



## TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



**100,000**

Syrian refugees registered

**9,000**

Syrian refugees benefit from community-based interventions

**4,000**

Syrian refugees engaged through child friendly spaces

**150**

Syrian refugees benefit from legal assistance



**7.6 m**

USD required

## NEEDS

**Strengthen field presence** - in order to ensure that all Syrian refugees have access to registration and community services, UNHCR is looking to establish a field office in Alexandria to provide permanent registration capacity and programme monitoring in addition to the existing permanent registration centre in Cairo. UNHCR will also enhance mobile registration and protection missions to serve other parts of the country.

**Legal assistance** - Those cases requiring legal representation and follow-up in the national legal system

**Profiling** - Nearly 50 per cent of the Syrian refugee population in Egypt are expected to settle outside greater Cairo. IOM will conduct a profiling exercise to gather more accurate information on Syrian communities to better target assistance.

**Outreach** - All Syrian refugees are residing amongst host communities as there are no Syrian refugee camps. Outreach activities and ongoing communication with Syrian communities are needed to address protection concerns including sexual harassment and psychological and social distress.

**Awareness-raising and sensitization** - experience has shown that the refugee communities themselves are the greatest resource in the identification, early response and follow-up of protection concerns. UNHCR and response partners will continue to raise awareness and building the capacity of the community, response partners, Government agencies and service providers.

## ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Advocacy and engagement with relevant Egyptian authorities towards maintaining a favourable protection environment for Syrian refugees
- Registration conducted on an individual basis and data updated on a continuous basis
- Locations assessment, mapping and profiling conducted in selected localities
- Community-based protection interventions increase protection space & responses for refugees
- Information on the services available to Syrians communities in Egypt increased
- Psycho-social support activities and counselling carried out
- Psycho-social and clinical training for counsellors and psychologists implemented
- SGBV response mechanisms improved with clear referral pathways established with relevant partners and Government
- Ensure no Syrian refugees are refouled/deported
- Capacity for protection of Syrian children is increased within the Syrian community; psycho-social well-being of Syrian children improves

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Illegal departures by sea continued, with a total of 937 Syrian individuals were arrested while attempting to board boats heading towards Europe. On 17 September the coast guards intercepted a boat carrying Syrian and Palestinians, during which 2 individuals were killed. Those arrested continue to be detained, including families with young children and separated and unaccompanied children.
- UNHCR/Save the Children child friendly spaces opened in Obour in Greater Cairo, serving approximately 150 children.
- UNHCR conducted training an awareness session for community based protection network in Damietta and two training workshops on case management and referral mechanism for IP and OP staff members
- The number of new arrivals into the country has been insignificant, in addition Syrians have been also experiencing increasing incidents of verbal threats, physical assaults, detention and deportation since the Government of Egypt announced temporary measures on 8 July requiring Syrians coming to Egypt to obtain a visa and prior security approval.

## ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



More than **118,000** Syrian refugees registered



**653 (353 during September)** children benefitted from child friendly spaces



**3,040** (1,867 during September) Syrian refugees received protection/legal counselling



**335 (55 during September)** Syrian refugees participated in focus groups discussions raising awareness about SGBV

## OBJECTIVES

- Law and policy developed or strengthened
- Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained
- Favourable protection environment maintained
- Risk of SGBV reduced and quality response improved
- Risks related to detention reduced and freedom of movement improved
- Protection of children strengthened

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