

77 refugees have been provided with legal counselling and assistance since the beginning of 2016

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

In May 2016, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal, administrative and civil documentation issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 14 cases were referred to UNHCR's legal partners related to access to birth, marriage and divorce certificate in Egypt and 2 other cases to obtain Egyptian nationality.

Between January and May 2016, child protection interventions by 3RP partners focused on systematic and targeted response services to adequately address the protection of children at risk. A particular focus was given to access to quality community-based protection, specialized child protection services, inter-agency coordination and the strengthening of national child protection systems.

An increase of identified cases of children exposed to child labour and early and forced marriage has been observed since the beginning of 2016. A total of **5,405** children benefitted from specialised child protection services and in particular specialised psychosocial support and case management since January.

In May, CARE started including legal consultations provided to PoCs as per the recommendation of UNHCR. Between January and April, 67 legal consultations were provided, and 18 during May, equaling a total of 85 legal consultations. r specialised psychosocial support and case management.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. Following the verification process that was conducted for Syrian refugees in December 2015, the updated version, the Egypt Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR), was launched in April 2016, after which UNHCR and partners would have a better understanding of the protection needs and profile of the most vulnerable refugees currently living in Egypt, in order to ensure targeted protection and assistance responses.

Community-based protection approaches by UNHCR and partners with regards to child protection and sexual gender based violence (SGBV) activities are being rolled-out to increase identification of cases at risk and to better target coordinated protection responses. This includes community outreach and awareness raising activities, strengthening interagency coordination mechanisms and national protection systems, provision of quality case management and specialized child protection services, capacity building initiatives and monitoring.

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 at risk and disabled in particular. Challenges remain in identifying specialized national services and coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.



Syrian woman with her children attending an awareness session, UNHCR/ Pedro C. Gomes

Sector Response Summary:



187,300 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 11,540 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



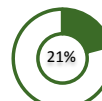
107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 117,700 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 30.7 million received in 2016.



HIGHLIGHTED 2

- By the end of May, Syrian children at risk amounted to 12% of the total Syrian refugee population and included children exposed to child labour, child spouses, child-headed households, child parents and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC).
- Capacity building, training and advocacy were conducted by 3RP partners in collaboration with national institutions and partners working with and assisting Syrian refugees at both central and local level. Since January, UNHCR conducted five trainings for Immigration officials, law enforcement, Judges and prosecutors with focus on: access to asylum and prevention of refoulement; UNHCR mandate and procedures; protection gaps, irregular migration and detention of refugee and asylum-seekers, with the aim of promoting prompt access to detention and release of Syrians arrested for immigration-related purposes, including children and recommending alternatives for detention.
- UNFPA, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health, trained health professionals on the clinical management of rape survivors and expanded its training program on integrating SGBV services into the national health system to cover public, university and teaching hospitals, NGOs, and other interested organizations.

EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - MAY 2016

