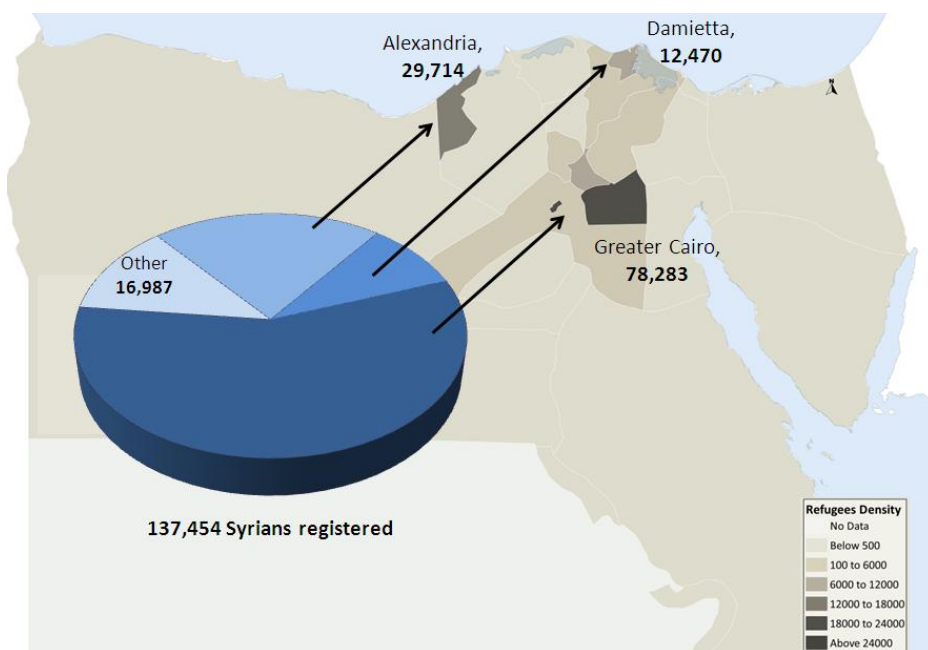


EGYPT WEEKLY UPDATE SYRIAN OPERATION 27-31 May 2014



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. New arrivals of Syrians into Egypt, however, have been nominal since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements for Syrian entering the country. UNHCR has registered 137,454 individuals as of 31 May. 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.

Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 31 May)

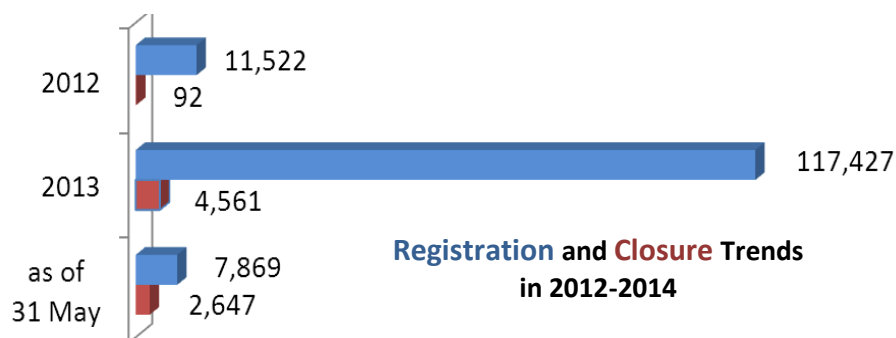


51% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.1% passed through Lebanon, 12.4% through Jordan, and 11.5% through others countries.

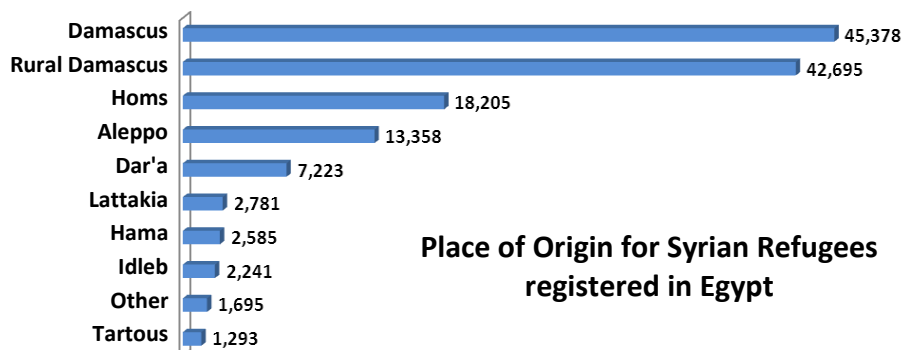
During the week, 116 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 14 persons were identified with specific needs.

Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,845	9,313	18,158
5 - 11	12,103	12,914	25,017
12 - 17	7,746	8,701	16,447
18 - 39	25,176	26,548	51,724
40 - 59	10,161	10,066	20,227
60+	2,964	2,917	5,881
Total	66,995	70,459	137,454



Registration and Closure Trends
in 2012-2014



Place of Origin for Syrian Refugees
registered in Egypt

Partners:

Arab Medical Union (AMU) • Care Int/USA • Caritas • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • 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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Irregular Movements

Since early April some 285 Syrians were arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt. As part of a positive trend, however, Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest; UNHCR is aware of 65 Syrians presently in detention in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates. The last release, consisting of 15 detainees, was conducted on 28 May at Edko Police Station in Beheira Governorate. Those released consist mostly of families, children and the elderly and those with immediate relatives in Egypt. Egyptian authorities are issuing 3 month residency permits to Syrians who are being released. UNHCR's partners Caritas and Resala have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care.

Child Protection

On 27 May, Save the Children began its first co-existence workshop for 40 Syrian and 40 Egyptian children (age 8-14) who attend the Child Friendly Space (CFS) in El-Obour. The aim of the five-day workshop is for children to develop their own mini-city within the CFS. Activities have focused on different aspects of social interaction such as the media, and children were able to produce their own articles, photographs and social media. Other sessions included expression through drawing and singing, and exploring the notion of 'Peace Ambassadors' by asking children to share their thoughts and ideas about what peace around the world means to them.

Food

During the May cycle WFP distributed or automatically uploaded over 36,500 food vouchers (paper and e-vouchers respectively) to assist over 110,000 beneficiaries. E-vouchers in Greater Cairo, where half of the refugee population benefitting from the WFP food vouchers are located, can be redeemed until 3 June. The new distribution site in Tanta in May was provided by the National Red Crescent; WFP distributed paper voucher to nearly 500 new beneficiaries. WFP is planning to open another distribution site in Matrouh Governorate in the north of the country in order to ease food assistance to the Syrian refugees residing in Marsa Matrouh.

Health

Save the Children organised a training for 25 nurses in Giza Governorate to strengthen capacity to deliver quality services. The trainings focussed on family health and issues around family planning, including medical tests required prior to marriage. In addition, Save the Children began distributing new medical equipment to two public clinics in the Faysal and Ard El-Lewa areas.

Community Support Projects



On 28 May, UNHCR held a closing ceremony for one of its Community Support Programmes, 'Learn, Move, Play, Ground 2'.

This event was held in Asmaa Bint Abi Bakr School in the First Settlement (Greater Cairo) and encompassed a series of activities such as arts and crafts, graffiti, origami, and face painting. It also showcased a small play that children had learnt during the workshops as part of the psychosocial support element of the project. Photo © C. Watt



ON 30 May, Takween Integrated Community Development, in collaboration with Shaarawy Foundation for Development and Hekayat Men Baladna held an event promoting safe and inclusive public spaces for women and children in Masaken Othman. The event was organised to familiarize the surrounding community with the open and public space where they could collectively gather and perform different activities. The day included art workshops and puppet shows about coexistence, diversity and inclusion through artistic message. Photo © Takween

