

EGYPT: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - December BASIC NEEDS AND LIVELIHOOD

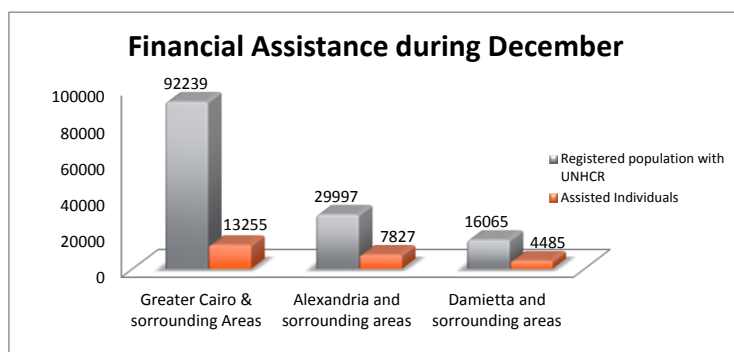
**More than \$12,000,000
USD injected into the local economy through the
monetization of assistance since the beginning of 2014**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs through the provision of monthly cash grants. In December, 25,567 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted, representing 18% of the registered Syrian refugee population in Egypt.
- During December, UNHCR dispersed supplementary cash allowance as winterization assistance to 47,718 Syrian refugees. Each Syrian refugee received an amount equivalent to US\$29, with a total expenditure of US\$ 1,384,535. The cash was distributed through the Egyptian post office.
- During the month of December, UNHCR livelihood unit worked closely with its partners Save the Children International (SCI), Caritas and Resala to reach cruising speed in the implementation of the Socio-economic assessment. SCI continued carrying out successfully interviews in Greater Cairo, while Caritas and Resala focused on preparing their teams and overall set-up to start interviewing using the tablets for households living in Alexandria and Damietta. At the end of 2014, a total of 9,858 households had been interviewed under the socio-economic assessment in Egypt. This project, once finalized, is expected to contribute to targeting assistance to those most in need.

Graduation Model:

- In December, UNHCR and three Livelihood Partners, Catholic Relief Services, IDSC and Caritas, worked extensively on completing the project and reaching the targets set for the year.
- UNHCR also worked with its partners on defining the strategy and modalities of the project for 2015 and started gathering lessons learnt and finding adequate responses to pursue the project in an improved manner in 2015. In this perspective, UNHCR and its partners will prepare and organize a workshop on how to improve the model in early 2015 before kicking off all activities.



REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT

138,301

Current Refugee
Population

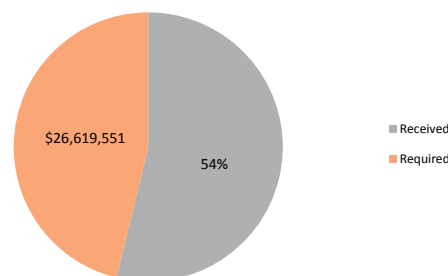
140,000

Expected Refugee



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

Funding received as of December 2014



NEEDS ANALYSIS

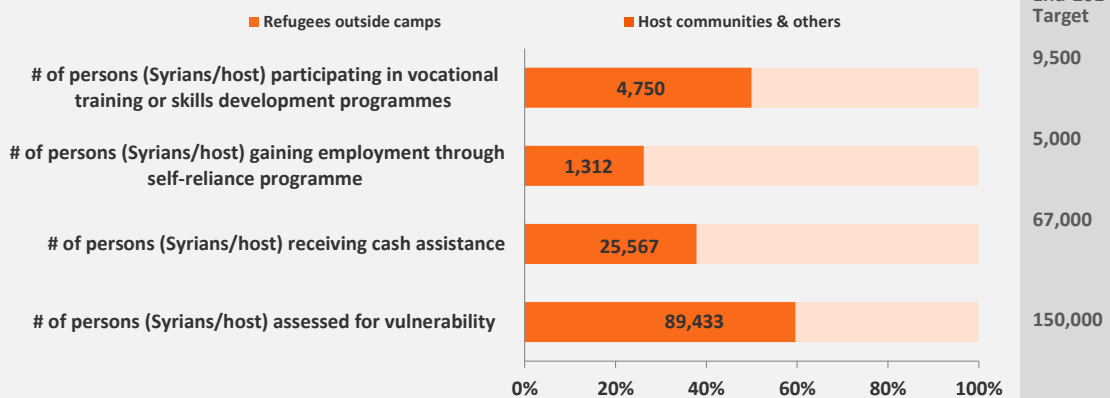
The majority of Syrian refugees in Egypt have been facing challenges in responding to their households' basic needs. Savings have been considered the main source of income for Syrians arriving to Egypt in 2012. These savings have significantly depleted and many Syrians arriving in Egypt starting the second half of 2013 were destitute and devoid of basic financial assets.

Agencies participating in the basic needs and livelihoods sector will work together to achieve two objectives: 1) the refugee population has sufficient basic and domestic items; 2) their self-reliance and livelihoods are improved.

In order to protect Syrian vulnerable households from negative coping mechanisms, unconditional cash-based interventions will continue to be implemented. Those interventions will target only vulnerable households with either one-off payments (winterization or emergency) or monthly payments that last between three and six months. Due to increased vulnerabilities, protection risks, and destitution, it is estimated that 40 per cent of the registered population will benefit from cash based interventions in 2014.

The self-reliance programme will be expanded to target around 10 per cent of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR to achieve either self-employment or wage-employment. These programmes will include members of host communities as well. Beneficiaries may receive training, business advice, job placement, and seed grants to start up micro businesses. Greater Cairo, Damietta and Alexandria will be targeted with self-reliance activities in 2014.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS



Targets based on expected population of 140,000 Syrian refugees in Egypt by end-2014. There are currently over 138,301 refugees in Egypt.

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