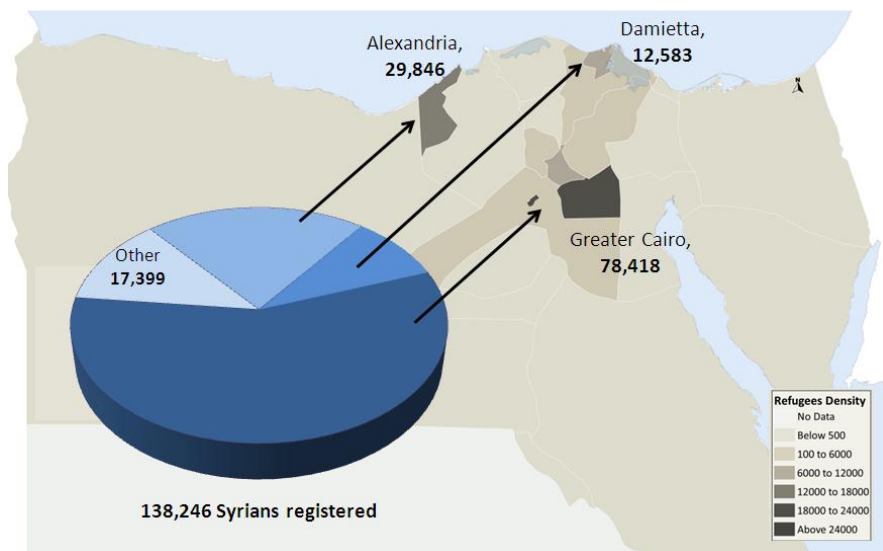


EGYPT WEEKLY UPDATE SYRIAN OPERATION

6-14 July 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 138,275 individuals as of 12 July 2014. 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 12 July)



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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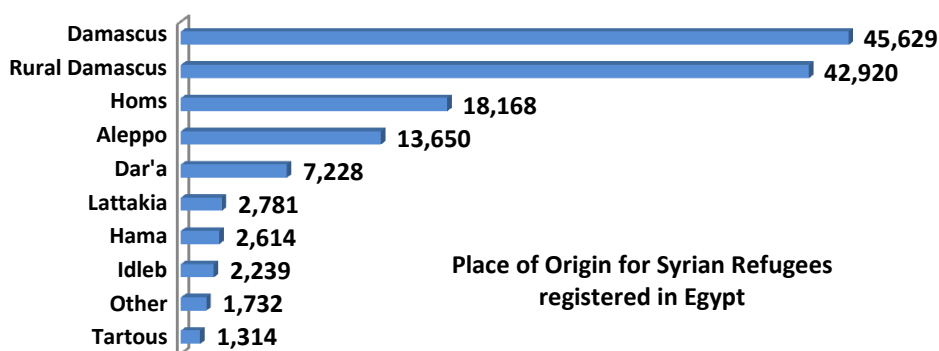
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51.6% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, **76.1%** passed through Lebanon, **12.3%** through Jordan, and **11.6%** through others countries.

During the last week, **94** individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; **6** persons were identified with specific needs.

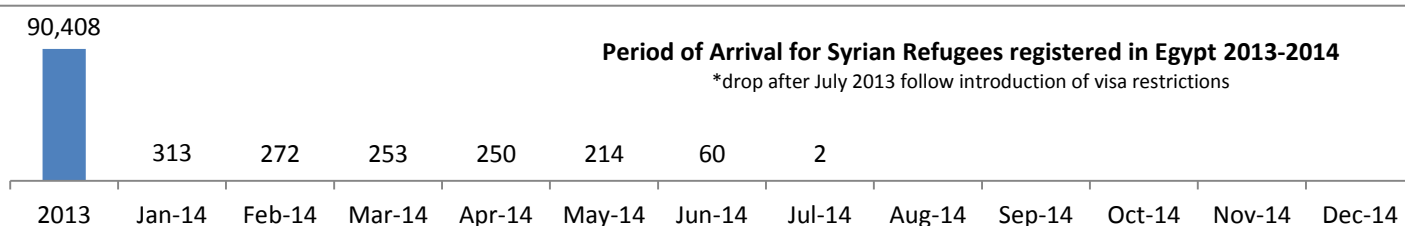


Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,884	9,324	18,208
5 - 11	12,199	13,025	25,224
12 - 17	7,777	8,714	16,491
18 - 39	25,361	26,770	52,131
40 - 59	10,207	10,110	20,317
60+	2,975	2,929	5,904
Total	67,403	70,872	138,275

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

*drop after July 2013 follow introduction of visa restrictions



Irregular Movements

In 2014, some 690 Syrians have been 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 95 Syrians presently in detention in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates. Those released consist mostly of families, children and the elderly and those with immediate relatives in Egypt. 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 6-10 July, Save the Children held a workshop to produce a short animated film expressing refugee children's issues. The workshop took place in the Child Friendly Space (CFS) in 10th of Ramadan City (Greater Cairo). The children produced animation clip, "Syrians Without an Address," focussed on displacement of Syrian refugee children, and their transition into schools in Egypt. It looks at the difficulties in getting used to a new community, overcoming differences in dialect and making new friends. The workshop offered children the opportunity to express themselves in a creative way by designing, drawing, writing the script, acting, sound-recording and directing an animation movie that would tell their stories and shed light on the right of education for displaced children from all affected countries.

Cash Assistance

From January to June, UNHCR and its partners assisted 51,716 vulnerable Syrian families. In June UNHCR provided cash assistance to 22,168 refugees through the post office system in Greater Cairo, while Resala used the same system to assist 4,644 refugees in Damietta. In Alexandria, 14,126 beneficiaries received their monthly cash grants from Caritas through prepaid debit cards. The monthly cash assistance injected 1,015,793 USD into the local economy in June.

Food

In June, WFP's food voucher distributions reached over 110,000 beneficiaries (96% of the operational plan), including over 71,000 in Greater Cairo, 24,000 in Alexandria, 14,000 in Damietta, 700 in Marsa Matrouh and 500 in Tanta. The June food assistance cycle alone enabled the injection of about US\$3 million into the economy of the country. WFP has also agreed with its biggest supermarket partner, Carrefour, to introduce a pincode system on all electronic food vouchers. Over 68,000 Syrian refugees in Egypt are benefiting from WFP's innovative e-voucher system. The cards are automatically uploaded with 200 EGP per person each month, injecting over US\$27 million into the country since the programme began. The new pincode system will increase security measures and will be implemented across designated Carrefour sites in September 2014. Furthermore, Carrefour has extended its partnership with WFP by announcing a three percent discount on all e-vouchers, equating to an estimated 408,000 EGP contribution per month.

WFP Egypt launched a new Facebook page to increase engagement with beneficiaries. There has been a steady increase of followers, with an average of 4,000 visitors daily. Monitoring activities indicate that the presence of a WFP information desk at UNHCR registration centres and the social media site have helped increase beneficiary awareness of the voucher scheme from 87% in May to 98% in June. Moreover, June monitoring results show that 97% of refugees are now aware of different supermarket branches where they are able to redeem their vouchers, compared to only 77% in May.

Health

In the run-up to World Hepatitis Day on 28 July, Save the Children is arranging these screenings in the Child Friendly Spaces around Cairo to raise awareness about 'the silent killer'. As well, on 8-14 July, Save the Children, in cooperation with FARD Foundation, organised Hepatitis B and C screenings for Syrian refugees living in 6th of October City in Greater Cairo, and on 10 July, Save the Children and the National Blood Transfusion Service Centre tested 116 individuals from the Syrian community. Anyone whose test comes back positive for the virus will be referred for appropriate follow-up and families will receive information on Hepatitis B and C and how to prevent further transmission. Children who require treatment for hepatitis but are unable to afford it will be supported through Save the Children's Direct Assistance Project.



Children working on the "Syrians Without an Address" animation clip on the third day of Animation workshop the Child Friendly Space (CFS) in 10th of Ramadan City. © Save the Children/R. Hassan



Children receiving Hepatitis B and C screenings in the CFS in 6th of October © Save the Children/R. Corbishley