

Egypt

January - December 2018

Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Egypt

- **244,910** refugees and asylum-seekers were hosted by Egypt and registered with UNHCR by 31 December 2018.
- **245,992** visits took place to the four UNHCR offices, including 22,824 in Alexandria. Refugees and asylum-seekers were attended to regarding registration, refugee status determination (RSD), community-based protection, child protection, SGBV, general protection and durable solutions.



Registration



- **30,902** individuals newly registered with UNHCR between January and December, including 22,986 persons who have arrived in 2018 and 4,543 children who were born in Egypt and registered during the first half of the year.
- **102,153** refugees and asylum-seekers were attended to for other registration related requests, including addition of family members, document renewals, closure and updating of UNHCR registration data.



mobile registration missions were conducted in the North Coast in order to reach people in remote locations and people with specific needs. During the mobile missions, 521 individuals were newly registered while 5,077 individuals went through continuous registration.

Reception, Counselling and Protection/Legal Assistance



- **1,937** protection related interventions were undertaken, including provision of extensive counselling, protection interviews, protection-based support, relocation and housing.
- **473** individuals received legal counselling and assistance through provision of legal representation, support in marriage authentication, birth registration, filing police reports and representation during legal proceedings.
- **180** government officials were trained during 10 workshops on International Refugee Law, mixed migration and counter-trafficking.
- **1,738** birth certificates were issued under early birth registration procedures, the majority of which were for children born out of wedlock or SGBV incidents. Additionally, **137** birth certificates were issued under late birth registration procedures.



119,403

calls from refugees and asylum-seekers were attended in seven languages (English, Arabic, French, Amharic, Oromo, Somali and Tigrinya) through the UNHCR in-house infoline

Refugee Status Determination



- **13,131** cases were interviewed for refugee status determination, including first instance, appeal and re-opening interviews.
- **12,483** refugee status decisions were recommended.
- **6,582** refugee status decisions were finalized, with an overall recognition rate of 76%.



60,650

average monthly visits to the UNHCR Egypt RSD website

Child Protection and SGBV



- **1,365** best interest assessments for children at risk – particularly unaccompanied and separated children – were conducted by UNHCR and partners, as well as **53** best interest determinations to identify durable solutions for children at risk.
- **18** inter-agency case conferences were led by UNHCR to discuss and put in place a coordinated response for **321** complex cases of child protection and SGBV.
- **56** partner and UNHCR staff were trained on child protection and **143** community leaders were trained on SGBV prevention and response.


1,565

unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) were identified, registered and assisted. 4,176 UASC are registered with UNHCR as of end of December 2018.

1,520


SGBV incidents were reported in Greater Cairo and the North Coast and assisted by UNHCR and partners. Access to multi-sectorial response services including safety, medical, psychosocial, livelihoods and legal services and quality case management have been continuously ensured for identified SGBV survivors.

Communication with Communities and Community Based Protection



- **1,901** persons with specific needs supported through individual and group counselling, the provision of life-quality improving aids, and participation in social and recreational activities that promote their inclusion.
- **438** refugee youth were reached with information on key life skills and opportunities to build a better future through a trained network of **85** refugee youth peer educators.
- **17,000+** refugees provided with information on services delivered by UNHCR and partners through outreach meetings, trainings, and refugee workers.

Response to Detention & Irregular Migration



- **1,854** direct interventions by UNHCR with immigration authorities on detention incidents of registered refugees and asylum seekers and **92** interventions by UNHCR with Ministry of Foreign Affairs on detention incidents on behalf of **2,539** refugees, asylum-seekers, and persons deemed in need of International Protection.
- **9** Police Stations, in highly refugee populated areas, visited in order to raise awareness on refugee rights and obligations.

Durable Solutions - Resettlement and Voluntary Repatriation



- **3,286** refugees were submitted to third countries for resettlement consideration
- **23** departed on Voluntary Repatriation
- **2** intention surveys on return and **1** complementary survey on return was conducted with Syrian refugees


1,988

refugees departed for resettlement. The UK is the largest resettlement country processing refugees for resettlement from Egypt, followed by Sweden, Canada, USA, Australia and other countries.

UNHCR is grateful for the hospitality of the Arab Republic of Egypt in hosting **244,910** refugees and asylum-seekers, and for the critical support provided by major donors who have contributed with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as donors who have contributed directly to UNHCR Egypt in 2018: **Austria | Canada | Denmark | European Union | Finland | France | Germany | Italy | Regional Development and Protection Programme North Africa | Japan | Netherlands | Norway | UN Children Fund | United Kingdom | United States of America | Sweden | Switzerland | Private Donors**

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