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.

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.

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%.
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.

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

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