

# EGYPT: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - MAY

## HEALTH



**24,385**

**Chronic disease consultations in Primary Health Care since the beginning of 2014**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR's regional health strategy for the Syria operation promotes the strengthening of community level systems in order to link the refugee community to primary health care services in urban context. UNHCR in Egypt has established a community based health outreach programme and is training around 100 Syrian community health volunteers (CHV) in areas with high concentrations of Syrians refugees in Egypt. The CHV will focus on raising awareness on main causes of morbidity and mortality, as well as promoting the importance of immunization for children, antenatal, and post natal care. The first group of CHV was composed of 27 women who have finished their training and started conducting home visits to Syrian families in 6<sup>th</sup> October (Greater Cairo). UNHCR has begun training the next group of CHVs in Elobour district in Greater Cairo.
- WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA have supported more than 80 public Primary Health Care (PHC) clinics with staff training and equipment in areas with a high concentration of Syrians. To capitalize on this support as part of the aim of integrating refugees in the national public health services and minimize reliance on a parallel system for providing health services to refugees, UNHCR visited a number of Ministry of Health (MoH) facilities and met with officials in Damietta, Alexandria and Burg El Arab, to discuss the opportunities and challenges of mainstreaming Syrian refugees in the public PHC services. UNHCR held a meeting on 12 May with WHO, UNICEF and senior staff from the MoH to discuss a plan of action for mainstreaming process at the governorate level. UNHCR will work closely with MOH to ensure the availability of medication and consumables in the targeted PHC clinics, and also set up a referral system for access to higher levels of care.
- UNHCR's partner "Arab Medical Union" has finalized need assessment exercise, prioritization of needs and has supplied equipment to 6 October, Obour and 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan public primary health care facilities.

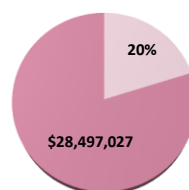


Mahmoud Mosque Hospital, UNHCR/Shawn Baldwin



### SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

\* Funding received as of May 2014



Received

Required

### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrian refugees are scattered in 230 districts. Access to healthcare remains challenge because of distance and cost. Public preventative primary healthcare accessible and free while curative care is not always available. Referral to secondary and tertiary level healthcare needs support for life saving treatment.

Monitoring referrals, and ensuring a cost-effective secondary and tertiary health care in the refugees areas of residence remains a challenge to Geographic coverage and expansion of service delivery.

The sector objective is to improve access, quality and coverage to health services for Syrian refugee in Egypt by focusing on supporting the Ministry of Health facilities strengthening UNHCR's health providers' capacity and awareness raising among Syrians through community health outreach program.

### REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT

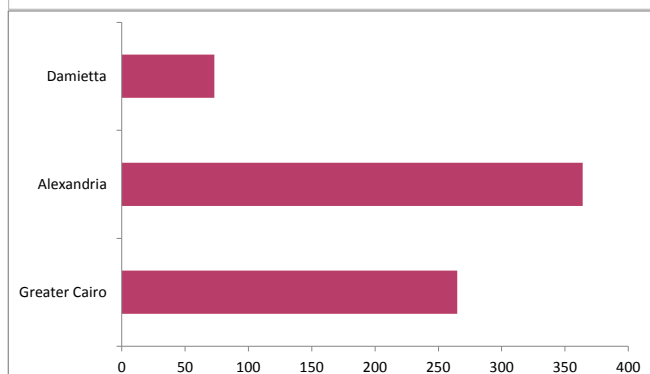
137,000

**Current Refugee Population**

140,000

**Expected Refugee Population by end-2014**

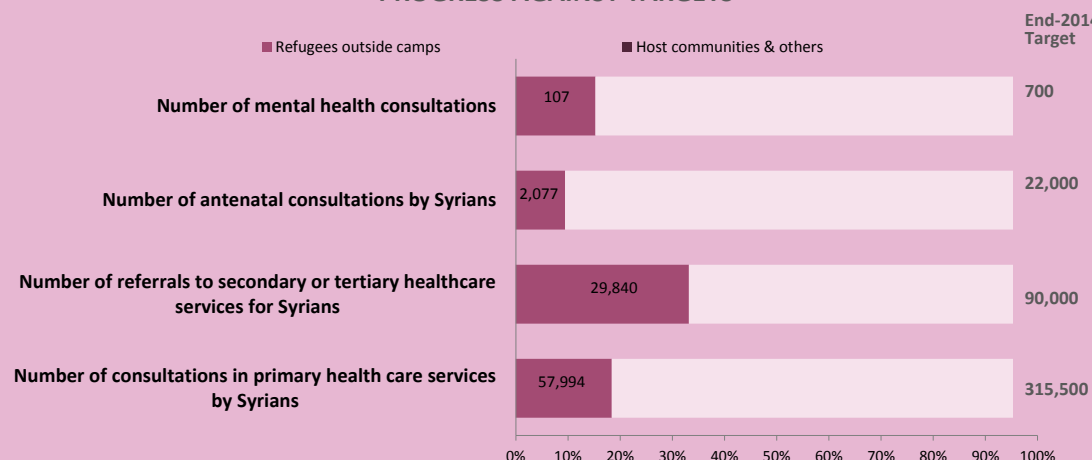
**Number of Deliveries at UNHCR's Health Care Providers since beginning of 2014, by governorate**



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Participating Agencies: UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, Caritas, Refugee Egypt, Arab Medical Union (AMU), Mahmoud Mosque Society, Resala, Plan International, IOM, Save the Children, PSTIC, AMERA.

### PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS



Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in EGYPT by end-2014. There are currently over 137,000 refugees in EGYPT.