



August Key Statistics

Total Registered Refugees in Egypt as of August 31st:

139,331 Syrian Refugees

Proportion of Total Refugees Assisted with Monthly Grants to meet basic needs:

22%

Refugees assisted with monthly cash grants in August:

15,125 beneficiaries in Greater Cairo
11,216 beneficiaries in Alexandria
4,248 beneficiaries in Damietta

Partners:

UNHCR for Greater Cairo (direct assistance)
Caritas for Alexandria
Resala for Damietta

Background

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 been nominal since the introduction on 8 July 2013 of visa requirements for Syrian entering the country.

Syrian refugees are struggling to meet their basic needs due to eroded savings, and limited employment and livelihood opportunities. This lack of income can result in increased use of negative coping mechanisms, including reducing living expenses by taking children out of school, living in unacceptable housing, reducing the quantity and quality of food intake, going without basic assets such as blankets, mattresses and clothes, and trying to earn additional income through begging, child labour, and early marriage.

UNHCR is providing cash assistance to mitigate the use of negative coping mechanisms by providing monthly cash grants to meet non-food basic needs for the most vulnerable, education grants, winterization grants for the cold months, and emergency and shelter grants on a case by case basis. Since the Syria operation began in 2013, UNHCR has distributed almost 14.1 million USD in monthly unconditional cash grants to Syrian Refugees to meet basic needs

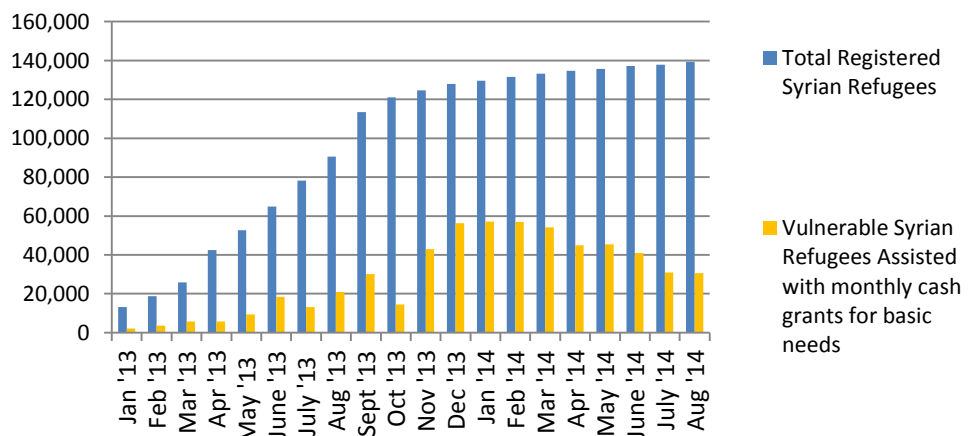
Strategy

UNHCR and WFP are working together to develop a joint monetized assistance solution through a prepaid smart card. Once launched, the card will allow beneficiaries to purchase food through a WFP-funded food voucher "wallet", and withdraw money from ATM machines to meet non-food basic needs using the UNHCR-funded cash "wallet".

2014 Cash Assistance at a Glance

Activity	Refugees Reached August	Refugees Reached January-August	USD August	USD 2014 to date
Monthly Cash for Basic Needs	30,589	57,106	\$829,990	\$9,040,085
Education Grants	0	30,590	\$0	\$1,564,246
Winterization	0	5,471	\$0	\$459,140
Emergency Grants	102	1,807	\$3,018	\$66,415
Shelter Grants	0	124	\$0	\$15,291
Total	30,691	95,098	\$833,008	\$11,145,177

Refugees Assisted with Monthly Cash for Basic Needs, in Proportion to Total Registered Refugees per Month



Proportion of Cash Disbursements by Sector in 2014

