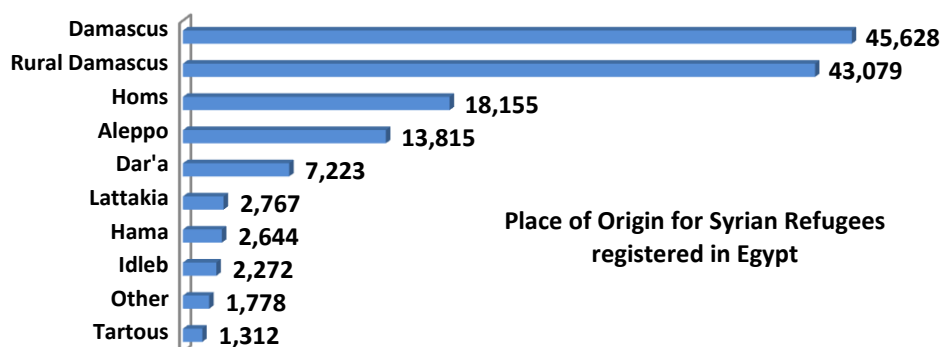
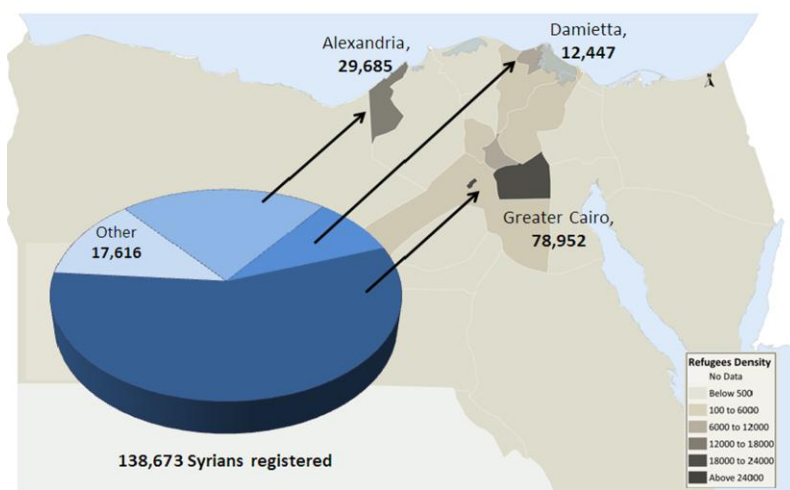


# EGYPT WEEKLY UPDATE SYRIAN OPERATION

## 4 – 17 August 2014

As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region has been increasing. New arrivals of Syrians into Egypt, however, have been nominal since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements. UNHCR has registered 138,673 individuals as of 16 August 2014. Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban areas, 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

### Registration of Syrians in Egypt - as of 16 August



**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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**51.7%** 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.

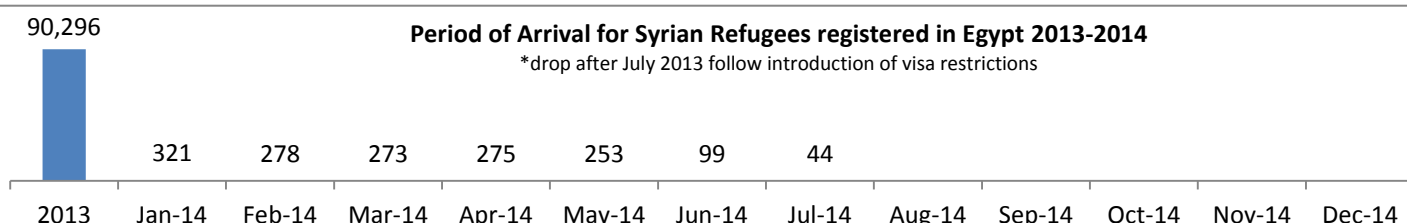
During the reporting period, 385 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; **15 persons** were identified with specific needs.

### Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,883	9,307	18,190
5 - 11	12,292	13,104	25,396
12 - 17	7,801	8,704	16,505
18 - 39	25,435	26,836	52,271
40 - 59	10,258	10,136	20,394
60+	2,973	2,944	5,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,642</b>	<b>71,031</b>	<b>138,673</b>

### 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 747 Syrians, including at least 334 children and 180 women, have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt. Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest. UNHCR is aware of 41 Syrians presently in detention in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates. On 6 August, 9 detainees were released from Raml Awal Police Station. Those released have 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.

### Protection

UNHCR counselled 100 cases on a range of issues, including spontaneous departures, SGBV, educational problems, addition of family members to files, loss of documents, and protection concerns.

UNHCR is conducting a verification exercise for Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR. The exercise is meant to verify continued physical presence of principal applicants and family members in Egypt through IRIS scanning and, to update existing personal and biometric data and photos. The total number of individuals who had their iris scanned until 16 August 2014 is 25,912.

The trend of closures and/or transfer of files due to the spontaneous departure of the main applicant slowed slightly compared to the last few weeks. During the reporting period, 15 cases requested closure for spontaneous departure. The reason for departure was mainly for family reasons.

### Health

On 8 August 2014, UNHCR's implementing partner Arab Medical Union (AMU) finalised the delivery of equipment to 15 Ministry Of Health Primary health care facilities in three areas, 6<sup>th</sup> October, El Obour City and 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan City, with diagnostic clinical and laboratory equipment and clinics and waiting areas furniture. This project aims at enhancing Syrians and Nationals utilization of Public preventative and essential curative care services in refugees hosting areas in Greater Cairo.

Arab Medical Union completed the training of more than 50 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) in 6<sup>th</sup> October and Obour City. The purpose of the training is to raise health awareness among the Syrian community, promote health seeking behaviours and increase utilization of public health services. The importance of immunization for children, antenatal, and post natal care is also emphasised through the CHVs.

On 12 August, Save the Children vaccinated approximately 220 children and parents against Hepatitis A and B in the Child Friendly Space (CSF) in 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan, Greater Cairo. This

immunisation session was part of Save the Children health team's work to prevent Syrian refugees from missing out on vital healthcare in Egypt. Around 200 Syrian children who regularly go to the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan CFS were tested for Hepatitis B and C; over 220 children and parents in the same location were subsequently vaccinated against Hepatitis A and B. A total of 270 Syrian children and parents were vaccinated against Hepatitis A and B in 6<sup>th</sup> of October CFS.

### Food

Food voucher distribution will finish on 23 August, targeting over 110,000 Syrian refugees.

Responding to an increase in Egyptian fuel costs and transportation fares, WFP is monitoring sites in relation to beneficiary accessibility and affordability of travel. Over 3,000 beneficiaries were previously traveling over 65km from Mansoura to Damietta to collect food vouchers. This was costly and made it difficult for beneficiaries to redeem vouchers on the same day. To better serve Syrian refugees in Mansoura, WFP has launched a new distribution site in their locale, partnering with Fathallah supermarket.

### Cash Assistance

UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs through the provision of monthly cash grants. In July, 30,876 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted, representing 22.3% of the registered Syrian refugee population in Egypt.

### Education

UNHCR will continue to support all children currently receiving education grant, except those enrolled in private schools, until the vulnerability assessment is finalized.

For the academic year 2014-2015, UNHCR and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) agreed to pay the education grant per household/applicant depending on the number of students per family.



Save the Children Hepatitis A & B Vaccination in the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan Child Friendly Space. Save the Children/ Rachael Corbishley