

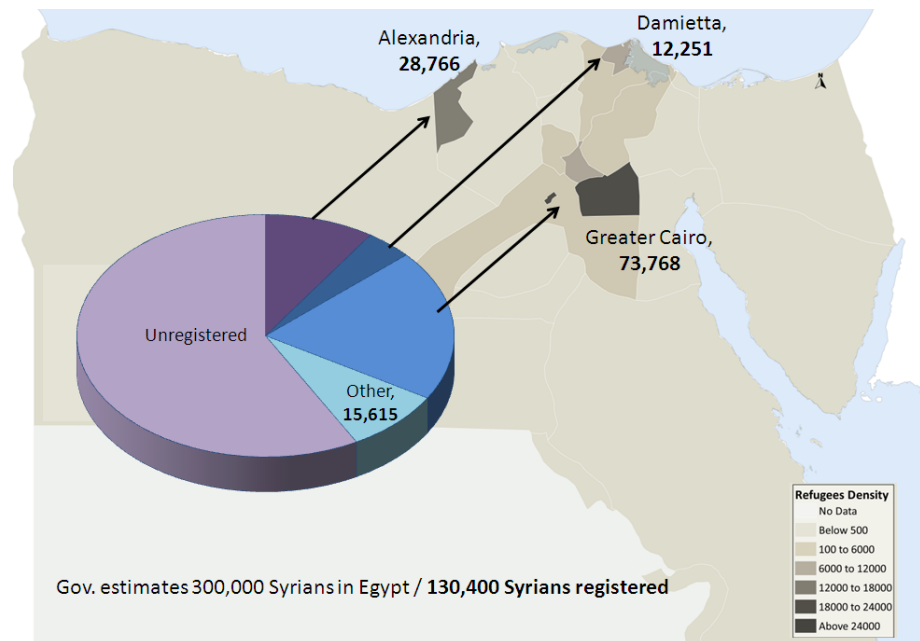
Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 14 December)

Response in Egypt to Syrian Crisis

As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the number of people fleeing into other countries in the region in search of refuge has been increasing. Some 300,000 Syrians currently reside in Egypt according to Government estimates provided in June, of whom UNHCR has registered 130,400 individuals as of 14 December.

Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighbourhoods, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefit from access to public education and health care.

UNHCR conducts registration, provides counselling, and works with partners to provide legal assistance and address the social needs of vulnerable Syrians in Egypt. UNHCR also operates hotlines for emergencies and inquiries, and sensitizes refugees of the dangers of involvement in political activities.

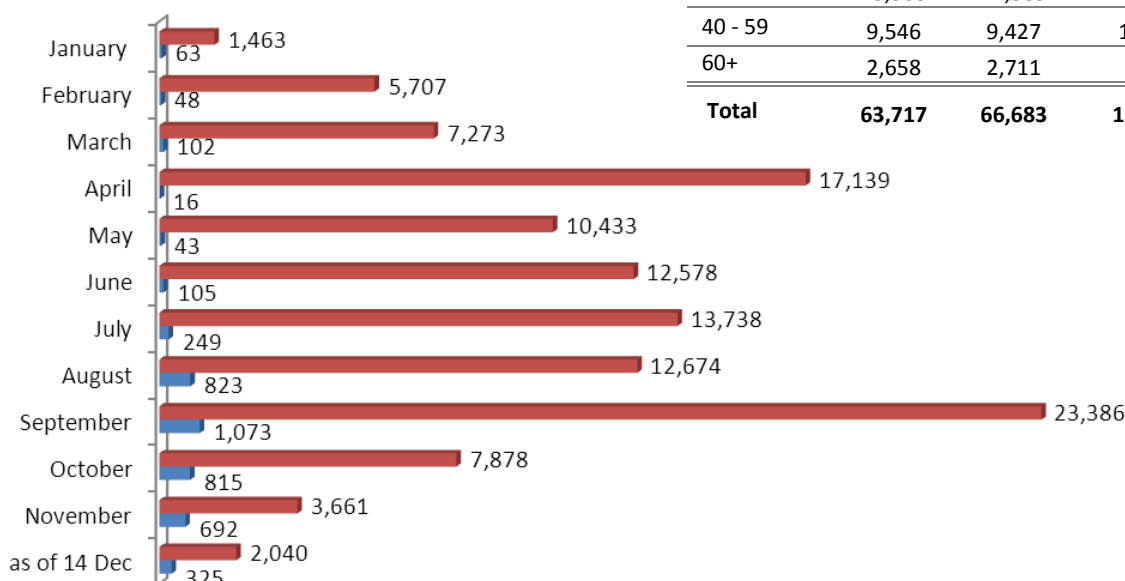


50.27% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 77% passed through Lebanon, 12.2% through Jordan, and 10.8% through others countries.

During the week, 1,144 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre and 591 were registered during mobile registration; 33 persons were identified with specific needs.

Registration and Closure Trends in 2013

Registration Total: 117,970
Closure Total: 4,354
From 1 Jan – 14 Dec



Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	9,388	9,797	19,185
5 - 11	11,208	11,922	23,130
12 - 17	7,354	8,517	15,871
18 - 39	23,563	24,309	47,872
40 - 59	9,546	9,427	18,973
60+	2,658	2,711	5,369
Total	63,717	66,683	130,400

Protection/Field

UNHCR continued monitoring the conditions of families that had been released from detention the week before and that are in temporarily shelter. UNICEF coordinated on creating child friendly spaces for Syrian children, providing medical care to Syrian children, monitoring the release of Syrian children in Alexandria and Beheira, and on one child remaining in detention in Alexandria. UNHCR also coordinated with its partner PSTIC for psychosocial support and flagged concerns in the shelter. The team conducted a series of focused group discussions with the families, female, male and children in order to identify their immediate needs, understand their priorities, and look together for viable solution, and continued following up on the provision of medical assistance in the shelter. The team initiated protection counselling and interviews for the released Syrian families and individuals.

On 12-13 December UNHCR conducted a mobile registration mission in Damietta. Over half of the Syrians registered are facing financial difficulties, further exasperated by the winter conditions. UNHCR also conducted several meetings with community based protection networks (CBPNs) and community members and leaders to discuss concerns, such as residency, winterization, financial assistance, education, coexistence and livelihood.

On 12 December UNHCR in coordination with IRW organized a meeting with the CBPN in 10th of Ramadan (Greater Cairo), during which the CBPN members reported difficulties that Syrian refugees have been having in receiving residency permits, for which UNHCR is addressing. IRW also counselled the member on the financial assistance criteria.

Winterization

UNHCR's partner Tadamon has distributed blankets to 1,500 families in Greater Cairo. Tadamon is distributing blankets to an additional 500 families. Caritas is distributing blankets to 500 families in Alexandria, and Resala is also distributing blankets to 500 families in Damietta.

Food Security

WFP has begun the distribution on the December food vouchers in Greater Cairo and Damietta. Distributions in December will be targeting nearly 90,000 refugees. Results from monthly WFP programme monitoring between June and November 2013 has shown that after receiving food voucher assistance, the number of households eating three meals per day increased from 19% to 41% and those eating only one meal a day decreased from 24% to 9%. WFP is in the final stage of signing an agreement with an additional supermarket in Greater Cairo, where over half of the current beneficiaries are located, to prevent overcrowding during voucher redemption periods and to ensure timely and high quality food assistance.

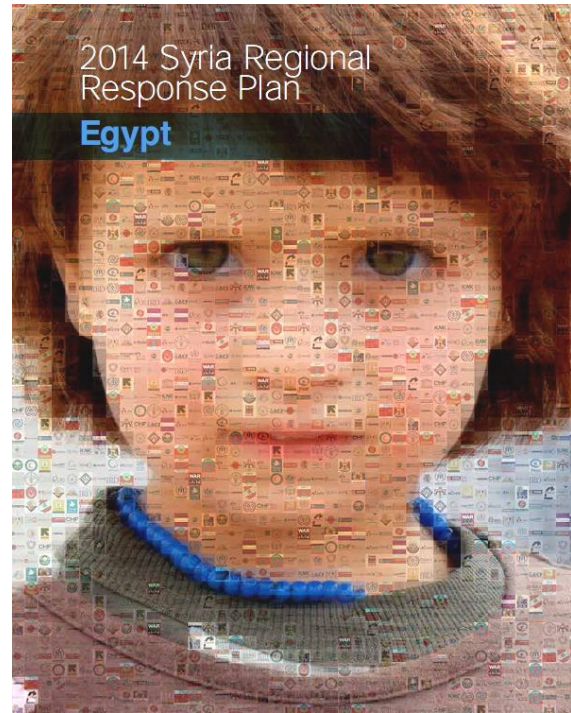
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Launch of Regional Response Plan 6 in Egypt

UNHCR held an Egypt launch for the Regional Response Plan (RRP) 6 in the Zamalek Registration Centre in Cairo on 16 December. The launch was attended by donors from Australia, Belgium, the Delegation of European Union, Germany, Japan (Japan International Cooperation Agency), Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), and USA.

Partners with appeals in the RRP6 in attendance included WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, Amara, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), IOM, Plan International, and Save the Children

The Director of Syria and Lebanon Affairs from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided a brief account of the impact of the Syrian refugees in Egypt and needs of the Government in accommodating the caseload.

UNHCR Deputy Representative in Egypt gave an overview of the RRP6, noting the nature of the RRP6 as a comprehensive strategic, funding and advocacy tool to respond to the ongoing impact the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt covering the 12 months of 2014.

Heads of agencies and colleagues followed with remarks on the five sectors in Egypt: UNHCR addressed Protection, the WFP Country Director addressed Food Security, UNICEF Deputy Representative addressed Education, WHO Representative addressed Health, and CRS Livelihoods Programme Manager addressed Basic Needs/Livelihood.

Partners:

Caritas • Care Int/USA • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Islamic Relief Worldwide • Mahmoud Mosque society • Refuge Egypt • Resala Association • Terre Des Hommes - TADAMON and Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) • Save the Children • UNICEF • WFP • UNHABITAT • WHO • UNFPA