



**Around 44,000
children are registered**

JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continued the registration interviews for the education grants for the students enrolling for the 2016/2017 academic year. This stage should conclude by the first week of August 2016.
- In July, CRS received 2,477 applicants (1,422 males and 1,055 females) registering a number of 5,414 students (2,715 males and 2,699 females).
- CRS, started a monitoring assessment for the Syrian community schools in Cairo. The team assessed 14 community schools in 6th of October city, El-Obour city and 10th of Ramadan city. The rest of schools will be assessed later on.
- Based on the assessment conducted in Alexandria and Damietta for the 8 Syrian community schools, three schools turned out to be in a poor safe physical environment. As part of UNHCR support plan, the three schools were provided with financial grants totaling EGP 75,500. The grant will support the improvement of the physical safe learning environment for three schools. In-addition, the assessment results showed that the schools in Alexandria and Damietta lack proper governance system and active learning methods in classes. Therefore, as part of UNHCR planned interventions, CRS is preparing two capacity building trainings to these schools. One training will focus on governance targeting school managers and the other training on active learning for teachers to be carried out in August and September.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Egyptian Government granted Syrians access to public schools under same rules that apply to Egyptian nationals. In practice several challenges have arisen when Syrian families attempted to enroll their children in public schools most importantly the required documentation, overcrowding and safety concerns inside and outside of school. The lack of capacity and quality of the environment in public schools remains a significant barrier to the enrolment and retention of Syrian children.

A key objective of the Education Sector is to promote and facilitate access as well as improve the quality of education provided to Syrian refugees in public schools. Efforts are made to support national education systems to accommodate refugee children, including through support to teachers inside classrooms. Education is also an entry point to provide child-centred support and a mechanism to address the scars of war affecting those traumatized children and adolescents.

A particular focus will be given to the enhancement of the quality of education in public schools. This will be achieved through a host of measures including supply of IT equipment, science labs, and teacher training for primary and secondary education. The targeted subjects will be Mathematics, Science and Languages.

In order to enhance access to education for the most vulnerable boys and girls, around 150 disabled Syrian children will be supported in specialized private schools, as no public Egyptian schools currently have appropriate model of education and care required. These children will receive special education grants to cover the special needs school fees and their transportation needs. 3RP partners will support 16 public schools to accommodate children with special needs through the Inclusive School Programme.

The education response plan is based on the assumption that the current Government policy under which Syrian students have access to public schools will be continued. Based on the needs assessment conducted in 2015 by Ministry of Education (MoE) and 3RP education partners. 3RP partners will provide support to improve and rehabilitate public schools in most impacted areas by Syrian refugee crisis. Mapping of government schools most frequented by Syrian children has already been concluded, and a report by the General Authority for Educational Buildings (GAEB) has been compiled listing the needs and work required to enhance the absorption capacity of the most affected schools in impacted areas and improve WASH facilities. This report will continue to inform the dialogue with the Ministry.

Around 200,000 children aged six to 17 from host communities should directly benefit from the planned school rehabilitation programme.

The Education Working Group continue to promote effective coordination through quality information management and a continuous collaboration with other sectors such as protection, health and water, sanitation and hygiene.

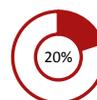


School Assessment, Bashaer Manaret Al-Yasmine, Obour City, July 3rd, 2016. Photo by CRS

Sector Response Summary:



253,500 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 50,490 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



110,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 114,900 currently registered or awaiting registration.



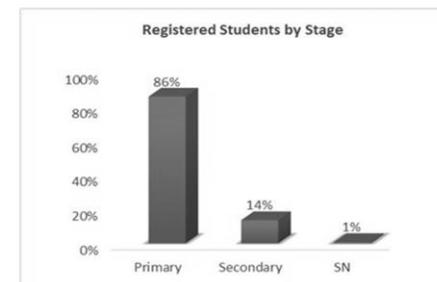
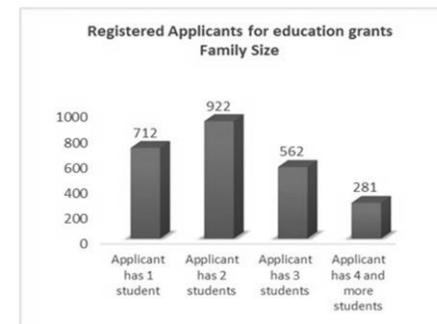
3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 43.6 million received in 2016.



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EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - JULY 2016

