

1,189 refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2015

JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

- In July 108 Syrians have been arrested for attempting to depart by sea, they were detained at Police Station in Alexandria, El Behera, Marsa Matrouh, Dakahleya and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates.
- 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

- Save the Children continues to operate two Child and Family Centers in Obour and 6th of October City with mobile psycho-social support services screening a wide range of children at risk including those facing violence and abuse as well as out-of-school children. Appropriate referrals to service providers as well as follow-ups were made for all cases. A total of 106 children continued to receive case management services. 39 children were referred for psychosocial support and 62 for health services. 18 cases were referred to UNHCR for the distribution of food vouchers and financial assistance.
- A networking and coordination meeting was conducted with Bashayer Al Yasmin Syrian community school in Obour City in order to provide recreational activities for children and adolescents. Two health awareness sessions on hygiene and nutrition were held for 32 children aged between 6-12 years.
- During the reporting period, 653 children and adolescents located in the three urban centers had access to non-specialized community based Child Protection and Psychosocial Support (PSS) and 238 Syrian children received specialized services. Non-specialized activities included creative writing, art, computer skills, sport activities and life skills sessions which focused on strengthening child-parent relationship. 499 parents had access to community-based child protection and PSS, including awareness raising sessions (on domestic violence and related incidents), computer skills and a psychodrama programme. These activities are aimed at helping parents to identify and support children with behavioral or psychological issues.
- In 6th of October, UNICEF's implementing partner FARD, organized three events for children and their families during the month of Ramadan. In celebrating the end of the first phase of the "Child to Child programme", an open day event was organized. This included a poetry reading show called "hear us", a musical duet, and a coral with children and the distribution of gifts. 39 new children had also access to sustained child protection and PSS programmes. In New Damietta, UNICEF established a local CDA, a public garden and 2 kindergarten and provides activities in a youth center in Moubarak 70 area. Case conferences to assess high risk cases continue to be held in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. UNICEF through CARITAS Alexandria provided 70 children in detention with clothes, footwear and non-food items. In addition, UNICEF's partner Child Mental Health Association (CMHA) in Alexandria, provided individual PSS Sessions to children referred by CDAs working with Plan International.

SGBV:

- A health awareness session was conducted in 6th of October and attended by 51 female participants.
- 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.



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Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:

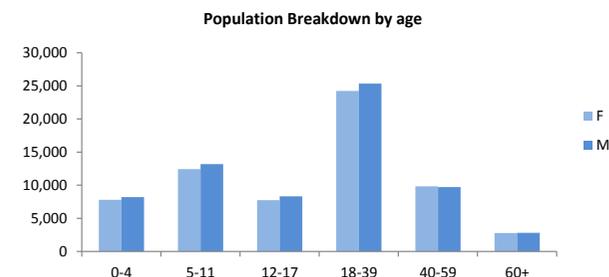


NEEDS ANALYSIS:

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.



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