



**1,288** refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2015

## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

### Registration

- Registration of Syrian refugees in Egypt by UNHCR continues. By 30 September 2015, the population of Syrian refugees in Egypt registered with UNHCR amounted to 128,019 individuals.
- During 2015, 5,491 Syrian refugees have registered with UNHCR, which represents a decrease of 55.49%, as compared to the numbers recorded at the same time last year with 12,336 individuals registered between January and August 2014. Only 2,041 of those registered with UNHCR in the course of 2015, represent new arrivals to Egypt, as the entry visa requirement for Syrian nationals remains.
- Departure of Syrians have also been reported, with the vast majority having returned to Syria or Turkey or with the intention to travel to third countries. By mid-2015, 108,312 individuals had been verified, representing 84.56% of the active registered population.

### Child Protection:

- In September 2015, 3,236 Syrian children and adolescents as well as 847 fathers and mothers had been reached through non-specialized community based Child Protection and Psycho-Social Support (PSS) services offered by UNICEF and Partners and Operating in Greater Cairo (6th October, Sheikh Zayed City) and the Northern Governorates including Alexandria, Damietta, and Gamasa Cities. This included individual psycho-social sessions, life-skills education including computer classes for parents and psycho-drama activities. Case management and specialized services was provided to 465 children.

### Outreach Activities and Information Sessions:

- Care International conducted four health awareness sessions in Greater Cairo, reaching 122 Syrian women and girls. The workshop was facilitated by a medical doctor to raise awareness on emergency contraception available within the first 72 hours following a rape incident. 40% of the participants had been subjected to early and forced marriage (EFM), and specifically requested information sessions for adolescents on the risks, challenges and effects of EFM on marital relationships. As a result, an EFM workshop at Syria El Gad is being designed for Syrian refugee adolescents to be held next month.
- A total of 125 Syrian men and women attended a legal awareness session, which focused on addressing the legal framework available in the case of early and forced marriage.

### Psycho-Social Support: Art Therapy:

- Art therapy plays a significant role in the provision of specialized psycho-social support for survivors of SGBV. Within a safe setting, female survivors are provided with the opportunity to express their pain, anger and channel their distress of the SGBV incident. Two art therapy day events were organized in El Obour City were attended by 78 women. During the events 10 cases of EFM were identified; seven women who were subjected to domestic violence and four women experienced marital rape. The women were all able to address their distress and trauma of the SGBV incidents through drawing, writing and graffiti.



Verification Exercise- Cairo, S.Nelson/UNHCR

## Key Figures:

### Planned Sector Response:



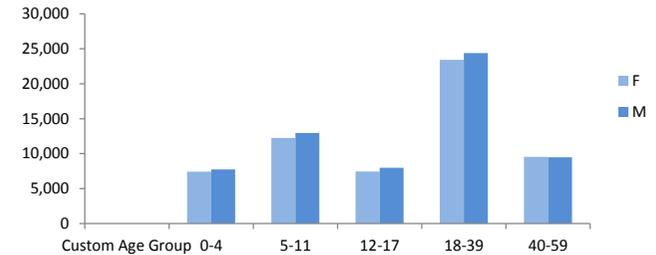
## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. A verification exercise began in May 2014 and by December 2014, 70% of 138,000 has been verified. A socio-economic assessment of the refugee population is currently on-going, after which UNHCR and partners would have a better understanding of the protection needs and profile of the most vulnerable in order to ensure targeted assistance and responses.

New innovative approaches with regards to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) activities are being tested to increase identification of SGBV cases and to better target coordinated protection responses.

The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to most vulnerable, including (SGBV) survivors, children and disabled in particular. Challenges remain in identifying specialized services and coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.

### Population Breakdown by age



## REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: SEPTEMBER 2015

