

873 refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2015

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Since April 2015, more than of 800 refugees and migrants of which at least 500 during the month of May were arrested at police stations in Alexandria, El Beheira, Marsa Matrouh and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates for attempting to depart Egypt irregularly by sea. An increased in the number of detainees from Syrian was noted during the month of May as compared to April.
- UNHCR has recently noticed an increase in the number of releases from detention involving asylum-seekers and refugees registered with UNHCR since April 2015.
- UNHCR's partners, Caritas and PSTIC, continue to provide emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care and psycho-social support. IOM has also provided assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items.

Child Protection

- In reference to the drafted inter-agency Standards Operating Procedures (SOP) on case management, Save the Children (SC) advanced their existing Case Management tools including updating the relevant forms. In addition, to conducting an internal 3 day case management training for 17 caseworkers from different units within SC's humanitarian program. The agenda included basic terms and definitions, minimum standards for providing case management for children at risk and communication skills when dealing with children. Close follow-up meetings and supervision with all case workers are in progress to ensure effective implementation and providing on-going support and coaching to newly trained staff.
- A total of 36 children at risk have been identified and cases have been distributed among 6 Save the Children caseworkers. Screening appointments to identify children's needs are in progress. The majority of cases involved children with serious health issues and lack of access to quality medical services, school drop outs, child labour and psychosocial support.
- Save the Children's HEART Program (Healing and Education through the Arts) continues at Syria Alghad foundation where 40 children attend regular sessions twice per week, and are provided with primary psycho-social support which helps them to heal emotionally and learn critical life skills. Activities focus on three main themes: empowering children, team building and raising awareness on child's rights.

Outreach:

- On 9 May, UNHCR conducted a community meeting activity with Syrian children, ages 13-17 (14 in total) at the Save the Children family centre in Al Obour City. The majority of the children attend community schools and one went to public school. UNHCR multi-functional team and the children were given an opportunity to do flip chart illustrations about the different areas of their life (home life, school and health)
- On 29 May, UNHCR attended a food distribution event for Syrians where information was being given by different volunteer teams to more than 300 participants. The main subject was WFP assistance and the reduction of benefits due to lack of resources and recent results of the UNHCR socio-economic assessment. The event was hosted by Syria Al Gad Relief Foundation.
- UNHCR and Save the Children provided an interactive session for 14 Syrian girls and boys aged 15-17 years to discuss life in Egypt in general and to assess the knowledge of children on available services, education and health. Children at risk have been identified from this session and have been referred to UNHCR and partners.



Verification Exercise- Cairo, S.Nelson/UNHCR

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:



120,000
Refugees

Status:



131,782
109%



120,540
Direct beneficiaries



8,343
7%



21.07M
USD



22%

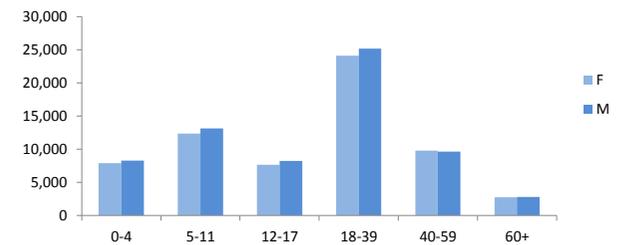
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. A verification exercise began in May 2014 and by December 2014, 70% of 138,000 has been verified. A socio-economic assessment of the refugee population is currently on-going, after which UNHCR and partners would have a better understanding of the protection needs and profile of the most vulnerable in order to ensure targeted assistance and responses.

New innovative approaches with regards to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) activities are being tested to increase identification of SGBV cases and to better target coordinated protection responses.

The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to most vulnerable, including (SGBV) survivors, children and disabled in particular. Challenges remain in identifying specialized services and coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.

Population Breakdown by age



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: MAY 2015

