



TARGETS



100,000
Syrian refugees registered



9,000
Syrian refugees benefit from community-based interventions



4,000
Syrian refugees engaged through child friendly spaces



150
Syrian refugees benefit from legal assistance



7.6 million
USD required

NEEDS

Strengthen field presence - in order to ensure that all Syrian refugees have access to registration and community services, UNHCR is looking to establish a field office in Alexandria to provide permanent registration capacity and programme monitoring in addition to the existing permanent registration centre in Cairo. UNHCR will also enhance mobile registration and protection missions to serve other parts of the country.

Legal assistance - Those cases requiring legal representation and follow-up in the national legal system

Profiling - Nearly 50 per cent of the Syrian refugee population in Egypt are expected to settle outside greater Cairo. IOM will conduct a profiling exercise to gather more accurate information on Syrian communities to better target assistance.

Outreach - All Syrian refugees are residing amongst host communities as there are no Syrian refugee camps. Outreach activities and ongoing communication with Syrian communities are needed to address protection concerns including sexual harassment and psychological and social distress.

Awareness-raising and sensitization - experience has shown that the refugee communities themselves are the greatest resource in the identification, early response and follow-up of protection concerns. UNHCR and response partners will continue to raise awareness and building the capacity of the community, response partners, Government agencies and service providers.

ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Advocacy and engagement with relevant Egyptian authorities towards maintaining a favourable protection environment for Syrian refugees
- Registration conducted on an individual basis and data updated on a continuous basis
- Locations assessment, mapping and profiling conducted in selected localities
- Community-based protection interventions increase protection space & responses for refugees
- Information on the services available to Syrians communities in Egypt increased
- Psycho-social support activities and counselling carried out
- Psycho-social and clinical training for counsellors and psychologists implemented
- SGBV response mechanisms improved with clear referral pathways established with relevant partners and Government
- Ensure no Syrian refugees are refouled/deported
- Capacity for protection of Syrian children is increased within the Syrian community; psycho-social well-being of Syrian children improves

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Since the Government of Egypt enacted temporary measures on 8 July requiring Syrians coming to Egypt to obtain a visa and prior security approval, the number of new arrivals into the country has been nominal, and there have been increasing reports of verbal threats, physical assaults, detention and deportation.
- UNHCR has noticed an increase in the number of Syrian refugees requesting case closures. In August, 823 Syrians closed their files, a threefold increase from July. Most of the Syrians closing their files have cited economic concerns, anxiety over their insecurity in Egypt, or an interest in re-joining family members in other countries.
- An increasing number of Syrians have been illegally crossing by boat to Europe. Those arrested in August following unsuccessful attempts were detained before being deported to third countries. Detention and deportation included families with young children.
- UNHCR/Save the Children child friendly spaces opened in Obour in Greater Cairo, serving approximately 300 children.
- UNHCR conducted training for emergency responders for psychosocial support in Alexandria, Cairo and Damietta.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



95,507 Syrian refugees registered



300 children benefitted from child friendly spaces



1,173 Syrian refugees received protection/legal counselling



280 Syrian refugees participated in focus groups discussions raising awareness about SGBV

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Law and policy developed or strengthened
- 2 Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained
- 3 Favourable protection environment maintained
- 4 Risk of SGBV reduced and quality response improved
- 5 Risks related to detention reduced and freedom of movement improved
- 6 Protection of children strengthened

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