



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



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 m
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 (as per RRP5)

- 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

- On 11 October, a boat that had set out from Alexandria with 130 passengers (40 of whom were Syrian) sunk. 14 died in the shipwreck, including 6 children. The 116 survivors (including 44 children) were held in detention facilities in Alexandria, and were directed by authorities to depart the country at their own expense to exit detention.
- UNHCR started implementing an emergency strategy to deal with the issue of arrests, administrative detention and departure from detention of Syrian refugees. This has included the development of policy positions, instructions for UNHCR's legal partners on providing legal aid and representation, and establishing a protection working group which meets bi-weekly to work on solutions for detention.
- UNHCR approved a Quick Impact Project to be implemented before end of year to promote coexistence between Syrian refugees and host communities and aims at maintaining protection space.
- On 30-31 October, UNHCR and UNICEF conducted a joint exploratory mission to Damietta to develop an understanding of protection needs for children in the governorate. The mission identified various protection concerns, such as incidents of harassment and verbal abuse towards Syrian children in and outside of schools, and met with partners, NGO with a focus on children - Terre Des hommes and Resala -, and members of the Syrian refugee community, including members of the Community Based Protection Network, to discuss potential programmatic response.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



More than **125,000** Syrian refugees registered



1,237 (584 during October) children benefitted from child friendly spaces



3,340 (300 during October) Syrian refugees received protection/legal counselling



343 (8 during October) Syrian refugees participated in focus groups discussions raising awareness about SGBV

OBJECTIVES

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

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