

EGYPT

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

September 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

184,887

Total people of concern

1,937

Registered during September 2015

3,367

Refugees submitted for Resettlement since the beginning of 2015

2,018

Refugees departed for Resettlement since the beginning of 2015

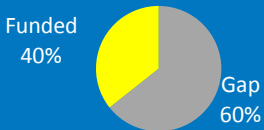
2,318

Unaccompanied and Separated children registered

FUNDING

USD 85,300,000 m

requested for the operation



Priorities

- Improve access to basic health and education services through coordination and capacity building for selected Government ministries.
- Save lives by enhancing targeting assistance and follow-up of most vulnerable cases.
- Enhance access to livelihoods and skills training both to enhance self-reliance in Egypt and to prepare for eventual return to Syria.
- Promote coexistence between refugee communities and their Egyptian hosts.
- Coordinate protection response with particular emphasis on child protection, SGBV and prevention of

- UNHCR Egypt held a donor briefing on 15 September focusing on UNHCR's efforts to improve assistance to African, Iraqi, and Syrian refugees in Egypt.

UNHCR Egypt Representative, Ms. Elizabeth Tan, discussed the issues and proposed strategy on Protection and Mixed Migration from a UNHCR perspective in Egypt. The briefing also included a presentation on the socio-economic vulnerability assessment

and the way forward for improving the targeting of assistance in Egypt.

A short documentary, "Raghad's Dream" was screened. It focuses on the experience of a Syrian family who tried to depart Egypt irregularly and was consequently arrested. There was strong interest and engagement on the issues highlighted in the short video, which reflect the reasons behind many families attempting to leave to Europe.

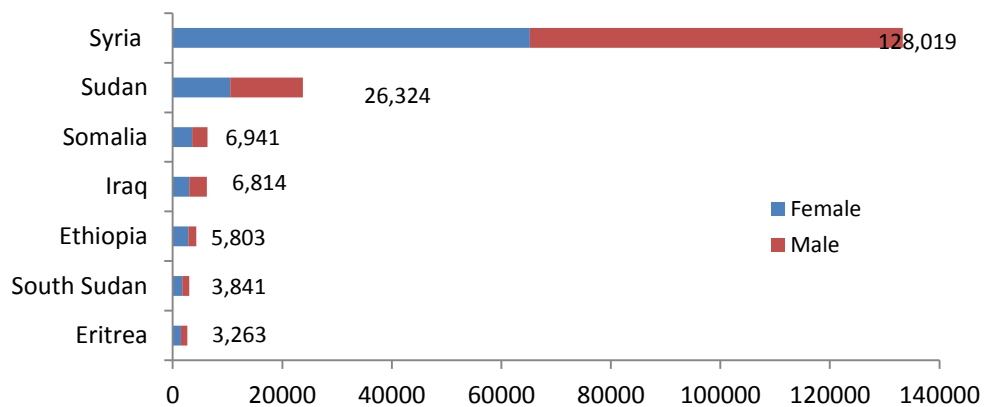
The briefing was attended by 34 representatives from different embassies, including the Ambassadors of Netherlands and Norway, and the Head of European Delegation in Egypt.



A view of UNHCR Donor Briefing, Photo/UNHCR

Population of concern

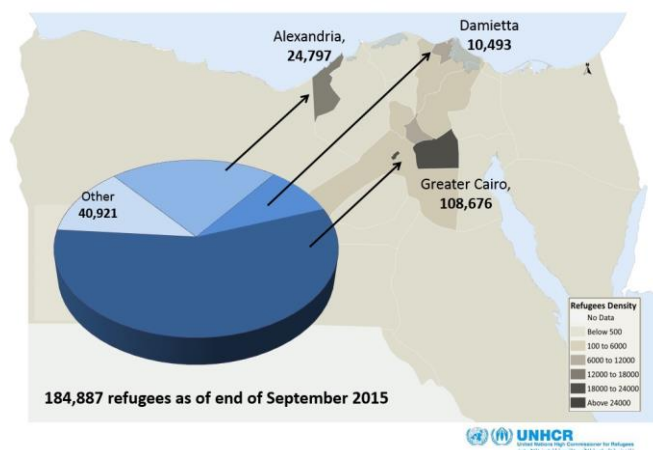
A total of **184,887** people of concern



*Statistics for the Syrian caseload are updated regularly and can be found at the Syria Regional Refugee Response Inter Agency Information Portal

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=8>

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS



| Registered in September | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Nationality | Total |
| Eritrea | 145 |
| Ethiopia | 155 |
| Iraq | 71 |
| Somalia | 75 |
| Sudan | 525 |
| South Sudan | 57 |
| Other | 307 |
| SUBTOTAL | 1,664 |
| Syria | 602 |
| TOTAL | 2,266 |

| Closures in September | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Nationality | Total |
| Eritrea | 4 |
| Ethiopia | 9 |
| Iraq | 22 |
| Somalia | 1 |
| Sudan | 43 |
| South Sudan | 4 |
| Other | 7 |
| SUBTOTAL | 90 |
| Syria | 412 |
| TOTAL | 502 |

| Resettlement Submissions until 31 September 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nationality | Australia | Belgium | Canada | France | Finland | Germany | Norway | NZL | Sweden | UK | USA | Total |
| Eritrea | 2 | | 20 | 1 | | 39 | | | 1 | 31 | 74 | 168 |
| Ethiopia | | | 10 | 1 | | 41 | | | | 11 | 92 | 155 |
| Iraq | | | | | | 22 | | 1 | | | 77 | 100 |
| Somalia | | | 2 | | | 48 | | | | | 201 | 251 |
| Sudan | 2 | | 4 | | 6 | 130 | 7 | | 9 | 131 | 693 | 982 |
| Syria | | 24 | 3 | 47 | 152 | 59 | 7 | | 68 | | 1,306 | 1,666 |
| Other | | | | 2 | | 3 | | | | 5 | 35 | 45 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 24 | 39 | 51 | 158 | 342 | 14 | 1 | 78 | 178 | 2,478 | 3,367 |

Achievements

Protection

Irregular Movements

- UNHCR reported and intervened for 825 individuals who were arrested for attempting to depart irregularly by sea during the month of September (reaching 3,058 arrests since January 2015)
- Overall, 241 of those arrested in September are known to be registered with UNHCR which represents 29% of those arrested, including 89 minors and 60 Unaccompanied and Separated Children.
- Reportedly, 75 foreign nationals (Ethiopian, Eritrean, Rwandan, Somali, Sudanese and Syrian) are held in detention at Qanatir Prison under allegations of the possession of forged passports, being undocumented, and for attempting to enter or depart irregularly from Egypt.
- UNHCR's implementing partner Caritas has been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food items and medical care. IOM has provided assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items and MSF has also provided medical assistance. PSTIC, in coordination with UNHCR, was able to provide psychosocial support to detainees as needed.

SGBV

- Four health awareness sessions took place in September and were attended by 122 Syrian participants. The focus of the sessions was on emergency contraception post rape and the assistance survivors can access within 72 hours from exposure.
- Two art therapy events were attended by 78 women; the participants expressed SGBV incidents through drawings and writings.
- A psychological session, where participants learnt about trauma, was conducted in Al Ragaa' Foundation – Obour City. 54 individuals, including 5 men and 49 women attended the session.

Counselling and case management

- UNHCR counseled 138 cases on a range of issues, including profile-based threats (religious minority, LGBTI, human rights activism), threats to physical safety by smugglers or from the host community, human trafficking, difficulties in obtaining and/or renewing residence permits and statelessness-related issues.
- The counselling team conducted 40 in-depth protection interviews to assess the legal and protection needs of the person of concern related to actual or perceived specific security threats, difficulties in obtaining the residence permits or statelessness.
- The Protection Unit delivered a session on UNHCR mandate and the protection considerations for the victims of trafficking at the “Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution in Africa” workshop on “Combating Human Trafficking” for military, police and civilians from Egypt, North Africa & the Sahel region.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- In September, UNHCR Cairo conducted 350 status determination interviews and issued 78 decisions on eligibility for refugee status of applicants from South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia on all instances (1st instance, appeal and reopening).
- The recognition rate constitutes around 75% in view of the majority of the population of asylum seekers representing countries characterized by generalized instability.

Basic Needs

- A total of 9,898 African and Iraqi and 31,465 Syrian refugees were provided with monthly cash grants.
- 906 individual cases were counselled on a range of issues. The main concerns from Syrian, African, Iraqi and Yemeni refugees continue to be access to cash assistance and medical services. For the Syrian population, access to food assistance was an additional query that was received frequently.
- Community Service unit continued the verification exercise for persons with specific needs. An initial focus was placed on persons with disabilities. The verification exercise intended to systematically review all the individuals registered on the UNHCR database with specific needs and refer those identified as being at heightened risk. A total of 76 individuals with disabilities were screened of which 42 individuals were screened in September.
- Seven community meetings were held in September with different population groups including four Sudanese groups.

Health

- Within the frame of cooperation between UNHCR, its health providers and the Ministry of Health (MoH) regarding TB detection and management, several meetings took place to enhance the coordination work for TB screening, diagnosis and treatment for African refugees living in crowded areas.
- 6,699 patients visited UNHCR’s health providers’ clinics Caritas and Refuge Egypt in the month of September. 3,976 patients received treatment at the clinics, while 2,723 were referred for investigations or specialized care. Furthermore, UNHCR’s health providers Refuge Egypt conducted 606 ante-natal care consultations and growth monitoring for 294 children under five years.

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