

KEY FIGURES

524

Unaccompanied minors assisted

26,396

Individuals provided with cash grants in May 2015

79,935

Syrian refugees received WFP food vouchers in May

634

Individuals submitted for Resettlement since the beginning of 2015

11,482

Individuals with specific needs identified in Syrian population

60

SGBV survivors who have received support since the beginning of 2015

873

People provided with legal counseling since the beginning of 2015

FUNDING

USD 189,581,596

requested by agencies for 3RP response



PRIORITIES

- Improve access to basic health and education services through coordination and capacity building for selected government ministries.
- Save lives by enhancing targeting assistance and follow-up of most vulnerable cases.
- Enhance access to livelihoods and skills training both to enhance self-reliance in Egypt and to prepare for eventual return to Syria.
- Promote coexistence between Syrian communities and their Egyptian hosts.
- Coordinate protection response with particular emphasis on child protection, SGBV and prevention of irregular migration.

EGYPT

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE – SYRIAN REFUGEES IN EGYPT

MAY 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- On May 11th 2015, Sharjah's Sheikha Jawaher Bint Mohammed Al-Qasimi, wife of the Ruler of Sharjah and UNHCR Eminent Advocate visited Egypt. During a one day trip, Her Highness visited Al Shamla public school in 6th of October City that accommodates at least 320 Syrian students alongside 1,000 Egyptian students. The Big Heart Foundation, donated USD 985,690 to benefit seven public schools in Greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. Sheikha Jawaher also met Syrian refugee women at the Tadamon Egyptian Refugee Council community centre in the 6 October City, where they expressed views of their challenge.
- UNICEF distributed additional education grant for some 105 Syrian refugee cases under the assistance for special needs cases.
- WFP reached a total of 79,935 beneficiaries during May distribution.



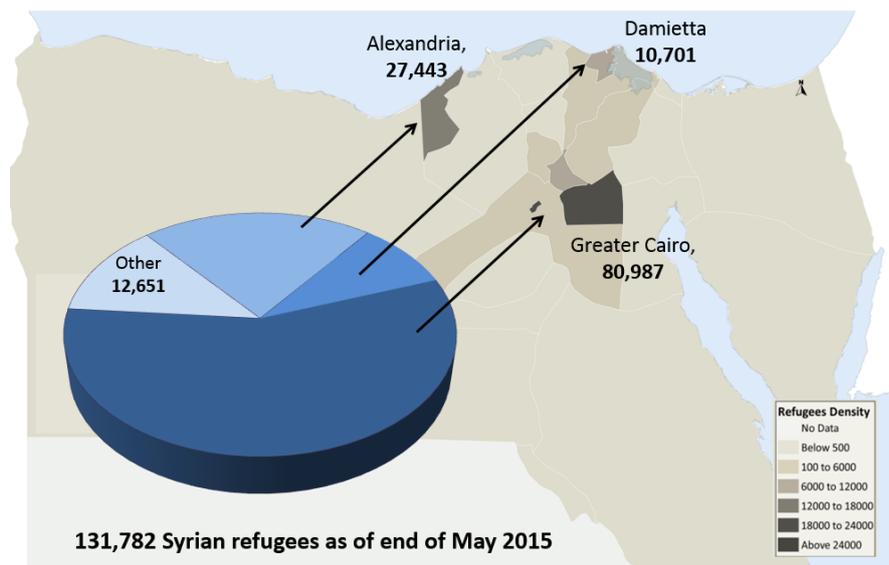
HH Sheikha Jawaher with UNHCR Representative, Ms. Elizabeth Tan during their visit to the community centre, Photo ©Her Highness Executive Office.

Population of concern

A total of **131,782** people of concern

Age Group	F	M	Total
0-4	7,870	8,272	16,142
5-11	12,364	13,125	25,489
12-17	7,673	8,239	15,912
18-59	33,881	34,833	68,714
60+	2,747	2,778	5,525
Total	64,535	67,247	131,782

Places of Concentration in Egypt



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- As the Syrian conflict enters its fifth year, the refugee response in Egypt continues to address the rights and needs of Syrian refugees in Egypt, in addition to advocacy with the Government.
- Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighborhoods, renting and sharing accommodation but also benefitting from access to public services in education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counseling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance. The interagency operational partners work to address the social, education and health needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt. Helplines are also operated by UNHCR for inquiries and counseling.
- The 3RP Resilience component lead by UNDP aims to bring together humanitarian and resilience-based responses to achieve common objectives such as protection and support for Syrians refugees and impacted host communities.

Achievements

Protection

Irregular Movements

- The first incidents of irregular departures by sea from Egypt since the beginning of 2015 were reported in April. Since then, UNHCR has observed at least 25 sea incidents involving refugees and migrants alike. Since April, more than of 800 refugees and migrants of which at least 500 were arrested during the month of May are being held at police stations in Alexandria, El Beheira, Marsa Matrouh and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates for attempting to depart Egypt irregularly by sea. An increased in the number of detainees from Syria was noted during the month of May as compared to April.
- UNHCR has recently noticed an increase in the number of releases from detention involving asylum-seekers and refugees registered with UNHCR since April 2015.
- UNHCR's partners, Caritas and PSTIC, continue to provide emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care and psycho-social support. IOM is also providing assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items and MSF is providing medical assistance.

Child Protection:

- Save the Children (SC) advanced their existing Case Management tools including updating the relevant forms, in addition, to conducting an internal 3 day case management training for 17 caseworkers units within SC's humanitarian program.
- Close follow-up meetings and supervision with all caseworkers are in progress to ensure effective implementation and providing on-going support and coaching to newly trained staff.
- A total of 36 children at risk have been identified. Screening appointments to identify children's needs are in progress. The majority of cases involved children with serious health issues and lack of access to quality medical services, school drop outs, child labor and psychosocial support.
- Save the Children's HEART Program (Healing and Education through the Arts) continues at Syria Al Ghad Relief Foundation where 40 children attend regular sessions twice per week and are provided with primary psycho-social support which helps support them emotionally and learn critical life skills. Activities focus on three main themes: empowerment of children, team building and raising awareness of child's rights.

Community Activities:

- On 9 May, UNHCR conducted a community meeting activity with Syria children, aged 13-17 (14 children in total) at the Save the Children family centre in Al Obour City.
- On 29 May, UNHCR attended a food distribution event for Syrians where information was being given by different volunteer teams to over 300 participants. The main subject was WFP assistance and the reduction of benefits due to lack of resources and results of the socio economic assessment. The event was hosted by Syria Al Ghad Relief Foundation.
- UNHCR and Save the Children provided an interactive session for 14 Syrian girls and boys aged 15-17 years to discuss life in Egypt in general and to assess the knowledge of children on available services, education and health. Children at risk have been identified from this session and have been referred to partners.

- With regards to child protection, an outreach meeting took place with INSAN Association, a new community based organization located in 6th of October, who reaches between 800-1,000 Syrian children. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss collaboration and implementation strategies covering education and child protection activities with children, teachers and parents. A joint agreement has been drafted and the implementation of activities is expected for June 2015.

Education

- Plan International organized a teachers' training in Alexandria which focused on the "Role of teachers and administrators in supporting Syrian students". This training was organized in partnership with Egyptian Ministry of Education aiming to continue to support Egyptian teachers in public schools attended by refugees; to provide the teachers with the correct information about Syrian refugee children right to access education and the required documentation for their attendance. It also provided the teachers with the latest on positive discipline methodology and practices to use in classrooms. 79 teachers benefited from this training.
- UNICEF distributed additional education grant for some 105 Syrian refugee cases under the assistance for special needs cases. The distribution commenced during the third week of May 2015. The assistance was categorized according to the needs of children with special needs of school age. This categorization took into consideration certain facts concerning school fees (usually high as they include special features, medical care and rehabilitation), transportation, medication, and requirement of devices (such as prosthetic limbs, wheel chairs and hearing aids). Catholic Relief Services implemented the distribution for the special needs children.

Health

- UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and UNHCR continue to raise the community awareness on public primary health care (PHC) services to enhance Syrians mainstreaming and utilization of Ministry of Health (MOH) primary preventive and curative services.
- During May, the Community Health Volunteers (CHV) carried out around 1400 home visits, 104 visits to MOH PHC facilities and 53 NGOs visits.
- WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNHCR have been working on unifying a standard monitoring and evaluation data to evaluate services utilization and quality, users' satisfaction and needs assessments in the post mainstreaming phase to better guide national planning scope for host and refuge communities.

Basic Needs and Livelihood

- UNHCR and Caritas work together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs by providing them with cash grants on a monthly basis. In May, 26,396 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt representing 20% of the registered population. The value of cash assistance varies between EGP 400 (US\$ 57) and EGP 1,300 (US\$ 185) based on the level of vulnerability and household size. The monthly cash assistance programme injected US\$ 731,949 into the local economy in May.
- Egyptian Red Crescent in cooperation with UNHCR provided 809 Syrian households with cash assistance during the reporting period. The household scored as severely vulnerable through the on-going socio economic assessment/vulnerability assessment framework.
- On 28 May 2015, an exhibition was held at El Mosta'abal Club, organized by women from Damietta. Some persons of concern to UNHCR presented handicrafts and food at the exhibition. They got the opportunity to market their products and expand their customer circles at the exhibitions. Earlier in the month, exhibitions were also held in Kafr Abdu and at the Royal Hall in Bitash where participants of the graduation approach displayed their products comprising Syrian food and accessories as well as linen products.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Total of 79,935 beneficiaries were reached during May distribution (77,118 Syrian and 2,817 Syrian Palestinian Refugees), meeting almost 99% of the month's target.
- Vulnerability targeting results (approximately 59,000) have been applied to Syrian refugees residing in Greater Cairo, representing approximately 63 percent of registered Syrian refugees in Egypt. Vulnerability-based assistance in other

governorates is planned to be implemented in the following months. Refugees excluded from WFP food assistance are given possibility to appeal this decision.

Working in partnership

- In 2015, the Refugee Response continues to be overseen by the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG), chaired by the UNHCR Representative. The IAWG will continue to oversee the Sector Working Groups (SWGs), through the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) – and the related strategic, advocacy and funding processes. The Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG) continues to encourage synergies between sectors, avoid duplication, and work on common processes. Consequently and on the basis of 3RP, SWGs in Egypt started to coordinate, identify and raise relevant operational topics to ensure a standard approach.
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