

Egypt

July - August 2017

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

Currently, **211,104 refugees and asylum-seekers of 63 different nationalities** are registered with UNHCR Egypt. More than half are from Syria.

36,842 people have **registered** with UNHCR Egypt since the beginning of 2017; 9,076 registered in July and August alone.

KEY INDICATORS

13,941

households/cases received multi-purpose cash grants in July 2017

3,573

unaccompanied and separated children are currently registered with UNHCR Egypt

1,252

refugees departed to resettlement countries in 2017

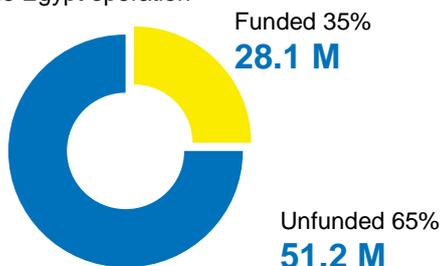


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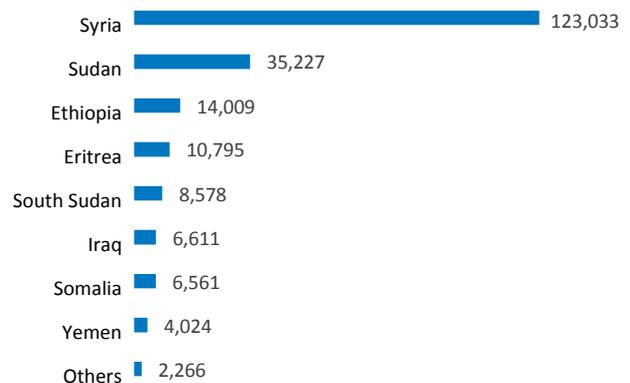
USD 79.2 M

requested for the Egypt operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin



Updates

‘Refugees Got Talent’ final show

The grand finale of the talent show ‘Refugees Got Talent’ took place on 9 July and more than 250 people attended. The series of shows, through which the final candidates were selected, was launched as part of the World Refugee Day celebrations and was organized by UNHCR and the Arts Center of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

UNHCR’s field office in Alexandria worked closely with refugee and asylum-seeker communities in identifying artists in Alexandria. The event showcased **talents from Syria, Sudan and South Sudan** who performed oriental and rap singing, folkloric African and Syrian dancing, and played instruments.

Refugees and asylum-seekers have been an increasing part of Alexandria’s cultural life since the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2014.



South Sudanese rap dancing group ‘Alex Crew’ ©UNHCR Egypt



Syrian ‘Seif el Sultan’ dancing group performing the traditional ‘Arada’ dance ©UNHCR Egypt

Achievements



PROTECTION

- UNHCR, in collaboration with San Remo International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) organized a three-day **training** for officials working on laws and policies relating to asylum and refugee protection. The training was part of regional capacity building sessions undertaken jointly by UNHCR and the League of Arab States and aimed to enhance the skills of participants in the **development and application of policies and standards** in accordance with relevant international laws.
- UNHCR's field office staff in Alexandria conducted **four mobile registration missions** to Matrouh, Dakahlia and Damietta governorates, registering 154 individuals and renewing the documents of 621 families. A UNHCR team regularly visits remote areas in order to reach refugees and asylum-seekers who cannot approach the offices in Alexandria or Cairo.
- The UNHCR in-house infoline continued to take daily calls in the seven languages of English, Arabic, Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya, Somali and French. During the months of July and August, **UNHCR attended to 33,578 phone calls**.
- Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR, through its legal partners Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials (ACSFT) and Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR), assisted **403 cases with various legal requests** including the filing of police reports, provision of legal representation, support in birth registration, and authentication of marriage and divorce certificates.
- UNHCR and its Child Protection partner Save the Children International (SCI) conducted **459 best interest assessments for children at risk**, including unaccompanied minors and separated children. These comprehensive assessments allowed the identification of protection risks and the needs of children and ensured appropriate referral and follow-up.



HEALTH

- Since the beginning of the year up to the end of August 2017, UNHCR supported a total of **78,938 primary health care consultations** of refugees and asylum-seekers and **10,164 referrals to secondary health care**.
- UNHCR supports the national efforts to improve the quality of services and meet the needs of refugees as well as the host population in impacted areas. This entails **strengthening the existing national health systems** through capacity building and the provision of equipment. UNHCR focuses its support on 15 primary public facilities in areas where many refugees live.



EDUCATION

- As of 31 August, UNHCR's education partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) had registered **28,226 refugee students** (51 per cent boys and 49 per cent girls) **for education grants** for the next school year, which starts in September. The amount will allow parents to partially cover tuition fees, uniforms, stationary and safe transportation. Additional financial assistance is granted to students at risk of dropping out of school.
- CRS conducted **32 advisory sessions for parents**, during which they were informed about school enrolment procedures, education grants, and possibilities of transferring schools. Alternatives to school drop-out were discussed for students who failed in more than one class.
- In July and August, **66 teachers** (45 male and 21 female) from 12 African refugee community schools **were trained on topics such as active learning, classroom management and test development**. A number of community teachers co-facilitated the sessions in an effort to promote community participation and sustainability. In addition, 53,677 textbooks were distributed at 48 refugee community schools.
- A total of 100 unaccompanied minors and separated children participated in **life skills sessions**. Most of the participants had come to Egypt from sub-Saharan African countries, were aged between 14 and 18 years and had dropped out of school. The modules will continue until the end of September.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- A thematic event under the slogan of "**Our Diversity Inspires Us**" was organized by UNHCR's partner for community-based protection Terre des Hommes (TDH) on 11 August. The main objectives of the day were to **celebrate cultural diversity** within the refugee communities, **promote networking** and cross-collaboration between different communities, and facilitate the **dissemination of information on the services that UNHCR and partners provide** to refugees and asylum-seekers. Refugee communities participated in a range of activities, including musical and dance performances, workshops, and a fair with handicrafts and home-made food from various countries. More than 500 people representing 78 community groups participated in the event.



Artists and audience during the event 'Our Diversity Inspires Us' ©UNHCR Egypt/ Pedro Costa

- UNHCR Egypt marked International Youth Day under the theme “**Youth Building Peace**” with the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS) at Abu Qeer Youth Center in Alexandria in collaboration with the UN family in Egypt. UNHCR mobilized 20 refugees from Syria, Sudan and Yemen living in Alexandria to participate in the workshops and discussions.

UNHCR, in cooperation with the UN Migration Agency (IOM) and MOYS, co-facilitated a workshop titled “**Social Cohesion of Refugees and Migrants**”. During the workshop, 35

young people who are active in Egypt’s civil society addressed challenges related to engaging refugees and migrants in Egyptian society through a “Human Centered-Design” (HCD) approach. At the end of the workshop, the participating youth drafted recommendations to UNHCR, IOM, and the Government of Egypt, which were presented at the closing of the event.



Social Cohesion participants at the end of the workshop with UNHCR, IOM and MOYS facilitators and staff ©UNHCR Egypt

- In the months of July and August, UNHCR’s **private sector partnership with Malaika** became operational. Malaika is an export company for refined handicraft products and has trained 16 refugee women on high quality embroidery and recruited 12 of them.
- **UNHCR trained 63 participants** from various community groups in order to strengthen their understanding of **people with specific needs**. Participants also learned about the identification and support of people with specific needs and referrals to various service providers. The training took place in two workshops over the course of four days and also covered UNHCR’s protection mandate and how community groups can seek information on services provided by UNHCR and partners and disseminate the same within their communities.



DURABLE SOLUTION

- Since the beginning of 2017, UNHCR Egypt submitted a total of 1,955 refugees to third countries for resettlement consideration and **1,252 refugees departed for resettlement**, mainly to the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of Egypt and its UN and NGO partners to provide protection and assistance to asylum-seekers and refugees. The Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) led by UNHCR is the main coordination mechanism for the refugee response and oversees six sectorial working groups: Communication with Communities, Protection, Health, Education, Livelihoods, as well as Basic Needs and Cash-Based Interventions. The Protection Working Group has two sub-working groups which focus on Child Protection and Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) response.

- UNHCR in Egypt works through the following partners: Arab Council for Supporting Fair Trials (ACSFT) • Arab Medical Union (AMU) • CARE International • Caritas Egypt • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Dr Mostafa Mahmoud Society • Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR) • Egyptian Red Crescent Society • Plan International • Save the Children International (SCI) • Terre des Hommes (TdH) - Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) • United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) • United Nations Volunteers (UNV)

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LINKS

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UNHCR Refugees & Migration Emergency Mediterranean Response:
<http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>

