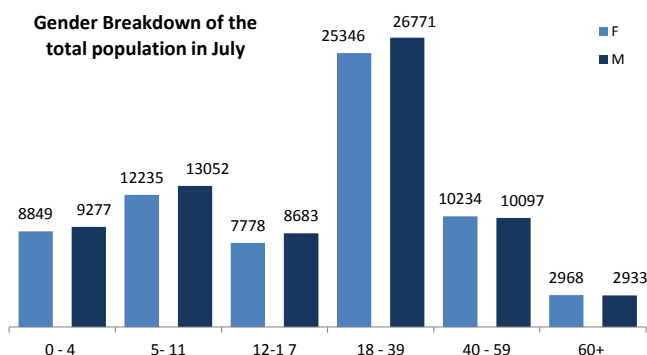




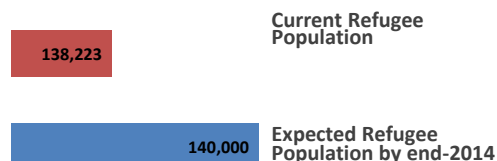
384 refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Irregular departures continue from Egypt with Italy seeing a continued increase in the number of Syrians arriving by sea. Arrests continue to take place in Egypt with 168 individuals arrested in July 2014 (84 Syrians). Since January 2014, UNHCR is aware of the arrest of at least 1,006 individuals in Egypt, of whom 731 are Syrians for irregular departure, including at least 324 children. The trend of release by authorities continues, with around 793 individuals released from detention since the beginning of the year. 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.
- UNHCR's Child Protection Team has conducted 152 Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied minors, separated children and child spouses. A joint mission with the Community Services Unit took place to the city of Port Said to assess cases of children at school age who are engaged in different forms of child labour. Nine vulnerable families were identified in which children were working. All were referred to relevant services where necessary, and some are being considered for resettlement.
- On 16 July, a meeting took place between UNHCR and the *Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Women, Family and Childhood Department at the League of Arab States Regional Office*, to discuss how to increase government involvement in the protection of women and children affected by the Syrian crisis.
- An amendment to the law to combat sexual harassment was passed on June 5th which defines sexual harassment and introduces more severe penalties. Suspected perpetrators of sexual harassment can now be jailed until the prosecutor decides on their release. In most cases, the perpetrator remains in detention until a final verdict has been rendered by a court. Several convicted offenders have already been sentenced to prison sentences under the law.
- On 6 July, UNHCR attended the final presentation of the two Community Support Programmes: 'Learn, Move, Play, Ground 2' and 'Learn, Move, Play, Ground 3' which was held at the Goethe Institute in Downtown Cairo. The two projects benefit children at two schools in socio-economically deprived areas of Cairo and were designed and created by refugee and Egyptian children themselves.

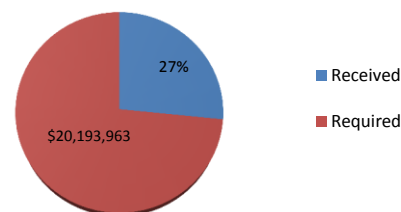


REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

* Funding received as of May 2014



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. A verification exercise has begun in May 2014. In addition, UNHCR will conduct a survey in order to have a better overview of protection gaps, in particular among the most vulnerable.

By the end of April 2014, UNICEF increased its Child Friendly Spaces outside greater Cairo from three to seven. However, child-friendly spaces remain insufficient to cover all the refugee population across Egypt and the capacity to conduct Best Interest Assessments for all separated children is limited, including regular monitoring visits for most separated children. UNICEF is waiting for government approval to open Child-friendly spaces in Damietta, where none currently exist. There continues to be few programmes assisting refugee youth, as well as children with disabilities.

The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) survivors in particular. CARE International plans to expand its services, including case management, to Alexandria after June 2014. Damietta, where the third largest concentration of Syrian refugees, remains without similar services. Challenges remain in identifying legal aid partners with sufficient coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.



Syrian and Egyptian Children playing in the installations by the Learn, Move, Play CSP Project. Photo by/ GUC

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

