

# Egypt

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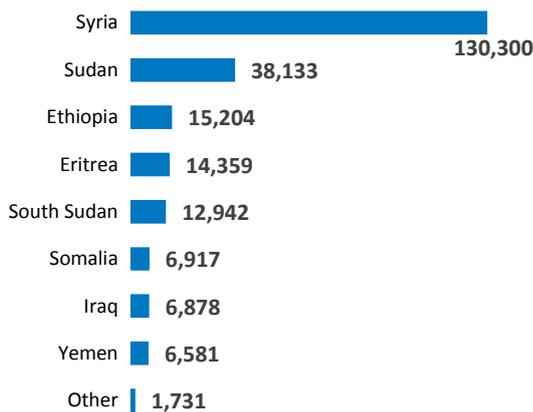
Egypt remains a **destination and transit country** for refugees and asylum-seekers, most of whom live in **urban areas**.

Currently, **233,045 refugees and asylum-seekers of 58 different nationalities** are registered with UNHCR Egypt. More than half of them (56%) are from Syria.

UNHCR **registers and documents** refugees and asylum-seekers and **facilitates their access to basic services**, such as health and education.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

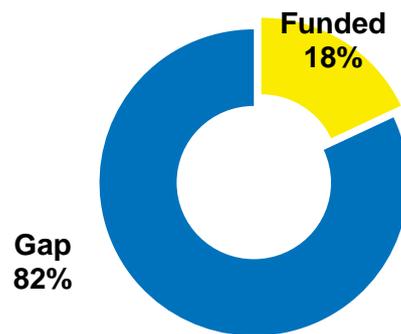
### Countries of Origin



## FUNDING (AS OF JULY 2018)

**USD 74.5 M**

requested for the Egypt operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

212 national staff

57 international staff

### Offices:

3 offices in Greater Cairo

(6 October City and Zamalek)

1 field office in Alexandria



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## Working with Partners

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of Egypt, UN and NGO partners to provide protection and assistance to asylum-seekers and refugees.
- The Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG), chaired by UNHCR, is the main interagency coordination mechanism, overseeing six sectorial working groups gathering representatives from UN agencies and international and national NGOs:
  - Protection, including three sub-working groups on Child Protection, Response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), and Durable Solutions;
  - Health;
  - Education;
  - Basic Needs and Cash-Based Interventions;
  - Livelihoods; and
  - Communication with Communities (CWC).

## Main Activities

### Protection

- All refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR Egypt are documented. As an anti-fraud mechanism, the registration process includes the collection of biometric information, iris scanning and finger printing. After registration, refugees and asylum-seekers must apply for residency to legalize their stay in Egypt, as per the Government of Egypt's regulations. The residency is valid for 6 months and renewable.
- UNHCR conducts **Refugee Status Determination (RSD)** for all nationalities except for Syrians and Yemenis. Syrian nationals are treated as refugees and only undergo RSD when they are being considered for resettlement, as per a regional approach, and in line with an informal agreement between UNHCR and the Government of Egypt.
- UNHCR and partners provide **special assistance and psychosocial support** to children at risk, survivors of SGBV and to those who have experienced or witnessed conflict, violence or trauma.
- Currently, 3,871 **unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)** are registered with UNHCR in Egypt. UNHCR conducts Best Interest Procedures and prioritizes the protection of UASC and other children at risk across all programmes through prevention and response activities and specialized services, including quality case management, the strengthening of national child protection systems and capacity building.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers have **access to legal remedies** and representation through lawyers of partner NGOs. Refugees and asylum-seekers arrested for administrative and residency related charges are provided with legal and humanitarian assistance. UNHCR also intervenes on their behalf with local authorities for release and to ensure that their claims for international protection are assessed.

- To protect refugees and prevent them from resorting to negative coping mechanisms, **monthly unconditional cash grants** are provided to an average of 16,100 extremely vulnerable refugee households.

### Education

- UNHCR and its partners support **education in urban settings**, including primary, preparatory and secondary education. Currently, Sudanese, Yemenis and Syrians can access public education, while other nationalities primarily rely on private and community schools, and home schooling. In the 2017/2018 academic year, UNHCR provided education grants to 37,000 students in an effort to support access to education and retention of children in school. The grant partially covers school fees, transportation, uniforms and school supplies of refugees and asylum-seekers.
- UNHCR works closely with the **Ministry of Education and assists public education institutions** through capacity-building and material support.
- To ensure a successful **mainstreaming** of refugees and asylum-seekers of all nationalities **into Egyptian public schools**, UNHCR continues to advocate with the Ministry of Education.

### Health

- Refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt have **access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care**, on par with Egyptian citizens.
- UNHCR supports national efforts of improving the quality of services and of meeting the needs of refugees as well as the host population in impacted areas. This entails strengthening the **existing national health system** through capacity-building and the provision of equipment.
- UNHCR focuses its support on 15 primary public facilities in areas where many refugees live. In addition, UNHCR and partners provide health care for patients with chronic diseases, as well as **psychosocial and mental health support**.

### Community Empowerment and Livelihood

- UNHCR works closely with communities and enhances their capacity for self-management. In the first half of 2018, 111 refugee community leaders, members of volunteer initiatives and outreach volunteers were trained on the community-based approach to protection in Greater Cairo and the North Coast. UNHCR also organizes **outreach meetings, community dialogue, focus group discussions and awareness raising** on UNHCR and partner services.
- In order to assist refugees to successfully engage in **sustainable livelihood activities**, UNHCR provides eligible refugees and asylum-seekers with training and coaching, job placements and micro-grants for business start-ups. As of 30 June, nearly 228 refugees and asylum-seekers benefitted from livelihood support.

### Durable Solutions

- UNHCR Egypt works on increasing and maintaining resettlement opportunities for refugees. Between January and June 2018, **962 refugees departed for resettlement** to the UK, Sweden, Germany, Canada, the USA and Australia.

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## LINKS

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