

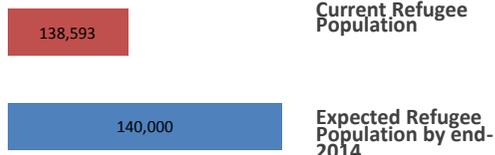


511 refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

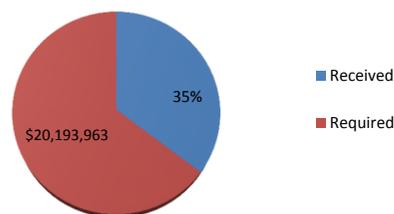
- Since January 2014, UNHCR is aware of the arrest of 1,409 Syrians individuals in Egypt for attempting to depart the country by sea in an irregular manner. By the end of November, UNHCR was aware of 133 individuals detained in Alexandria, Kafr Elsheikh, Matrouh, Damietta and El Beheira Governorates. The trend of release by the authorities continued, with around 1,482 individuals released from detention since the beginning of the year. On November 1, a boat carrying 104 refugees from Syria (45 Syrians and 59 Palestinians), that had departed from Turkey, was found in Egyptian territorial water while intending to reach Italy. All refugees (including 16 women and 18 children) were detained. By the end of November, 31 of these detainees had departed detention to Turkey and the UAE.
- Since the beginning of 2014, UNHCR's Child Protection Team conducted 237 Best Interest Assessment (BIAs) for unaccompanied minors, separated children and child spouses who are registered with UNHCR. On November 6, UNHCR attended a meeting of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) organized by the Egyptian Child Protection Network (CPN). At this meeting, the National Council of Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) presented the latest version of a decree that provides a framework for the functioning of the Child Protection Committee. It included the objectives of the CPC, the role of the NCCM, the Ministry of Local Development and the role of each member of the CPC. UNHCR has been invited to provide comments to the Decree to ensure that refugee children are included in the child protection systems.
- A training on SGBV and Livelihoods was delivered by UNHCR's SGBV and Livelihoods Units on 4, 5 and 6 November to Caritas staff who are involved in the implementation of the Graduation Project. In addition, the SGBV sub-Working Group met on the 10th of November. The meeting included discussions on the SGBV/Child Protection key messages campaign, the 16 Days to End Gender Based Violence campaign, birth registration and organizational updates.
- From 2-6 November, a life skills workshop was organized by Save the Children, as part of a CSP entitled 'Youth Livelihoods Program', which focuses on training youth (Egyptian and Syrian) to enhance their employability skills, whilst simultaneously reducing social tensions between the two communities. The primary purpose of the workshop was to help the participating youth develop basic inter-personal and soft skills for the professional world.
- During November, UNHCR worked closely with partners in the finalization of the inputs of the Protection Sector for the 3RP and it ensured protection and gender mainstreaming across all sectors.

REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

* Funding received as of November 2014



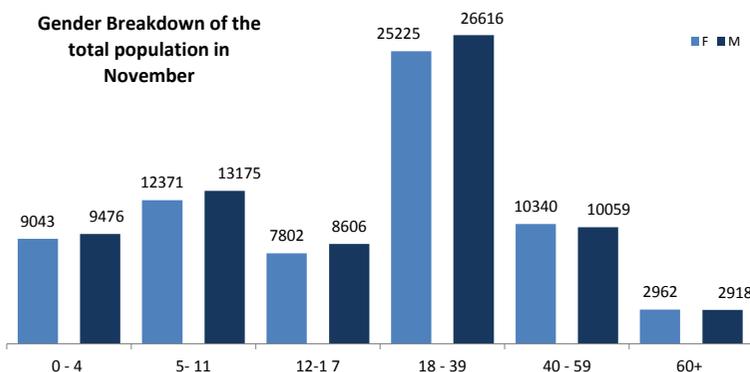
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. A verification exercise has begun in May 2014. In addition, UNHCR will conduct a survey in order to have a better overview of protection gaps, in particular among the most vulnerable.

By the end of April 2014, UNICEF increased its Child Friendly Spaces outside greater Cairo from three to seven. However, child-friendly spaces remain insufficient to cover all the refugee population across Egypt and the capacity to conduct Best Interest Assessments for all separated children is limited, including regular monitoring visits for most separated children. UNICEF is waiting for government approval to open Child-friendly spaces in Damietta, where none currently exist. There continues to be few programmes assisting refugee youth, as well as children with disabilities.

The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) survivors in particular. CARE International plans to expand its services, including case management, to Alexandria after June 2014. Damietta, where the third largest concentration of Syrian refugees, remains without similar services. Challenges remain in identifying legal aid partners with sufficient coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.

Gender Breakdown of the total population in November



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

