

# EGYPT: RRP5 Update - September 2013

## EDUCATION



### TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



**13,000**

Syrian refugees enrolled in primary education

**7,000**

Syrian refugees enrolled in secondary education

**3,000**

Syrian refugees enrolled in early education, nurseries or kindergartens

**1,000**

Syrian refugees benefit from adult education



**12.2 M**

USD budget requirements

### NEEDS

Although the Ministry of Education has granted Syrian children access to public schools, Syrian families still face many challenges. This includes the difficulties of enrolling after the start of the academic year and attaining documentation, which is still required by schools for enrolment.

In private and some community-based schools, school fees are high and families are unable to afford them in the long run. Some parents with larger families therefore prioritize their sons' education over that of their daughters. At present there are only a limited number of scholarships for higher education provided by foreign institutes which is not sustainable and does not meet the demands of the Syrian refugee community.

Vulnerable children with additional needs will need support through special interventions. In addition, adult literacy and numeracy classes will be needed for some Syrian families to assist them in lifelong learning and help them support their children's education.

Provision of psychosocial support for students based on an individual needs assessment remains a priority, especially considering that many of the pre-school children have suffered trauma and loss before coming to Egypt.

### OBJECTIVES

Refugee population has optimal access to education

### ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Refugees enrolled in early childhood education, nurseries or kindergartens, primary education, secondary education,
- Refugees benefit from adult education
- Advocacy for implementation of Government policy on access to education and to remove barriers as well as to improve quality of education
- Promote girls' education and safe learning environment

### KEY SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

In partnership with Ministry of Education and UNHCR Joint Schools Needs Assessment of public schools with the highest concentration of Syrian refugees was conducted in Damietta, in northern Egypt. The Needs Assessment will help indicate what kind of assistance is needed by schools to enhance their capacity for facilitating easier access to education for Syrian refugee students, which UNHCR is prepared to provide support for.

Under DAFI project, announcement for interested applicants was made and interviews will be held in November 2013. There are 15 spots available to Syrian students wishing to enroll in higher education courses under DAFI programme. A Letter of Understanding with October 6 University was signed and tuition fee was agreed upon.

### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



**18,000** (4,000 during September) children enrolled in primary and secondary education



**14,704** (7185 male and 7519 female) (9,782 during September) school age going children received education grants and 930 vulnerable cases assisted



**1,300** students enrolled in higher education



**3** (1 during September) assessments of educational needs



**25** (10 during September) advocacy sessions conducted with the Ministries of Education and Higher Education



**18** (8 during September) education facilities assessed in partnership with the Ministry of Education



**6** (1 during September) informal education centre assisted



**3000** (600 during September) Syrian benefitted from adult education

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Reporting Agencies for this month:

