

KEY FIGURES

578

Unaccompanied and separated minors

28,140

Individuals provided with cash grants in August

119

SGBV survivors who have received assistance from UNHCR

450

People provided with legal counseling and assistance

9,837

Individuals with specific needs identified in Syrians population

FUNDING

USD 58,913,462

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Improve access to basic health and education services through coordination and capacity building for selected government ministries.
- Save lives by enhancing targeting assistance and follow-up of most vulnerable cases
- Enhance access to livelihoods and skills training both to enhance self-reliance in Egypt and to prepare for eventual return to Syria.
- Promote coexistence between Syrian communities and their Egyptian hosts.
- Coordinate protection response with particular emphasis on child protection, SGBV and prevention of irregular migration.

EGYPT

SYRIA OPERATION

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

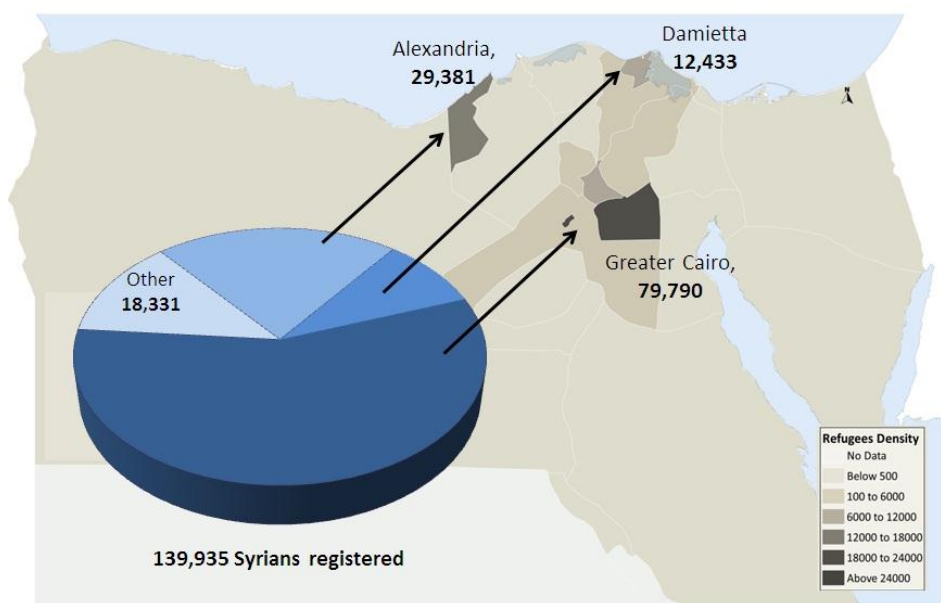
9- 30 September 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- During September, 1,226 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre
- On 18 September, UNHCR and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina signed an agreement to facilitate the exchange and access to information on refugees, mixed migration and displacement.
- UNHCR and WFP are jointly conducting a socio-economic assessment for all Syrian refugees. On 21 September, Save the Children started the survey in Greater Cairo.
- World Food Program ended the September food voucher distribution, the distribution reached 106,700 beneficiaries.
- Catholic Relief Services started the education grants distribution for 2014/2015 academic year on 14 September in Greater Cairo. A total of 5,230 students benefited from the Education grants in Egypt during September, with an expenditure of 257,798 USD.



Mr. Mohamed Dayri, RR, Dr Hoda El Mikati, head of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's cultural outreach Sector and Mr. Dinesh Shrestha, head of UNHCR office in Alexandria during the signing of the agreement, © UNHCR

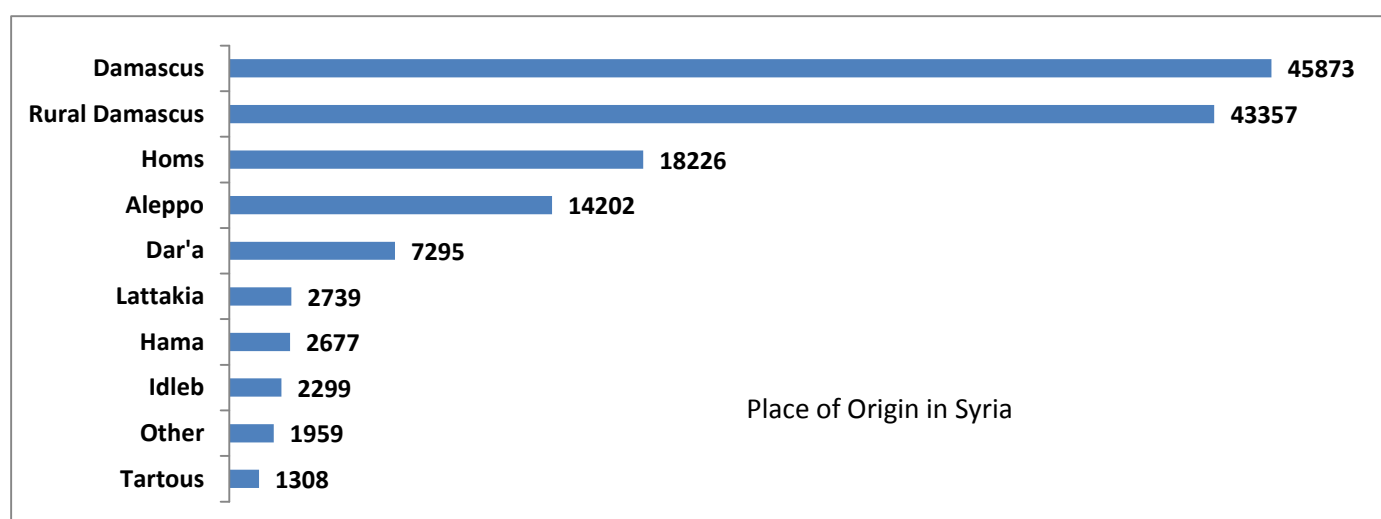


Population of concern

A total of **139,935** Syrian refugees

Gender and Age Breakdown

Custom Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,986	9,358	18,344
5 - 11	12,421	13,298	25,719
12 - 17	7,857	8,714	16,571
18 - 39	25,650	27,112	52,762
40 - 59	10,357	10,219	20,576
60+	3,009	2,954	5,963
Total	68,280	71,655	139,935



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region in search of refuge has been increasing. New arrivals of Syrians into Egypt, however, have decreased dramatically since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements for Syrian entering the country. UNHCR has registered 139,935 individuals as of 30 September. Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighborhoods, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefiting from access to public services in education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counseling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance and address the social needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt. UNHCR also operates helplines for inquiries and counseling.
- In June 2014, UNHCR started the verification process of registered Syrians in order to update the data gathered at registration stage and to verify their continued physical presence in the country. The updated data and more accurate profiling will improve identification of vulnerable groups such as women and children and other groups with specific needs, appropriate referrals, access to rights and services and the identification of solutions.



Irregular Movements

- During 2014, more than 1,000 Syrian nationals have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt, including around 500 children and 300 women. However, as part of a positive trend and goodwill gesture, the Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of groups of individuals from detention shortly after their arrest. Those released have immediate relatives in Egypt. Authorities are issuing six months residency permits to Syrians who are released, no longer accompanied with the remark of being “non-renewable”.
- UNHCR’s partners, Caritas and Resala, have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care.
- UNHCR is aware of at least 85 Syrian nationals being held at several detention facilities in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates, for attempting irregular movement.
- There are a number of new detention facilities being used recently, such as Anfoshy, Zaafrana and Ezbet Elborg, which indicate that different routes are being taken for irregular departures. It is also noted that Marsa Matrouh appears to have become another new route for irregular departure by sea.

Community Activities

- On 21 September, CARE organized a “Community Theatre” event in FARD Foundation, 6 October. A total of 10 youth participated (five boys and five girls) and the project coordinators plan to develop a troupe in the Obour area to address important social issues faced by the Syrian refugee community using the theatrical arts as a medium.
- On 24 September, Care organized a Health Awareness session at FARD Foundation in 6 October. 71 women participated in an interactive session, where participants benefited from education on family planning, sexually transmitted infections, and sexual and gender-based violence.

Community Support Projects

- “Premier Skills’ Tournament ‘One game, One hope, One community” took place at Cairo International Stadium on 26 September. The event marked a milestone displaying the efforts and training over the past five months carried out by the Egyptian and Syrian coaches. 320 children (Egyptian & Syrian) and their coaches celebrated their successful cooperation in a football tournament. The project promoted the importance of sports activities and its many benefits in the development sphere, and demonstrated sports as a foundation for social interaction between societies. The tournament was also very symbolic, not only through facilitating communication between Egyptians and Syrians but also through encouraging peers to assume leadership and to become role models for the future.



The Best Syrian Coach celebrates with his Team after the Award Ceremony © UNHCR/C.Watt

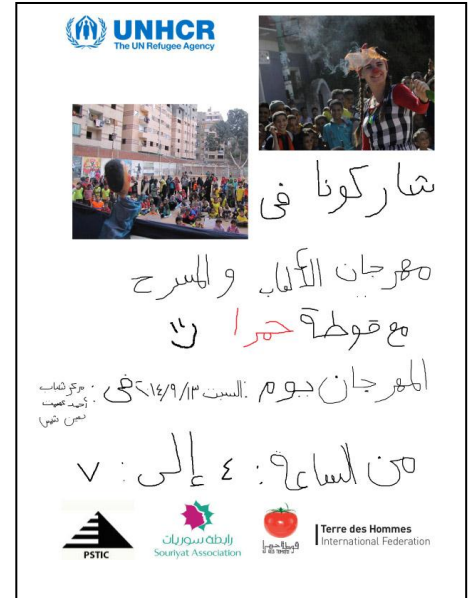


The “Premier Skills” Programme brings together Egyptian and Syrian female and male youth to play football together as one team. © UNHCR/C.Watt

- Red Tomatoes (Outa Hamra) troupe consists of professional circus and street performers (clowns, actors, magicians and musicians) who perform in several areas and communities to enhance communication and break down social barriers. As a part of the co-existence initiative, Red Tomatoes has been performing in several areas where refugees are concentrated in order to raise awareness amongst the Egyptian communities about neighbors from other countries.
- During September, Red Tomatoes performed in Ein Shams, in Greater Cairo, and in Agamy Alexandria.

Co-existence

- On 18 September, UNHCR and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina signed an agreement to facilitate the exchange and access to information on refugees, mixed migration and displacement. Under this agreement, UNHCR and Bibliotheca Alexandrina will organize workshops, conferences, and special lectures; as well as cover activities such as research studies, publications and exhibitions on topics related to refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt. This will highlight and raise awareness about the situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the region in general and in Egypt in particular. Mr. Mohamed Dayri, UNHCR Regional Representative, Dr Hoda El Mikati, head of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's cultural outreach sector, Mr. Dinesh Shrestha, head of UNHCR office in Alexandria and Mr. Tarek Mahdy, governor of Alexandria, as well as, foreign diplomats, humanitarian partners, Egyptian businessmen and civil society members attended the signing ceremony. Moreover, the roving photo exhibition "Refugee Voices in Egypt: Refuge, Resilience and Exile " was shown at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.



Basic Needs and Livelihood

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 September, 28,140 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt; representing 20% of the registered population.

Livelihood

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) started a Technical Vocational Training for refugees in Greater Cairo, as a part of the Livelihood service initiative. The training focuses on providing sewing and welding skills. 13 refugees have completed the program successfully, while 37 have been registered for the next month trainings. The trainees obtained official certification and immediately directed to proper job opportunities or small business development scheme.

Socio- Economic Assessment

- UNHCR and WFP are jointly conducting a socio-economic assessment aiming at providing targeted cash and food assistance to the Syrian refugee population in Egypt. The new assessment tool will identify the most vulnerable households, allowing for a response that adequately suits their needs. The tool consists of a comprehensive questionnaire that will capture precise and objective information through a large scale home-visit campaign aiming at 100 per cent coverage of the Syrian households registered with UNHCR.
- Save the Children will be conducting home visits in Greater Cairo, Caritas in Alexandria, and Resala in Damietta. Save the children has already started carrying out the home-visits since 21 September 2014. Other partners will start in mid-November 2014

Education

- Egypt's academic year in schools started on 20 September, 2014 as per a decision by the High Council of Pre-University Education.
- The opening event of "Schoolyard for All" project took place at the Gamasa Experimental School (Madraset El Masyaf) on the 17 September to open the re-designed schoolyard to the Egyptian and Syrian communities. Officials

from Ministry of Education, UNHCR as well as the Syrian and Egyptian school communities, were present to celebrate this occasion. The date also marked the end of the project and the extensive efforts undertaken by UNHCR implementing partner Oecumene Studio since the project's inception- mid-August.

- A new community school was established in Burg Al Arab "Altafawok Educational Center". It is a new branch of the community school based in 6th of October in Cairo which is under the supervision of "Oun for Relief and Development" association. The school hosts 600 Syrian students (KG to Secondary School) registered for this academic year.
- During September, 5230 students benefited from the Education grants in Egypt with an expenditure of 257,798 USD.



Mr. Mohamed Dayri, RR, during the opening of the "Schoolyard For All" project at the Gamasa Experimental school, Photos © UNHCR

Food Security and Nutrition

- Food voucher distribution commenced on 10 September. WFP reached over 65,000 beneficiaries in Greater Cairo, 26,000 in Alexandria, 13,100 in Damietta, 2,000 in Mansoura, and 700 in Marsa Matrouh. To date, US\$36 million has been injected into the local economy through food vouchers.

Health

- On 10 September, UNICEF, Ministry of Health (MOH) and UNHCR jointly organized a technical briefing event to enhance Syrian refugee mainstreaming in the public Primary health care (PHC) system in Alexandria and Damietta, ahead of the program implementation on 15 September. Around 80 MOH officials from Alexandria and Damietta and some 30 PHC clinics directors, assistant directors and nursing heads along with UNHCR health providers "Caritas and Resala" Project managers and Medical team members were also present.

UNHCR PARTNERS

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