

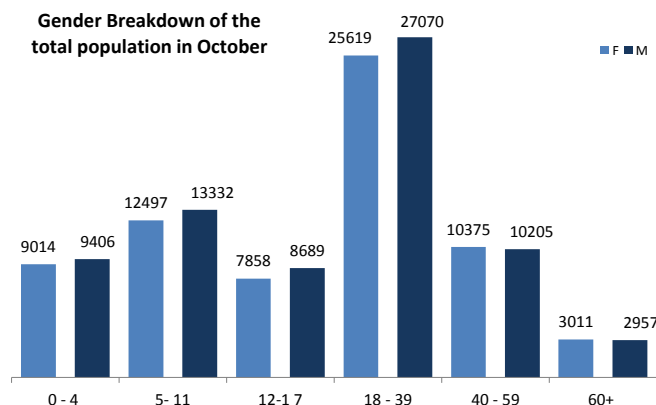


**511** refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2014

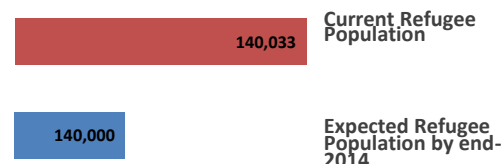
## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Since January 2014, UNHCR is aware of the arrest of more than **1,370** Syrian individuals for attempting to depart the country by sea in an irregular manner. By the end of October, UNHCR was aware of 230 individuals detained at five police stations in Alexandria, Kafr Elsheikh, Matrouh, Damietta and El Beheira Governorates.
- In October, UNHCR was aware of a group of 31 Syrian being arrested for attempting to enter irregularly through Sudan, out of which 21 have already been released.
- Since the beginning of 2014, UNHCR's Child Protection Team conducted 188 Best Interest Assessment (BIAs) for unaccompanied minors, separated children and child spouses who are registered with UNHCR. In addition, the Interagency Child Protection sub-Working Group met on the 3 November, to discuss the most recent updates. During the meeting PSTIC informed the working group that it has provided transitional apartments to minors escaping abusive marriages and seeking shelter, while Caritas assisted all minors to buy winter clothing.
- The Protection Inter-agency Working Group met on the 14 October to discuss the protection sector's inputs to the narrative, outputs and budget of the Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP) that is designed to cover the regional response to the Syrian refugee crisis in 2015-2016.
- The first SGBV case management panel took place on 14 October. The Terms of reference was agreed to by the panel members and five cases were discussed.
- On 24 October, the Outa Hamra (Red Tomatoes) Troupe, composed of Egyptian, Syrian, and European artists, gave a performance on personal stories and songs from different cultures in Alexandria to a large audience from the Syrian and Egyptian communities. The troupe's performances are part of a UNHCR/PSTIC CSP which aims to engage Egyptian host communities and refugees from different countries through theatre and other artistic events

**Gender Breakdown of the total population in October**

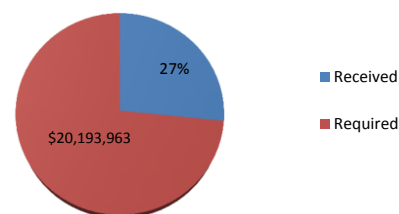


## REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



## 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.



Red Tomatoes Troupe during their performance in Agamy, Alexandria. Photo/ Red Tomatoes

## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

