

Egypt

May - June 2017

Egypt remains a **destination and transit country** for refugees and asylum-seekers, most of which live in **urban areas**.

Currently, **208,398 refugees and asylum-seekers of 63 different nationalities** are registered with UNHCR Egypt. Over half are from Syria.

27,766 people have **registered** with UNHCR Egypt since the beginning of 2017; 9,098 registered in May and June alone.

KEY INDICATORS

13,579

households/cases received multi-purpose cash grants in June 2017

3,153

unaccompanied and separated children are currently registered with UNHCR Egypt

1,083

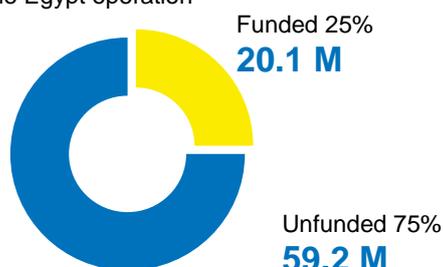
refugees departed to resettlement countries in 2017



FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2017)

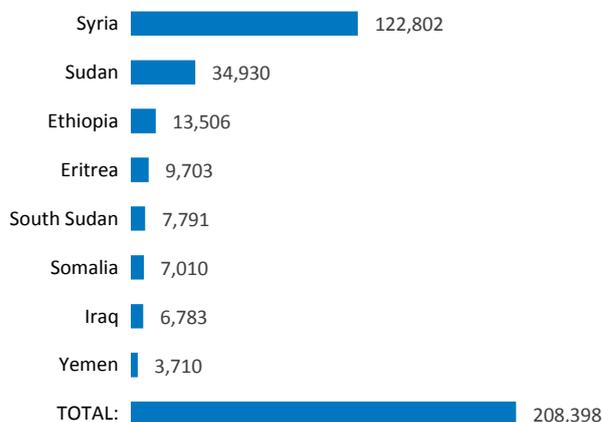
USD 79.2 M

requested for the Egypt operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin



Updates

World Refugee Day 2017

On the **occasion of World Refugee Day**, UNHCR Egypt with the support of the Arab Cinema Center and the Osman Group, raised awareness of the refugee cause at the Zamalek Cinema in Cairo. The program under the theme **"Refugee Voices in Film"** included statements by UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Adel Imam, director Amr Salama and Jordanian actress Saba Mubarak, as well as the screening of refugee related films.



During the event, the **music video "Law Kan"** ("What if") by the Egyptian band Wust El Balad was **launched**. The song, created in cooperation with UNHCR, aims at galvanising support for the refugee crisis in Egypt and across the region. Presenter Nardine Farag guided the audience through the program. Guests including celebrities, representatives from the private sector, embassies/donors, film industry and media showed their support to the refugee cause by signing the #WithRefugees petition.

Arab celebrities and other visitors of the cinema event in Cairo showed their support for refugees, © Arab Cinema Center

World Refugee Day 2017 took place during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. A **World Refugee Day Iftar** (breaking the fast) **for refugee families** was held at Fard Foundation in Cairo in collaboration with UNHCR. Children and parents learned about the culture of other refugee groups through different activities including storytelling, musical performances, and painting workshops, as well as presentations of traditional dresses and decoration. Syrian, Sudanese and Yemeni women participated in a cooking competition coached and judged by Egyptian celebrity chefs, including Wesam Masoud and Moustafa El Refaey, and Syrian actress Kinda Alloush.



Syrian actress Kinda Alloush breaks fast with refugees on World Refugee Day © Fard Foundation

Achievements



PROTECTION

- UNHCR's Field Office staff in Alexandria conducted a **mobile registration mission** to Damietta governorate, thereby registering 120 individuals and renewing the documents of 155 families. A UNHCR team regularly visits remote areas in order to reach refugees and asylum-seekers who cannot approach the offices in Alexandria or Cairo.
- UNHCR **renovated its reception waiting area in 6th of October city** in efforts to guarantee a more favourable reception space for asylum-seekers and refugees. The premises host more than 150 people daily.
- Since 21 June, the UNHCR in-house infoline **takes daily calls in seven languages**. Previously, English and Arabic were available every day, and Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya, Somali and French on one day a week each. In May and June, UNHCR answered to 28,395 phone calls.
- Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR through its legal partners Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials (ACSFT) and Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR) assisted 187 cases with **various legal requests** including the filing of police reports, provision of legal representation, support in birth registration, and authentication of marriage and divorce certificates.



EDUCATION

- UNHCR and the Ministry of Education jointly **trained 250 Science and Mathematics teachers** in a two-week workshop. The aim of the training was to improve the quality of education and the delivery of the respective subjects. The teachers work in the six governorates that host the most Syrian refugee students.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS), UNHCR's education partner, began registering families for the **education grants** for the next school year which starts in September. The amount will allow parents to pay for tuition fees, uniforms, stationary and safe transportation. In the last school year, a total of 34,561 students received the grants.
- While refugee students of most nationalities attend community and private school, Syrian students have access to Egyptian public schools. This year, CRS launched an **advisory service for Syrian parents** which aims at explaining the Egyptian education system and the educational choices available. This service is expected to help applicants to better meet their children's educational needs.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- As part of World Refugee Day celebrations, UNHCR in coordination with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and refugee communities in Alexandria launched the talent show “Refugees Got Talent”. The first phase of auditions took place in Jesuits Cultural Center and performances included rap, oriental singing, dancing, theatre, as well as oud, piano and tambour playing. Syrians, Sudanese, South Sudanese, Yemenis and Iraqis of different age groups participated in the auditions. The final event will be held in July.



Nabd El-Sharee band is singing for hope to a cheering audience. ©UNHCR Egypt



El-Rahala - an initiative started in 2016 to address social issues through interactive theatre – performing a scene that shows the impact of war on young people. ©UNHCR Egypt

- UNHCR and partners started an initiative to train refugee volunteers, outreach workers and leaders of community-based organizations in Cairo and Alexandria. The training sessions in May and June covered working with people with specific needs, participatory planning, project management, outreach and marketing, and legal awareness for community-based organizations, among other topics.
- Outreach volunteers in Alexandria continue to raise awareness about the different services provided by UNHCR and partners and disseminate information on a variety of topics that are of interest to refugee communities. During the months of May and June, they reached out to 798 people and conducted a total of 87 sessions on issues such as child protection, early marriage, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), domestic violence, diabetes, hypertension, first aid management and female genital mutation (FGM). The volunteers also conducted 19 home visits for people who faced mobility problems due to their health status and were unable to access Caritas clinics.



HEALTH

- In May and June, UNHCR delivered 70 incubators, 20 ventilators as well as the medical equipment of three intensive care units to 25 public hospitals. In 2016, the Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) granted refugees and asylum-seekers of all nationalities access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care on par with Egyptian citizens. Previously, only Syrian refugees could access public health services. UNHCR supports the national efforts of improving the quality of services and of meeting the needs of refugees as well as the host population in impacted areas. MOHP and UNHCR are in the process of preparing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will cover the next five years and constitute the basis for yearly action plans.



UNHCR staff member and Syrian refugee at a clinic in Cairo ©UNHCR Egypt/ Scott Nelson



DURABLE SOLUTION

- Since the beginning of 2017, UNHCR Egypt submitted a total of 1,153 refugees to third countries for resettlement consideration. 1,149 refugees departed for resettlement, mainly to the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR coordinates with partners through the Government of Egypt, United Nations Country team (UNCT) and the interagency working group (IAWG) and sectoral subgroups. The IAWG is the main agency coordination mechanism, overseeing six sectorial working groups: Communication with Communities (CWC), Protection, Health, Education, Livelihoods as well as Basic Needs and Cash-Based Interventions. The Protection working group has two sub-working groups which focus on Child Protection and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) response.
- UNHCR in Egypt works through the following partners: Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials (ACSFT) • Arab Medical Union (AMU) • CARE International • Caritas Egypt • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Dr Mostafa Mahmoud Society • Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR) • Egyptian Red Crescent Society • Plan International • Save the Children International (SCI) • Terre des Hommes (TdH) - Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) • UNOPS • UNV

Financial Information

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LINKS

Syria Regional Refugee Response: data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php

UNHCR Refugees & Migration Emergency Mediterranean Response:
<http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>

