



### 220 refugees have been provided with legal counselling and assistance since the beginning of 2016

#### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

In September 2016, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal and administrative issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 26 cases were referred to UNHCR's legal partner for legal assistance. The legal assistance continued to be extended for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless civil registration was the main reason for referrals in September. They range from marriage and birth registration to acquisition of Egyptian nationality. UNHCR and its legal partners continued to assist Syrian refugees in detention. During the reporting period, UNHCR was alerted of the arrest of 13 Syrians detained at the southern border with Sudan attempting to enter Egypt irregularly. The total number of Syrians known to have been arrested for irregular migration from Sudan is now 221 persons. UNHCR continues to advocate for the release of Syrian refugees detained for irregular entry to Egypt. In addition, UNHCR intervened on behalf of 3 Syrian refugees detained for irregular migration on Egypt's western border with Libya. Syrians now constitute roughly 2% of all persons involved in maritime incidents; Alexandria AOR recorded 100 Syrians arrested for attempted to depart irregularly by sea so far in 2016.

#### Child Protection

During the reporting period, child protection interventions by 3RP partners continued to focus on systematic and targeted response services to adequately address the protection of children at risk. With the increase of children at risk (15% of the total Syrian refugee population; up by 3%) quality community-based protection, specialized child protection services, including quality case management, specialized psychosocial support (PSS), recreational activities for children and life skills for adolescents have become a vital response tool, inter-agency coordination and the strengthening of national child protection systems. Community-based protection interventions included psycho-social support provided by community-based workers which helped 3,409 girls and boys and parents to address their basic needs and enhance their physical and emotional well-being. During the reporting period, 567 children benefitted from specialized child protection services and in particular specialized psychosocial support, case management, including

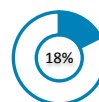


Syrian woman with her children attending an awareness session, UNHCR/ Pedro C. Gomes

#### Sector Response Summary:



187,300 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 32,880 assisted in 2016.



#### Syrian Refugees in EGYPT:



107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 117,400 currently registered or awaiting registration.



#### Protection Sector Funding status:



USD 26.3 million required in 2016, USD 9.9 million received in 2016.



#### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Since April 2016, data was collected from 11026 households (51001 individuals, comprising approximately 44% of the total Syrian refugee population registered with UNHCR in Egypt. In particular, the completion rate in Cairo is up to 35% (25225 individuals) while in Alexandria is up to 62% (15335 individuals) and in Damietta up to 85% (10441 individuals). Through the data gathered and analyzed as of September 2016, In Egypt, 94% of Syrian refugees are unable to meet the minimum expenditure for their families, with 61% of households (66% of individuals) being **severely vulnerable** and a further 29% of households (28% of individuals) being highly vulnerable. More than the two thirds (72%) of female-headed households are severely vulnerable, compared to 58% of male-headed households. Amongst the Syrian re-assessed refugees, 55% of individuals received food vouchers and 39% received cash assistance. A significant increase on the cash assistance beneficiaries is noted as beneficiaries within the cash assistance were prioritized for the EVAR phase. Despite the cash and food assistance provided, 48% of the households assessed up to date, needed to borrow money or purchase on credit in the last month in order to meet their basic needs.

EVAR identified **174 children at risk** (up to 1% of surveyed children). However, 4.3% were found to be working which is equal to almost 1,000 (23.131 Syrian children). With regard to illegal migration, 270 households stated that one or more family members tried to migrate illegally and that they are no longer living in Egypt. Furthermore, 105 households claimed that one or more family members attempted to migrate illegally but returned back while 86 households confirmed that one of their family member is willing to migrate illegally.

#### HIGHLIGHTED 2

- Save the Children tailored group sessions in El Obour and 6th of October, areas in Greater Cairo with a concentrated number of Syrian refugees, 162 girls and boys benefitted from a range of psycho-social session led by a psychologist involving creative interactive techniques including puppet theatre and group discussions to address interpersonal skills, character awareness and psychological challenges and changes that affect children and youth in the context of displacement, 65 benefitted from case management services. 32 children, aged between 6-14 years benefitted from a positive parenting program addressed to their mothers. Fathers, in particular expressed a keen interest to learn more about how to support the process of positive parenting and to develop a similar programme for fathers taking into consideration the hours they spent at work.

#### Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- 3RP partners continued to focus on multi-sectoral approach for prevention and response to SGBV incidents. 11 Syrian refugees reported SGBV incidents that account for 16 % of the total SGBV reports for September.
- 64 women participated in empowerment activities and 34 women attended sexual and reproductive health awareness sessions. 121 women, 41 girls and 40 boys approached the Women Friendly Space to benefit from awareness raising sessions, language courses and case management interviews. A new VSLA group was formed with 17 adolescent girls aiming to build their capacity of saving and loaning that help them to overcome financial struggles without being exposed to neither any forms of exploitation nor negative coping mechanism.

#### Community Outreach

- 2 community meetings attended by more than 100 Syrians were held in October City and Obour, the two neighborhoods with the highest Syrian caseloads in Cairo. The meetings revolved around the barriers that communities experience with accessing health and education services and the work that UNHCR and partners are doing to facilitate that.
- Terre-des-Hommes completed the training of 58 Syrian community leaders from 16 different community-based organizations and volunteer initiatives. Participants developed a better understanding of community needs assessment, resource mobilization, project design and implementation, in addition to refining their community leadership skills. Terre des Hommes is now accepting applications for small-scale funding from the training graduates to carry out targeted interventions that seek to address the most pressing needs in their communities.

#### Training

- During the reporting period two IRL workshops were carried out in Alexandria for two groups of judges and prosecutors who are in charge of the judicial jurisdiction of the Northern Coast. Each group was consisting of 30 Judges/prosecutors. Among the topics discussed there were International Protection, Non-Refoulement and Deportation, Detention, Mixed migration and 10 points plan of action, Legal status of refugees within the Egyptian national laws.

### EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2016

