



## HIGHLIGHTS

**27,766**

registered since beginning of 2017

**3,153**

unaccompanied and separated children currently registered

**13,579**

households/cases received cash assistance in June 2017

**1,137**

refugees submitted for resettlement consideration since beginning of 2017

## Population of Concern

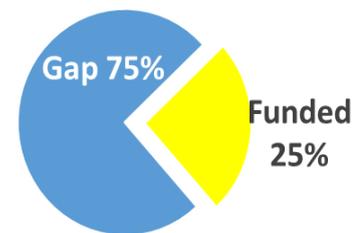
A total of **208,398** asylum-seekers and refugees

Nationality	Total
Sudan	34,930
Ethiopia	13,506
Eritrea	9,703
South Sudan	7,791
Somalia	7,010
Iraq	6,783
Yemen	3,710
Others	2,703
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>86,136</b>
Syria*	122,802
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208,398</b>

\*Statistics for the Syrian caseload are updated regularly and can be found at the Syria Regional Refugee Response Inter-agency Information Sharing Portal <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

## Funding

**USD 79.3 million** requested



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## UNHCR Presence

Staff:

196 national staff

60 international staff

Offices:

4 Offices located in

Cairo, 6 October, Alexandria



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR coordinates with partners through the Government of Egypt, United Nations Country team (UNCT) and the interagency working group (IAWG) and sectoral subgroups. The IAWG is the main agency coordination mechanism, overseeing five sectorial working groups: Communication with Communities (CWC), Protection, Health, Education, Livelihoods and Basic needs & Food security. Each working group comprises government counterparts, donors, international agencies and international and national NGOs. The Protection WG has two sub working groups: child protection and SGBV response.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- Registering with UNHCR allows refugees and asylum-seekers to be documented as such in Egypt. The **registration** process includes collection of biometric information, iris scanning and finger printing, as a precaution against multiple registrations by the same individual and against identity fraud. After registration, refugees must apply for residency to legalize their stay in Egypt, as per the Government of Egypt's regulations.
- UNHCR conducts **Refugee Status Determination (RSD)** for all nationalities but for Syrians. Syrian nationals seeking asylum in Egypt are considered as refugees; UNHCR only conducts refugee status determination when necessary, for instance for the purpose of resettlement.
- UNHCR and partners provide **special assistance and psychosocial support** to those who have experienced or witnessed conflict, violence and/or trauma, such as victims of trafficking and survivors of sexual and gender- based violence (SGBV).
- UNHCR ensures that asylum-seekers and refugees have access to **legal remedies and representation** through partner lawyers. Refugees arrested for irregular departure by sea are provided with legal and humanitarian assistance and UNHCR intervenes on their behalf with local authorities, to ensure that their refugee claims are assessed.
- UNHCR implements **Community Support Programmes** to support facilities and services in communities where there is a high concentration of refugees. This benefits both to refugees and their host communities.

### Basic Needs and Livelihoods

- To protect refugees and prevent them from resorting to negative coping mechanisms, **monthly cash grants** are provided to extremely vulnerable refugee households for an initial period of six months. The eligibility of households is then reassessed before renewal, based on their poverty level.
- In order to assist refugees to successfully engage in sustainable livelihood activities, UNHCR provides eligible refugees and asylum-seekers with different types of training and coaching, job placements and micro seed grants for business startups.

### Education

- UNHCR and its partners support education in urban settings, including early childhood education, primary, preparatory and secondary education. Currently, Sudanese and Syrians can access public education, while other nationalities rely primarily on private and community schools, and home schooling. UNHCR provides education grants to support access to education and retention in school. The grant covers school fees, transportation, uniforms and school supplies.
- UNHCR works to facilitate the integration of refugees and asylum-seekers into the national education system in Egypt and supports the Ministry of Education by providing training for teachers as well as helping refurbish schools, build classrooms and provide equipment, furniture and other supplies.

### Health

- The Ministry of Health offers persons residing in Egypt, whether nationals or non-nationals, equal **access to primary health care and emergency care services**. Refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR have access to public primary and emergency health care in Egypt, though access to public primary curative care is provided for a nominal fee. UNHCR supports Egyptian health care services through upgrading/refurbishing primary health care clinics and providing specialized medical equipment to hospitals in refugee hosting areas. UNHCR health program focuses on **primary and emergency health care services** and **prioritized secondary & tertiary health care**, through access to public & NGO-based primary, **mental and reproductive health services** for refugees, provided by implementing partners.

### Resettlement

- UNHCR Egypt works on increasing and maintaining the resettlement and Humanitarian Admissions Pilot (HAP) program for refugees to the USA, Europe and other countries. In 2016, 7,006 refugees were submitted for resettlement.

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