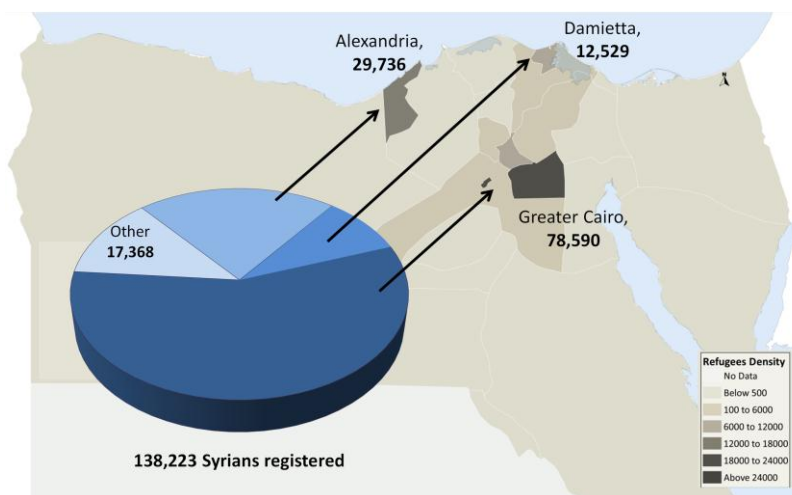


As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region has been increasing. New arrivals of Syrians into Egypt, however, have been nominal since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements. UNHCR has registered 138,223 individuals as of 2 August 2014. Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban areas, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefit from access to public education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counselling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance and address the social needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt

Registration of Syrians in Egypt - as of 2 August



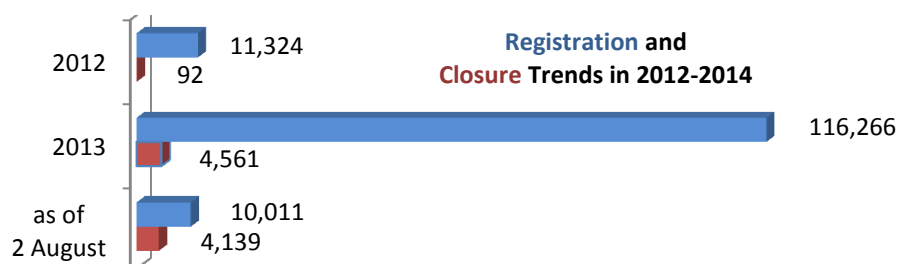
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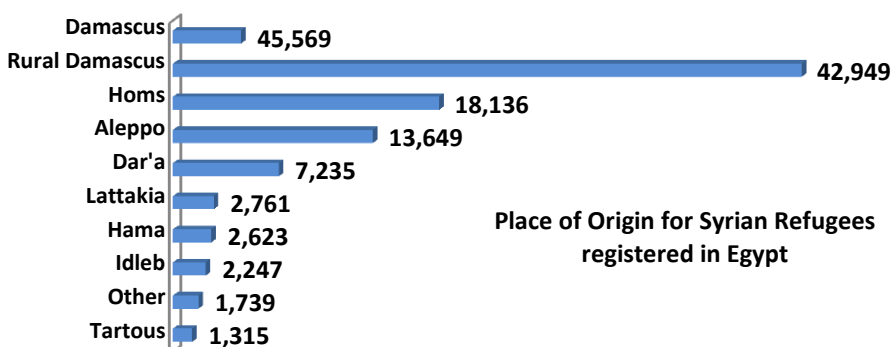
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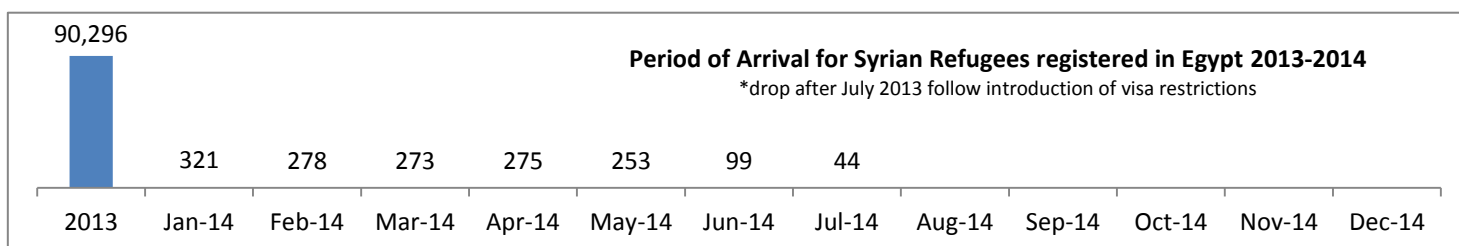
51.6% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.1% passed through Lebanon, 12.3% through Jordan, and 11.6% through others countries.

During the last week, 27 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 1 person was identified with specific needs.



Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,849	9,277	18,126
5 - 11	12,235	13,052	25,287
12 - 17	7,778	8,683	16,461
18 - 59	35,580	36,868	72,448
60+	2,968	2,933	5,901
Total	67,410	70,813	138,223



Irregular Movements

In 2014, some 731 Syrians have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt. As part of a positive trend, however, Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest. UNHCR is aware of 129 Syrians presently in detention in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates. 27 individuals were released from Burulos police station on 27 July 2014. Those released have immediate relatives in Egypt. Authorities are issuing 3 month residency permits to Syrians who are being released. UNHCR's partners Caritas and Resala have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care.

Protection

UNHCR counselled 69 cases on a range of issues, including spontaneous departures, SGBV, educational problems, addition of family members to files, loss of documents, and protection concerns.

UNHCR is conducting a verification exercise for Syrian refugees only registered with UNHCR in Greater Cairo at UNHCR Registration Centre in Zamalek. The exercise is meant to verify continued physical presence of principal applicants and family members in Egypt through IRIS scanning and, to update existing personal and biometric data and photos. The total number of individuals who had their iris scanned till 3 August 2014 is 22,822.

Outreach

On 22 July UNHCR conducted a Focus Group Discussion with female Syrian refugees at the Syrian Association, in 10th Ramadan. The purpose of the meeting was to validate the components of the Minimum Expenditure Basket, and to conduct a preliminary Wealth Ranking Exercise.

On 21 and 22 July, UNHCR conducted two training sessions in Alexandria and New Damietta aimed at increasing the general understanding about the rights and obligations of refugees under international law. The first session was delivered to 20 staff members working with the Self Reliance project in Caritas Alexandria and UNHCR Field Office in Alexandria, while the second session was delivered to 16 staff members working with Resala office in New Damietta.

On 23 July, UNHCR conducted an awareness session for 24 Community Based Protection Network members and community leaders residing in New Damietta. The session focused on the dangerous consequences of irregular movements from Egypt as well as the importance of respecting Egyptian laws and regulations, in particular obtaining residency permits on UNHCR Asylum Cards.

Food

Food voucher and e-card distribution commenced on 19 July for 110,000 beneficiaries in six locations: Obour, 6th of October, Alexandria, Marsa Matrouh, Damietta and Tanta.

Suggestion boxes have been produced and placed in all distribution sites to further engage beneficiary feedback, address concerns and subsequently improve operations. The boxes will allow beneficiaries to offer suggestions and direct queries and complaints to WFP and partner agencies during distribution.

Feedback will be addressed by each respective agency and an SMS will be sent to all those who provided a phone number to acknowledge receipt of their comment. This mechanism will compliment an existing hotline, which is also advertised at distribution sites.

Cash Assistance

UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs through the provision of monthly cash grants. In July, 30,876 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted, representing 22.3% of the registered Syrian refugee population in Egypt.



WFP food voucher distribution in Alexandria. © WFP/C. Hibbert