



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

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Counselling/ detention

In October 2016, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal and administrative issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 18 cases were referred to UNHCR's legal partner for legal assistance. Throughout the reporting period the legal assistance continued to be extended for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless civil registration was the main reason for referrals. They range from marriage and birth registration to acquisition of Egyptian nationality.

Child Protection

During the reporting period, child protection interventions by 3RP partners continued to focus on systematic and targeted response services to adequately address the protection of children at risk. Quality community-based protection, specialized child protection services, including quality case management, specialized psychosocial support (PSS), recreational activities for children and life skills for adolescents, inter-agency coordination and the strengthening of national child protection systems continued as vital intervention to address the protection needs of children at risk. Community-based protection interventions included psycho-social support provided by community-based workers which helped 5,543 girls and boys and parents to address their basic needs and enhance their physical and emotional well-being. During the reporting period, 150 children benefitted from specialized child protection services and in particular specialized psychosocial support, case management, including home visits and cash assistance.

Syrian refugee children continue to benefit from a range of community psycho-social support services provided by Save the Children, with a tailored group sessions in El Obour and 6th of October, areas in Greater Cairo with a concentrated number of Syrian refugees, 179 girls and boys benefitted from a range of psycho-social session led by a psychologist involving creative interactive techniques including puppet theatre and group discussions to address interpersonal skills, character awareness and psychological challenges and changes that affect children and youth in the context of displacement, and 88 benefitted from case management services. 39 adolescents benefitted from an awareness session on the consequences of smoking. Following a successful session on the positive parenting program last month, a new group opened allowing 16 Syrian mothers to develop useful parenting skills.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Since April 2016, Egypt's Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR) collected data from 17462 households (78002 individuals), comprising approximately 66% of the total Syrian refugee population registered with UNHCR in Egypt. In Egypt, 94% of Syrian refugees are unable to meet the minimum expenditure for their families, with 61% of households (66% of individuals) being severely vulnerable and a further 29% of households (28% of individuals) being highly vulnerable. Expenditure on food represents the largest proportion (45%) of overall spending. Rising food prices have the greatest impact on more vulnerable households, for whom food represents a larger proportion of expenditure. Rent is the next largest expenditure overall (28%). The majority of households identified their most important unmet need as additional support for rent or improved shelter. Health represents the third largest expense (5% of overall expenditure), followed by education-related costs (2%). Amongst the Syrian re-assessed refugees, 55% of individuals received food vouchers and 39% received cash assistance. A significant increase on the cash assistance beneficiaries is noted as beneficiaries within the cash assistance were prioritized for the EVAR phase. Despite the cash and food assistance provided, 48% of the households assessed up to date, needed to borrow money or purchase on credit in the last month in order to meet their basic needs.

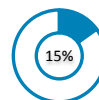


Syrian woman with her children attending an awareness session, UNHCR/ Pedro C. Gomes

Sector Response Summary:



187,300 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 28,350 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT:



107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 115,200 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 56.3 million received in 2016.



HIGHLIGHTED 2

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- During the reporting period, 3RP partners continued to focus on multisectional approach for prevention and response to SGBV incidents.
- 36 women attended sexual and reproductive health awareness sessions where early marriage and marital rape were discussed with a highlight the health consequences. 38 women attended psychosocial session in group setting. A psychodrama group session was also provided for 26 women who acted out events from their past and expressed themselves. 280 women approached the Women Friendly Space to benefit from awareness raising sessions, language courses and case management interviews.
- The SGBV inter agency coordination activities continued. While the monthly SGBV Sub-Working Group session chaired by UNHCR SGBV Unit continued to offer a forum to share the updated information of each agency and to discuss and clarify issues related to SGBV, four case conferences were held with the partners to discuss coordinating response actions for individual cases. In addition, two SGBV training sessions for the refugee community leaders were conducted in collaboration with Community-Based Protection Unit.

Community Outreach

- Community-based Protection organized two two-day workshops on community mobilization and the identification of persons with specific needs with a special emphasis on the elderly and people living with disabilities. Participants also completed training on CP/SGBV issues and learned about the appropriate referral pathways. The workshop brought together 45 Syrian and non-Syrian community leaders to foster networking and understanding between the different resident refugee nationalities.

Training

- The Unit has conducted a three-day workshop for 13 Military Officers representing boarder guard, Military Court and Prosecution and Military Intelligence. The workshop covered the principles of international protection and current protection challenges for refugees and asylum seekers as well as the State. The workshop was the second of a series of four workshops to be conducted in the course of 2016. In addition, the Unit has participated to a training organized by MoD for military observers by providing a session on Refugee protection. The session was attended by 60 Military Officers. Five-day trainings benefiting 72 community leaders were organized on project management skills by Terre des Hommes as part of the Community Empowerment Project. Terre des Hommes also provided 29 community-based organizations and volunteer initiatives with financial support to cover their operational running costs.
- Tarining on best interest process and case management was provided to 16 caseworkers and case managers of Save the Children, UNHCR's Partner on Child Protection. Training on the identification and referral of child protection cases was also provided to 20 enumerators of the Egypt Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR) from Syria, and who in the previous month, identified 174 children at risk.

EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - OCTOBER 2016

