



**271** refugees have been provided with legal counseling and assistance since the beginning of 2014

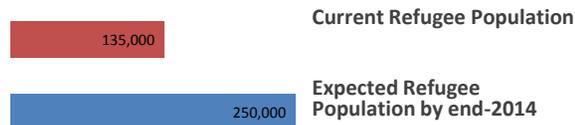
### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Within the framework of raising awareness on the importance of psychological support, UNHCR partner CARE International, conducted a session on the prevention and rehabilitation from Gender Based Violence (GBV) to 39 Persons of Concern. The session explained the impact of trauma and depression on refugees' lives.
- UNHCR's Child Protection Team conducted 119 Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied minors, separated children and child spouses who are registered with UNHCR since the beginning of 2014.
- UNHCR conducted 3 awareness sessions to 90 members of the Syrian community in different areas of Cairo. The sessions focused on the dangers of irregular movement as well as the importance of respecting Egyptian laws and regulations, and in particular obtaining the residency permits on UNHCR Asylum Cards. The participants were also briefed on the services that UNHCR provides to Syrian refugees in Egypt and how to access them.
- UNICEF opened an additional two Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alexandria. There are currently a total of seven CFS in Egypt operated by UNICEF and Save the Children.



Syrian Children painting in a coexistence event (UNHCR/E.Leposky)

### REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Updated data on registered refugees is needed for profiling and programming purposes. Preparations have begun for a verification exercise to begin in May 2014. In addition, UNHCR will conduct a survey in order to have a better overview of protection gaps.

Child-friendly spaces remain insufficient and the capacity to conduct Best Interest Assessments for all separated children is limited, including regular monitoring visits for most separated children. UNICEF plans to increase its Child Friendly Spaces outside greater Cairo from three to seven by the end of April 2014. UNICEF is waiting for government approval to open Child-friendly spaces in Damietta, where none currently exist. There continues to be few programmes assisting refugee youth, as well as children with disabilities.

The operational capacity of partners remains largely concentrated in Greater Cairo and to some extent Alexandria, affecting services to sexual gender based violence (SGBV) survivors in particular. CARE International plans to expand its services, including case management, to Alexandria after June 2014. Damietta, where the third largest concentration of Syrian refugees, remains without similar services.

Challenges remain in identifying legal aid partners with sufficient coverage of major and smaller urban centers around the country.

