

# Egypt

January - June 2019

## Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Egypt

- **249,449** refugees and asylum-seekers were hosted by Egypt and registered with UNHCR by 30 June 2019, including 131,433 Syrian, 44,260 Sudanese, 16,822 Eritrean, 16,688 South Sudanese and 16,102 Ethiopian nationals, as well as 24,144 individuals originating from 52 other countries.
- **106,894** visits took place to the four UNHCR offices, including 10,311 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



- **16,108** individuals newly registered with UNHCR between January and June, including 12,487 persons who have arrived within the last 12 months, and 2,025 children who were born in Egypt and registered during the first half of the year.
- **47,495** refugees and asylum-seekers were attended to for additional registration related requests, including verification and updating of their registration data, or renewal of documents.



9 mobile registration missions were conducted in the North Coast in order to reach people in remote locations and people with specific needs.

## Reception, Counselling and Protection/Legal Assistance



- **1,105** specialized protection related interventions were undertaken, including provision of extensive counselling, protection interviews, protection-based support, relocation and housing.
- **518** 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.
- **130** government officials were trained during three workshops on International Refugee Law and issues related to mixed movement and counter-trafficking.
- **767** birth certificates were issued under early birth registration procedures, the majority of which were for children born out of wedlock or SGBV incidents. Additionally, **78** birth certificates were issued under late birth registration procedures.



**114,342** 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



- **4,856** cases were interviewed for refugee status determination, including first instance, appeal and re-opening interviews.
- **6,457** refugee status decisions were recommended.
- **6,488** refugee status decisions were finalized, with an overall recognition rate of 90%.



**75,000** average monthly visits to the UNHCR Egypt RSD website

## Child Protection and response to SGBV



- **572** best interest assessments for children at risk – particularly unaccompanied and separated children – were conducted by UNHCR and partners, as well as **29** best interest determinations to identify durable solutions for children at risk.
- **12** inter-agency case conferences were led by UNHCR to discuss and put in place a coordinated response for **183** complex cases of child protection and SGBV.
- **34** partner and UNHCR staff were trained on child protection and **16** community leaders were trained on SGBV prevention and response.


**790**

unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) were identified, registered and assisted. **3,945** UASC are registered with UNHCR as of end of June 2019.

**821**


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



- **2,537** persons with specific needs benefited from counselling, quality of life improving aids and services, and social/recreational activities that strengthen their sense of inclusion.
- **72** refugee youth trained as peer educators to support the dissemination of positive development practices among their peers in the refugee communities.


**5,000+**

refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with information on services delivered by UNHCR and partners through outreach meetings and informational sessions.

## Response to Detention & Irregular Migration



- **856** direct interventions undertaken by UNHCR with immigration authorities for detention incidents of registered refugees and asylum-seekers mainly related to residence issues.
- **21** interventions by UNHCR with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on detention incidents mainly related to irregular border crossing on behalf of **30** individuals, including refugees, asylum-seekers, and persons deemed in need of International Protection.
- **8** police stations in highly refugee populated areas visited in order to raise awareness on refugee rights and obligations.

## Durable Solutions - Resettlement and Voluntary Repatriation



- **2,778** refugees were submitted to third countries for resettlement consideration
- **9** departed on Voluntary Repatriation
- Monitoring intentions and perceptions of Syrian refugees towards return is ongoing


**1,432**

refugees departed for resettlement. Germany is the largest resettlement country processing refugees for resettlement from Egypt, followed by Canada, the UK, Portugal, the Netherlands, the USA and Australia.

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