



EGYPT

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE – SYRIAN REFUGEES IN EGYPT

JULY 2015

KEY FIGURES

524

Unaccompanied minors assisted

31,570

Individuals provided with cash grants in July 2015

67,716

Syrian refugees received WFP food vouchers in July

1,058

Individuals submitted for Resettlement since the beginning of 2015

11,794

Individuals with specific needs identified in Syrian population

1,189

People provided with legal counseling since the beginning of 2015

FUNDING

USD 189,581,596

requested by agencies for 3RP response



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.

HIGHLIGHTS

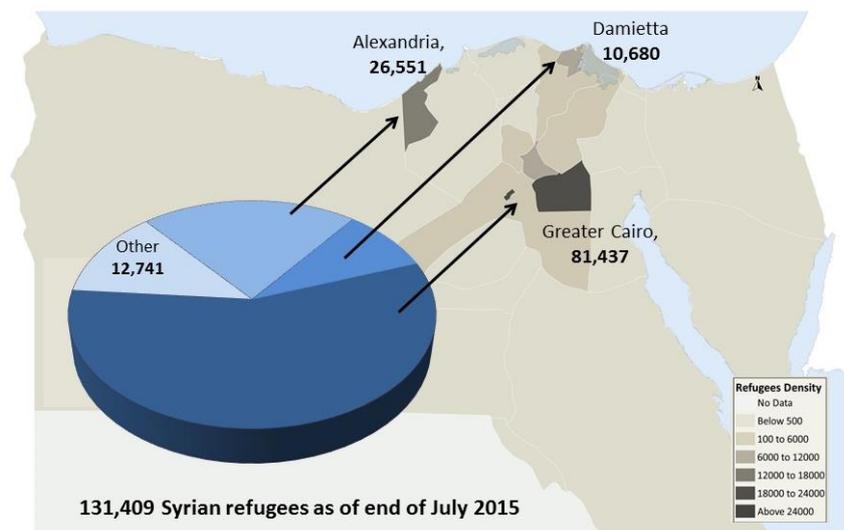
- The “Misr El Ataa” committee at the Egyptian medical syndicate in Egypt has provided 1,000 food parcels to the Syrian refugees living in Egypt, through the Syria Al Ghad Relief foundation. This initiative illustrates the collaboration between the Egyptian and Syrian civil society in serving the needy.
- UNHCR Alexandria in collaboration with Caritas participated in Arkan Cultural Center’s “Art without Wall” exhibition held at St. Marc Anglican Cathedral in Alexandria. Over 100 young artists exhibited their art and handicraft products, and four groups of Syrian refugees who have received micro-grants from UNHCR and Caritas showcased their products of food and handicrafts. The event was attended by foreign representations in Alexandria, together with prominent society artists and members of the center and the general public.

Population of concern

A total of **131,409** people of concern (POC)

Custom Age Group	F	M	Total
0-4	7,721	8,076	15,797
5-11	12,465	13,232	25,697
12-17	7,675	8,240	15,915
18-39	23,968	25,085	49,053
40-59	9,752	9,663	19,415
60+	2,751	2,781	5,532
Total	64,332	67,077	131,409

Places of Concentration in Egypt



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- As the Syrian conflict enters its fifth year, the refugee response in Egypt continues to address the rights and needs of Syrian refugees in Egypt, in addition to advocacy with the Government.
- Most Syrians in Egypt are living in urban neighborhoods, renting and sharing accommodation but also benefitting from access to public services in education and health care. UNHCR conducts registration, provides counseling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance. The interagency operational partners work to address the social, education and health needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt.
- The 3RP Resilience component lead by UNDP aims to bring together humanitarian and resilience-based responses to achieve common objectives such the protection and support for Syrians refugees and impacted host communities.

Achievements

Protection

Irregular Movements

- Between January to July, UNHCR has observed at least 2,035 refugees and migrants alike being arrested for attempting to depart Egypt irregularly.
- 354 individuals were arrested in the month of July, including 108 Syrians who were detained at police stations in Alexandria, El Beheira, Marsa Matrouh, Dakahleya and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates for attempting to depart Egypt irregularly by sea.

Child Protection

- During July 2015, 653 children and adolescents located in Greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta had access to non-specialized community based Child Protection and Psychosocial Support (PSS). 238 Syrian children benefitted from such services. Non-specialized activities included creative writing, art, computer skills, sport activities and life skills sessions that focused on strengthening child-parent relationship.
- In 6th of October, UNICEF's partner FARD organized 3 events for children and their families during Ramadan. An open day event was organized to celebrate the end of the first phase of the "Child to Child programme".
- In New Damietta, UNICEF established 1 local Community Development Association (CDA), 1 public garden and 2 kindergartens and provided activities in a youth center in Moubarak 70 area.
- 70 children detained in Alexandria were provided with clothes, footwear and non-food items by UNICEF through CARITAS Alexandria. In addition, UNICEF's partner Child Mental Health Association (CMHA) provided individual sessions on psychosocial support to children.

SGBV

- 51 female participants attended a health awareness session conducted in 6th of October in Greater Cairo organized by CARE.
- An interactive training on theatre performance was organised by CARE as a new response service for survivors of SGBV, 25 Syrian refugee women attended. The training focused on storytelling covering SGBV topics and provided women with the opportunity to express themselves as a form of self-therapy.

Community Activities

- On 5 July, Athar Lina, in collaboration with the Built Environment Collective Megawra organized a brainstorming meeting and Ramadan Iftar for Egyptian and Syrian grassroots and civil society entities together with academics and researchers.
- On 9 July, UNHCR welcomed Her Excellency Dr. Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements to the "Meet and Play" garden in Masaken Othman, which offers children the space to interact and enjoy their right to play. The project is funded by UNHCR and implemented by Takween,

- The Shaarawi NGO, Kayan Organization, and UNHCR organized the celebrations of the Bairam Feast at the Meet and Play garden in Masaken Othman.



Children from Masaken Othman, UNHCR staff and Takween with her excellency Dr. Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Renewal and Informal Settlement during her visit to Meet and Play Area / UNHCR Egypt



Partners of Athar Lina - Fos7a project interacting together in the brainstorming meeting and discussing the cultural activities of the project. UNHCR Egypt

Education

- UNHCR, through its education partner Catholic Relief Service (CRS) is assisting refugees to meet the cost of educating their children through the education grant. In July, 1,600 households registered for the grant for 2015-2016 academic year.
- UNHCR continues to work very closely with the Egyptian Ministry of Education in order to enable it to support Syrian refugees attending public schools.
- UNHCR started a community school assessment for all Syrian non-formal education establishments prior to the start of the new academic year 2015 -2016 to assist in its planning and preparation. To date eight schools have been assessed and initial findings indicate that most of these schools are based in 6th of October and Obour City.
- Additional remedial classes are operating in some of community schools to students who failed to pass exams and will retake their exams in the summer.

Health

- Arab Medical Union (AMU) and Caritas continue to conduct initial and follow up visits to detention centers in order to examine detained patients, prescribe and distribute medications and refer patients when needed.
- Under the lead of WHO and in coordination with Ministry of Health, the health sector working group is working on mapping the health facilities and services.
- AMU conducted 3-day refreshment training to the community women health volunteers (CHVs). In July, the CHV conducted 1,516 home visits and 97 visits to public PHC centers.

Basic Needs and Livelihood

- UNHCR and Caritas work together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs by providing them with cash grants on a monthly basis. In June, 31,570 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt representing 24% of the total registered population. The value of cash assistance varies between EGP 400 (US\$ 57) and EGP 1,300 (US\$ 185) based on the level of vulnerability and household size.

- The Egyptian Red Crescent took over the joint WFP / UNHCR socio-economic assessment from Save the Children in Greater Cairo, while Caritas continues the assessment in Alexandria and Damietta. Interviews will be conducted both during home visits and in UNHCR premises until the end of the 2015.
- Around 65% of registered refugees have been assessed until the end of July.



Food Security and Nutrition

- A total of 67,716 beneficiaries (64,878 Syrian and 2,838 Syrian/Palestinian refugees) received WFP food vouchers during the July distribution, meeting 98% of the month's target.
- The reduced voucher value will remain at US\$17 per person/month, which is a 30% reduction from the initial US\$ 24.2 applying the 30% reduction.
- Total of 15,798 individuals were excluded from WFP list in July, and 800 re-included based on the re-insertion criteria from appeal forms received.

Working in Partnership

- In 2015, the refugee response continues to be overseen by the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG), chaired by the UNHCR Representative. The IAWG oversees the Sector Working Groups (SWGs) through the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG), and the related strategic, advocacy and funding processes. The ISWG encourages synergy between sectors to avoid duplication, and ensure coordination on common processes. The 3RP is a platform for the collaboration between SWGs in Egypt to coordinate, identify and raise relevant operational topics to ensure a standard approach.
- Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR) ● Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials and Human Rights (ACSFT) ● Arab Medical Union (AMU) ● Care Intl/USA ● Caritas ● Catholic Relief Services (CRS) ● Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) ● ILO ● IOM ● Mostafa Mahmoud Society ● Refuge Egypt ● Refuge Point ● Save the Children ● St Andrews Refugee Services (StARS) ● Terre des Hommes - Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) ● UNDP ● UNFPA ● UNICEF ● UNOPS ● UNV ● WFP ● WHO ●

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