

Egypt

January - December 2019

Cash-Based Interventions



- UNHCR Egypt was the **eighth largest cash operations globally**. The office delivered monthly unconditional cash grants to extremely vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers in order to provide protection and assistance, and to avoid reliance on negative coping mechanisms. Recipients were identified through a vulnerability assessment that combines socio-economic welfare with protection profiles.
- 9,716** cases (**31,532** individuals) were assessed for eligibility to cash, food and other forms of assistance.
- 15,882** vulnerable families (comprising **66,067** refugees and asylum-seekers) received cash grants in 2019. An average of **13,343** vulnerable families (comprising **56,546** refugees and asylum-seekers) were assisted every month.



119,303

vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with winter assistance to help them during the cold season during winter 2019/2020.



The Joint Cash Assistance Framework, a common cash delivery platform that integrates biometrics in cash delivery, was launched. A total of 15,910 biometric-enabled transactions were successfully processed for different cash-based interventions.

Education



- 48,414** refugee and asylum-seeker students received education grants for the academic year 2019/2020. The grant contributed to school fees, transportation, uniforms and school supplies. Also, **1,519** UASC received education grants and **373** children with special needs were assisted to enrol in specialized schools that cater for their educational and care needs.
- 500** Ministry of Education staff from **17** governorates where most refugee families reside were trained on the rules for enrolment into Egyptian public schools and related procedures for refugee and asylum-seeker children.
- 231** youth completed Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses in the fields of culinary art, maintenance, car mechanics, hair dressing and sewing.
- 203** youth attended language courses in Arabic and English.
- 8,000** students, including **1,100** refugees and asylum-seekers, in **80** schools participated in activities under the "Health and Safety" ("Seha wi Salama") programme aimed at enhancing the school protection environment for all children.
- 1,000** schoolteachers and social workers (40 school teams in 80 workshops) in schools with the highest density of refugee students were trained on Parents & Family-Based Programs conducted on Youth as Agent of Behavioral Changes (YABC) & Children Resilience Program (CRP).
- The **school enrolment rate** of refugee and asylum-seeker children reached 83-93% in primary and 80-90% in secondary schools (depending on nationality).



Egyptian public schools on an equal level to nationals.

UNHCR continued to **advocate** with the Ministry of Education for the mainstreaming of refugees and asylum-seekers of all nationalities into



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refugee and asylum-seeker youth received scholarships to enrol in public and private universities and higher education institutes across Egypt.

Health

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 - **19** public primary health care facilities in areas where many refugees live were supported by providing medical equipment and training to **1,021** health care workers. In parallel, community mobilization activities were conducted in efforts to enhance the access of refugees and asylum-seekers to the supported facilities, where **4,761** family files were created.



UNHCR continued to advocate with the Egyptian authorities for refugees' inclusion in the new National Health Insurance Scheme.
 - UNHCR provided **primary healthcare services** that are not available in MoHP facilities. These services include management of non-communicable diseases; antenatal care services for new arrivals and non-Arabic speakers who are unable to access MoHP primary healthcare units; as well as follow-up on complicated pregnancies and referrals to UNHCR's secondary healthcare partner for delivery and in case of emergencies. Primary healthcare was provided through an operational guidance detailing the assistance criteria and follows WHO clinical guidelines as well as UNHCR's essential medication list:



59,338
primary health care consultations were delivered to refugees and asylum-seekers.

 - **7,889** NCD patients were treated;
 - **2,974** mental health consultations were provided;
 - **2,139** antenatal care visits were supported;
 - **1,297** deliveries were supported.
 - For **secondary and tertiary health care**, UNHCR and partners ensured an effective referral program through a network of hospitals. Priority was given to life-saving conditions and those leading to severe vulnerability. Referral care was provided through unified standard operating procedures detailing the assistance criteria:



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referrals to secondary and tertiary care were supported.

 - **1,230** surgical interventions funded;
 - **1,236** life-saving emergency interventions financed.

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

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 - **2,926** refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with guidance on labour market opportunities.
 - **402** people were placed in jobs.
 - **493** refugees were assisted in starting and/or enlarging their businesses.



1,113
refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with diverse trainings for livelihood and economic inclusion.

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