

Over 13,000 acute/chronic Primary Health Care consultations for girls, women, boys and men since the beginning of 2016

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Health Unit visited two public hospitals in Alexandria – Ras El-Tin and Gumhuriya – to assess capacity and explore potential of services. The health unit encouraged medical directors to facilitate the reception of the refugees as part of the health mainstreaming of refugees in the health facilities. The Health Undersecretary accompanied UNHCR staff in their tour of the hospitals, where staff met hospital personnel and visited the Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, laboratories and operative theatres, in addition to other areas. The tour was followed by discussions with the Undersecretary and medical personnel from the hospital, who showed great enthusiasm in extending their support and services to refugees.



Young girl receiving her measles vaccination in Alexandria, Photo by

Sector Response Summary:



1,307,000 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 18,890 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 119,300 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 2.9 million received in 2016.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- The package offered by the Public Primary HC facilities is limited (Exclusion of all non-communicable chronic diseases in most of PHC facilities, Mental Health and birth delivery services).
- Quality of the Public Health Services, is sub-optimal.
- Negative attitude and behavior of the Syrian refugees toward Public Services.
- Syrian refugees are largely urbanized and predominantly integrated within the host communities of five governorates: Giza, Greater Cairo, Alexandria, Damietta and Qalyubia. They are scattered in some 24 governorates in some 230 districts but mostly residing in greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta.
- Referral to secondary and tertiary health care suffers resources limitations to manage lifesaving ailments.
- Monitoring referrals, and ensuring a cost-effective secondary and tertiary health care in the refugees areas of residence remains a challenge and the sector objective is to keep improving access, quality and coverage to health services for Syrian refugee in Egypt by supporting the Ministry of Health facilities, strengthening UNHCR's health providers' capacity and awareness raising among Syrians through community health outreach program.

HIGHLIGHTED 2

- The national polio vaccination for children of all nationalities from birth to 5 years old took place from February 21st to February 24th which was carried out by the Ministry of Health (MoH). UNHCR estimated that 16,000 Syrian children were vaccinated during the campaign. UNHCR disseminated flyers in Arabic, and other languages to inform the communities about the polio campaign and its importance.

EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016

