public schools serving 1,283 Syrian children in Alexandria (1 in Borg El Arab district, 2 in El Agamy district, and 10 in Al Montazah district). UNHCR and UNICEF are also providing teacher training in these schools to provide quality education services.

In collaboration with civil society organizations, UNICEF has established 12 community-based kindergardens in Cairo and Kalubiya for 290 children between 3-5 years-old.

The Ministry of Higher Education has reported that 3,552 Syrian undergraduate students are enrolled in public universities and 672 Syrians are enrolled in post-graduate studies in Egyptian universities.

Health

UNICEF with the Ministry of Health has developed performance indicators for primary health units to follow-up and monitor primary health care services that are provided to Syrian women and under 5 children. UNICEF conducted training for 30 nurses in Damietta and 60 nurses in Alexandria on means of reporting and filling out performance indicator forms.

UNICEF, WHO and the Ministry of Health are reviewing micro-plans for 275 health districts for the upcoming polio National Immunization Days for children 5 and under that will take place on 6-10 April.



1 Refugee without hope is too many