

UNHCR EGYPT FACT SHEET November 2010

Total Number of Refugees & Asylum Seekers in Egypt Registered with UNHCR

Nationality	Asylum Seekers			Refugees			Grand total	%
	Male	Female	< 18	Male	Female	< 18		
Sudan*	7,787	4,740	4,083	6,143	3,864	3,291	22,534	57%
Iraq	115	40	53	3,306	3,263	2,389	6,724	17%
Somalia	191	238	172	3,016	3,166	1,665	6,611	17%
Eritrea	224	483	110	453	465	154	1,625	4%
Ethiopia	80	354	20	225	338	76	996	3%
Others	260	120	78	365	226	116	971	2%
Total	8,657	5,975	4,516	13,507	11,322	7,691	39,461	100%

* RSD has been suspended for Sudanese since June 2004, and hence the large number of asylum seekers

Egypt is a signatory state to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1969 OAU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa. In the absence of a national asylum system, all activities pertaining to registration, documentation and refugee status determination are carried out by UNHCR.

UNHCR and its Partners: UNHCR's Regional Representation in the Arab Republic of Egypt is based in Cairo. Its activities in Egypt are carried out by a total number of some 60 staff, including UN Volunteers. UNHCR Cairo hosts 4 regional staff, supporting UNHCR operations in the MENA region. UNHCR Cairo's main governmental counterpart is the Refugee Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Partners include CARITAS, Refuge Egypt, CRS, ADEW, TADAMON, IOM, and community-based organizations (CBOs). UNHCR is an active member of the UN Country Team in Egypt.

Capacity Building and Training for the month of November 2010:

As a part of UNHCR strategy to build national capacities and to raise awareness on the rights of refugees and asylum seekers UNHCR Cairo conducted the following activities:

- A workshop on International Refugee law, asylum regime and UNHCR activities in Egypt for 10 Journalists from various different newspapers.
- A workshop on Refugee Law and International Protection for 25 Security Officers in Alexandria Security Directorate.

For the year 2010, UNHCR Cairo plans to undertake some 21 external training activities targeting some 295 persons.

During the month of November 2010:

- Number of newly registered asylum seekers is 110 cases / 267 persons, including 24 Sudanese cases, 21 Iraqi cases, 28 Somali cases, 13 Ethiopian cases, 17 Eritrean cases, and 7 cases of other nationalities.
- Number of persons who closed their files is 34 persons, including 8 Iraqis, 8 Somalis, 7 Eritreans, 6 Sudanese, 1 Ethiopian and 4 other nationalities.
- Number of persons assisted for Voluntary Repatriation cases is 56 persons comprised of 20 Iraqis and 36 Sudanese.
- Number of refugees who departed on Resettlement is 14 individuals comprised of 7 Ethiopians, 5 Iraqis, and 2 Eritrean refugees.
- Refugee status determination took place for 75 persons.

Country Setting

- UNHCR attended to some 1,530 refugees and asylum seekers at its UNHCR premises in 6th, of October during the month of November 2010.

Durable Solutions

Between the months of January and November 2010:

- 376 Sudanese were assisted with Voluntary Repatriation.
- 173 Iraqi were assisted, with Voluntary Repatriation.
- 369 Iraqis closed their files to depart Egypt, largely also to return to Iraq.
- 823 persons of various nationalities were processed for resettlement.

The planning figure, based on projected resettlement needs, for 2010 is 900 persons.

Detention

- UNHCR has confirmed records of 38 refugees and asylum seekers in detention.

Health Care

- Number of persons who received subsidized health care during the month of November 2010: 3,384 persons

Education

- The total number of school-aged children registered with UNHCR (age 6-18 years) is 9,956 persons. For academic year 2010/2011, it is expected that UNHCR will extend education support for some 7,000 refugee children.
- By end of November, around 6,000 refugee and asylum seekers students received their education grants through CRS.

Community Meetings

- During the month of November, UNHCR's Multi Functional Team met with members of the Darfuri community, where issues relating to security and detention were discussed.

2010 Budget for UNHCR Operations in Egypt

Pillar	Beneficiary Population	Budget US\$
Pillar I	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Egypt	8,468,182
Pillar II	Stateless Persons in Egypt	50,000
Total Indicative Budget Target	US \$ 8,518,182	

Main objectives in 2010

- **Favorable protection environment, including fair protection processes and documentation:** Ensure international standards of protection are met for all persons of concern to UNHCR through registration, documentation, refugee status determination, identification of persons with specific needs, and responses to challenges posed by irregular movement.
- **Basic needs and essential services:** Address basic needs with priority given to strengthening access to health-care and education, including by providing essential services such as education support and subsidized primary and emergency healthcare as well as individual and family support for persons with specific needs, inter alia, survivors of SGBV and unaccompanied or separated children.
- **Durable solutions:** Facilitate durable solutions, including by facilitating and assisting the safe and dignified voluntary return of persons of concern to UNHCR, who wish to return, based on an informed decision, in particular Sudanese as well as Iraqis, and focusing the use of resettlement as a tool to address protection and other special needs, which can not be addressed in Egypt, through effective identification, comprehensive needs-assessment and submissions in close co-operation with countries of resettlement.
- **Community participation and self-management:** Strengthening community participation and partnerships for protection and durable solutions through community outreach, including by supporting community outreach workers and by engaging actively with other actors, including the UN Country Team as well as through training and capacity-building and media advocacy.