



**1,243** refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2015

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

- In August 64 Syrians have been arrested for attempting to depart by sea.
- All detainees were provided with food, non-food items, and legal, medical and psychological support by UNHCR, IOM UNHCR, IOM, MSF, Caritas, and PSTIC.

### Child Protection:

- During the reporting period, 36 children benefitted from individual case management. The identification of these children occurred during community-based and recreational activities organised by Save the Children (SCI) or through referrals from other organisations.
- Trained SCI psychologists provided individual sessions to nine children and seven parents.
- As part of an ongoing follow-up, three referrals were made to specialized mental health and psychological support (MHPSS) facilities including AL-Hussain Hospital and the Childhood Institute. With an incoming Child Protection Officer, SCI organised an in-house two day training on Best Interest Assessment and Case Management for 14 SCI case workers.
- As part of the psycho-social support service, in which the HEART methodology is used, SCI case workers and a psychologist organised a day event in 6th of October and Obour.
- A total 123 children participated in those both locations in Greater Cairo where Syrian refugees predominantly reside. Children and caregivers were divided in separate groups. Parents were equipped with parenting skills and a particular focus was given to engaging with traumatised children. The children on the other hand were counselled on how to enhance their communication skills and how to work with family members and others as a team. The sessions were concluded with the creation of a joint wax sculpture aimed at releasing stress for both children and their families.
- In August, 20 psycho-social group counselling sessions for 64 children were led by SCI psychologist. In continuation of this year's overall topic "Team building and Cooperation, Child's Rights and Child's Empowerment" this month focused on the issue of fear, how to express and combat fear as well adopting positive coping mechanisms.
- 29 caregivers benefitted not only from psychosocial support but also tools on how to deal with their children who have been exposed to traumatic or unsettling incidents. Inter-active activities such as crafts, puppet theatre and sports reached 64 children.
- In August, 761 parent's accessed community based child protection and psycho-social support through UNICEF led partners. Services included awareness raising sessions on how to deal with domestic violence, stubbornness and withdrawal, computer skills and a psycho-drama programme. These activities are aimed at helping parents to identify and support children with behavioural or psychological issues.
- In Alexandria, UNICEF's implementing partners offered recreational activities including games to help identify children with learning difficulties in need of assistance. Other activities helped identify children with abnormal or aggressive behaviour in need of specialised services. In preparation for the upcoming academic school year and the prevalent issue of violence in schools, this month's topic focused on raising awareness about harassment in schools and how best to deal with it.

### Inter-agency Coordination:

- The Child Protection Working Group co-chaired by UNHCR and UNICEF has been developing a work plan for 2016 in view of enhancing programmatic priorities and advocacy efforts.
- A training on interactive theatre for a new group in 6th of October took place with 25 female participant. The target of the training is storytelling covering SGBV topics and providing women with the space to express themselves as a form of self-therapy while in detention.

### SGBV:

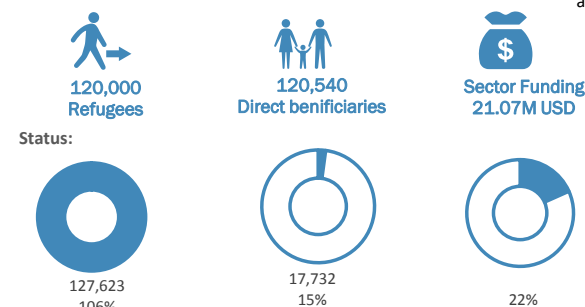
Three health awareness sessions were conducted in 6 October City and Obour with a total number of 168 participants. The lecturer briefed the participants on SGBV types, and focused on consequences of early marriage, widely spread among the Syrian community. 21 Syrian women, between the age 25 and 55, took part in a 10 sessions workshop on interactive theatre participants acquired new skills in acting, storytelling and script writing. A workshop for a group of 35 children and adolescents was conducted in 6 October City. The workshop aimed at encouraging young participants to express and overcome their pain and feelings toward the violence they



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## Key Figures:

### Planned Sector Response:



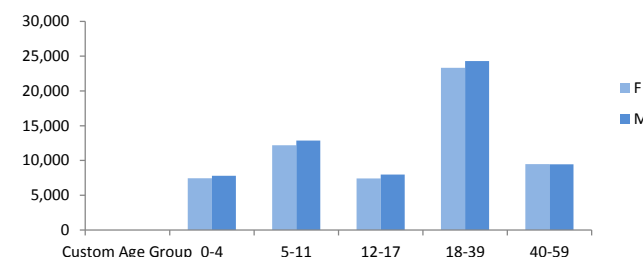
## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

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: AUGUST 2015

