

FACT SHEET – EGYPT
August 2010

Refugees and asylum seekers

Nationality	No. of males	No. of females	No. of persons	Percentage of total
Sudan	13,866	8,498	22,364	57%
Iraq	3,344	3,218	6,562	17%
Somalia	3,181	3,375	6,556	17%
Eritrea	656	936	1,592	4%
Ethiopia	306	648	954	2%
Others	598	336	934	2%
Total	21,951	17,011	38,962	100%

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. It continues to host a large number of refugees and asylum-seekers, living scattered across the city of Cairo and some 1,200 in Alexandria. 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 to the League of Arab States is based in Cairo. Its activities in Egypt are carried out by a total number 60 staff, including UN Volunteers. In addition, 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. Operational and implementing partners include CARITAS, Refuge Egypt, CRS, ADEW, TADAMON, IOM, community-based organizations (CBOs) and AMERA. UNHCR is an active member of the UN Country Team in Egypt.

Capacity Building and Training: No Training of Trainers was conducted during the month of August 2010. In July 2010, one workshop on Refugee law was held for 23 police officers from the Cairo Directorate.

In addition, UNHCR held a joint Workshop with IOM on UNHCR, IOM and Civil Society responses for refugees and migrants.

For the year 2010, UNHCR Cairo plans to undertake some 12 external training activities targeting some 320 persons.

Durable Solutions

During the month of January until 31 August 2010:

- 291 Sudanese were assisted with Voluntary Repatriation.
- 104 Iraqi were assisted, with Voluntary Repatriation.
- 111 Iraqis closed their files to depart Egypt, largely also to return to Iraq, during the same period.
- 550 persons of various nationalities were submitted for resettlement. The planning figure, based on projected resettlement needs, for 2010 is 900 persons.

Health Care

- Number of persons who received subsidized health care during the month of August 2010: 3,318 persons.

Education

- The total number of school-aged children registered with UNHCR (age 6-18 years) is 9,956 persons. As at end of grant provision period for the school year 2009/2010, a total of 6,075 children (some 61%) were supported with education grants, including 1,751 Iraqi children some (29%). For academic year 2010/2011, it is expected that UNHCR will extend education support for some 7,000 refugee children.

Community Meetings

- In August, the Regional Representative, the Deputy Regional Representative met with CBOs. CBOs expressed the need for support to better serve their communities.

Country Setting

- UNHCR attended to 1,326 refugees and asylum seekers at its UNHCR premises during the month of August 2010.

Registration and Refugee Status Determination: During the month of August 2010 some 106 cases/199 persons of concern newly registered with UNHCR Cairo, mainly originating from the Sudan, Iraq and Somalia. Refugee status determination took place for some 33 cases.

2010 Budget for UNHCR Operations in Egypt

Pillar	Beneficiary Population	Budget US\$
Pillar I	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Egypt	8,261,182
Pillar II	Stateless Persons in Egypt	50,000
Total Indicative Budget Target		US \$ 8,311,182

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 worker and by engaging actively with other actors, including the UN Country Team as well as through training and capacity-building and media advocacy.