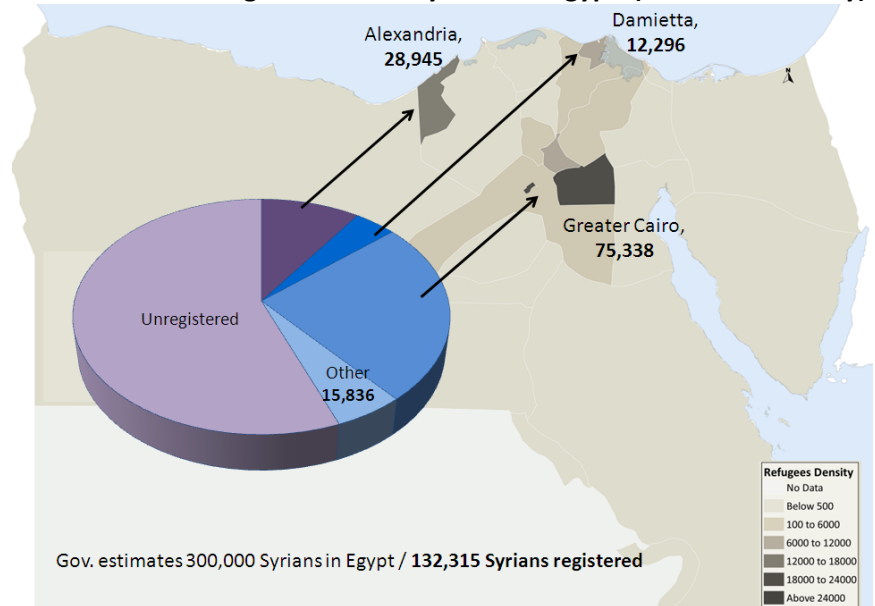


Registration of Syrians in Egypt (as of 18 January)



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 132,315 individuals as of 18 January.

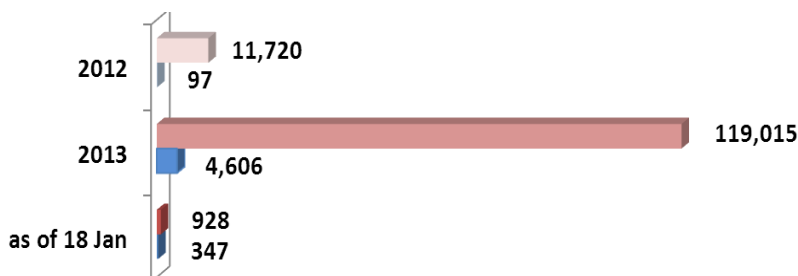
Most Syrians in Egypt are scattered in urban neighbourhoods, renting and sharing accommodation, and benefit from access to public education and health care.

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.

50.4% of registered Syrians arrived to Egypt through a transit country; of those, 76.8% passed through Lebanon, 12.3% through Jordan, and 10.9% through others countries.

During the week, 300 individuals registered in the Zamalek Registration Centre; 19 persons were identified with specific needs.

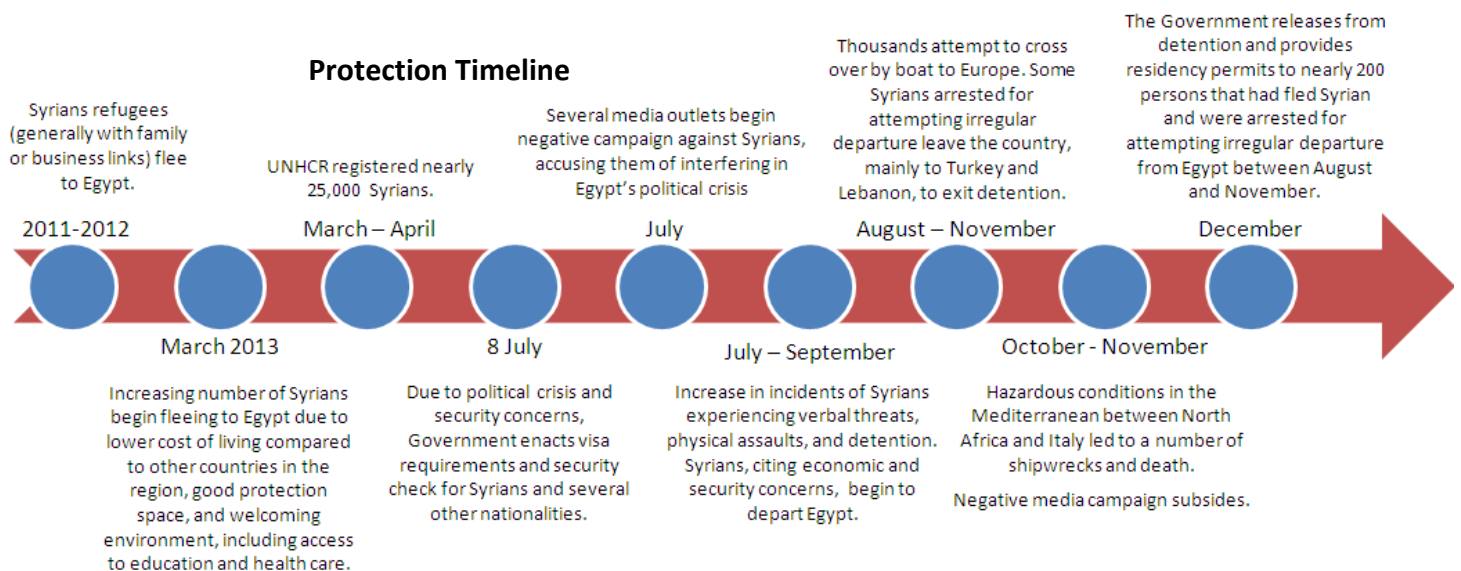
Registration and Closure Trends in 2012-2014



Gender and Age Breakdown

Age Group	F	M	Total
0 - 4	8,887	9,295	18,182
5 - 11	11,517	12,263	23,780
12 - 17	7,519	8,532	16,051
18 - 39	24,230	25,255	49,485
40 - 59	9,691	9,609	19,300
60+	2,749	2,768	5,517
Total	64,593	67,722	132,315

Protection Timeline



Protection

On 16 January UNHCR conducted a mission to the 3rd Settlement area in New Cairo and met with Syrian community leaders, families and women who reside in the area. UNHCR clarified the procedures to obtain residence permits and stressed the importance of abiding by existing immigration regulations in Egypt. UNHCR also raised awareness on the dangers and perils of irregular migration. Participants expressed concerns about the scarcity of livelihood opportunities and the need for health services closer to their residence.

On 18 January UNHCR and CARE conducted a meeting with 50 members of the Syrian community in 6th of October (Greater Cairo) to address questions about residency. The community reported that Egyptian police have been checking the residency status of Syrians and that there have been some arrests, but that they are quickly released so they can obtain or renew the residency permit. CARE also organized a separate session on trauma healing and sexual gender based violence (SGBV) awareness.

IOM is planning to implement in Alexandria direct assistance, capacity building for primary health centres (PHC), awareness raising on the risks of irregular migration and on health related issues.

Community Engagement

Syrian communities and individuals have been exerting great efforts in Egypt to help their fellow Syrians in need. Some Facebook pages run by Syrian activists enable the delivery of assistance such as blankets, educational courses and blood donations. Other posts raise Syrians' awareness about different topics such as UNHCR services and dangers of maritime irregular migration. Another example of community assistance includes Syrians approaching UNHCR through its Facebook page to offer their help. A French teacher has been



On 19 January Tadamon celebrated at the Community Centre in Faysal (Greater Cairo) the start of the **Forza Project** – a collaboration between Save the Children and Tadamon to provide free classes, health check-ups, nutrition workshops, and hospital services for refugees and Egyptians who cannot afford these services. Roughly one hundred people, mostly Syrian refugee families, attended the event and participated in face-painting, music, sing-a-longs, a live band, and other festivities. The visitors broke out into a massive dance when Diego, Dora the Explorer and other characters from children programmes stopped by for a visit. The project also provides a free space for children to paint, draw, read books, play table tennis and volleyball, write short stories and watch films. (*Tadamon*)

volunteering with Syrian children in a community based school located in a small apartment in Damietta where Syrian students receive classes free of charge from Syrian teachers in order to help them keep up with the Egyptian syllabus. As well, a Syrian community activist in Alexandria devotes his time to look for donors who can assist in providing funding for the treatment of Syrians with very serious medical conditions.



UNHCR and the Syrian Business Council met on 15 January as part of a continued cooperation towards improving condition and increasing livelihood opportunities for Syrian refugees in Egypt. UNHCR Regional Representative in Egypt Mr. Mohamed Dayri and the Head of the Syrian Business Council Mr. Khaldoun Al Mowaqaa highlighted the importance of providing the best assistance possible to Syrian refugees, especially in the areas of livelihood and protection. (*UNHCR/ T.Leposky*)

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