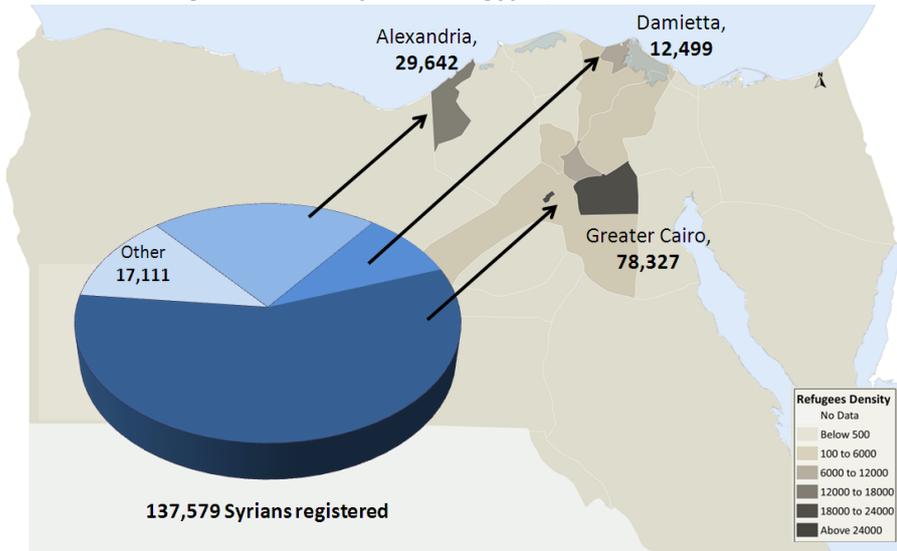


# EGYPT WEEKLY UPDATE SYRIAN OPERATION

## 1-8 June 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 137,579 individuals as of 8 June. 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 8 June)



### 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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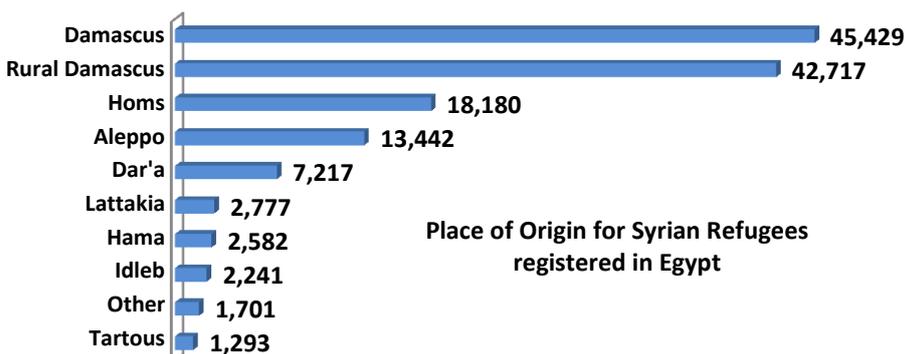
Inter-agency Information Sharing Portal

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>



51% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.2% passed through Lebanon, 12.3% through Jordan, and 11.5% through others countries.

During the week, 425 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 22 persons were identified with specific needs.

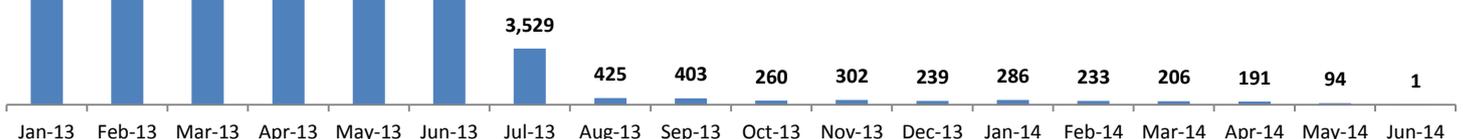


### Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,865	9,355	18,220
5 - 11	12,112	12,929	25,041
12 - 17	7,743	8,692	16,435
18 - 39	25,206	26,577	51,783
40 - 59	10,152	10,061	20,213
60+	2,965	2,922	5,887
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,043</b>	<b>70,536</b>	<b>137,579</b>

### Period of Arrival for Syrian Refugees registered in Egypt 2013-2014

\*drop after July 2013 follow introduction of visa restrictions



### Irregular Movements

Since early April some 530 Syrians were arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt. UNHCR is aware of 100 Syrians presently in detention in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates. As part of a positive trend, however, Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest. 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.

### Field

On 4 June, UNHCR conducted a field mission to Hurgada in the Red Sea Governorate to strengthen mechanisms for ongoing information exchange with local authorities and meet with the local community, identify vulnerable cases, identify potential protection cases, assess needs and raise awareness about the importance of registration/verification and services available to the Syrian community.

UNHCR and local authorities visited the Misr Library, the municipal library in Hurgada and agreed that it would be a suitable location for registration. As well, the library provides some formal courses for children; some are provided for a nominal fee or for free. UNHCR requested that the library allow Syrian children to enrol in the courses.



On 4 June, UNHCR conducted training for members of the community-based protection networks (CBPNs) in Hurgada, who work as focal points between their community and UNHCR, flag cases with protection concerns, report on problems and concerns they encounter in the community, raise awareness and disseminate information. The session focused on strengthening community participation/mobilization and community outreach. Photo © M. Nasry



Save the Children and Tadamon have organised anaemia screening tests for refugee children living in the Faysal and Ard El-Lewa areas of Giza (Greater Cairo). Screenings for children and mothers took place from 1-4 June, and Save the Children put a referral system in place with a local health clinic for those who were found to be iron deficient to receive a blood test and further medical follow-up. Photo © R. Hassan

UNHCR met with representatives from the Syrian community (16 men, 12 women and some children) at the Misr Public Library of Hurgada, which has become the main meeting place for the Syrian community and UNHCR. Many of the Syrians in Hurgada have settled there because relatives or friends were already there, and because they had found affordable accommodations. The Syrians noted that the host community empathises with them, but face their own hardship and are not in a position to provide support. Syrians in Hurgada used to receive some assistance from religious charities but this is no longer available. At present, however, there are no Egyptian NGOs functioning in the area. Many have exhausted their savings and are becoming increasingly vulnerable, in desperate need of financial assistance and are food insecure.

### Food

On 3 June, the final day to redeem WFP food vouchers for the May cycle in Greater Cairo, some beneficiaries reportedly could not redeem their e-vouchers in Carrefour shops due to a general internet failure among several internet service providers. To rectify the situation, the redemption period was extended to 5 June.

Initial distribution figures indicate that WFP reached over 110,000 beneficiaries through the May cycle, including over 4,200 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS). Over half of those (68,408) were assisted through WFP's e-vouchers in Carrefour shops of Greater Cairo.

WFP has identified an appropriate distribution site in Marsa Matrough for the June cycle in order to provide food assistance more effectively to the Syrian refugees in the north of the county.