

# Egypt

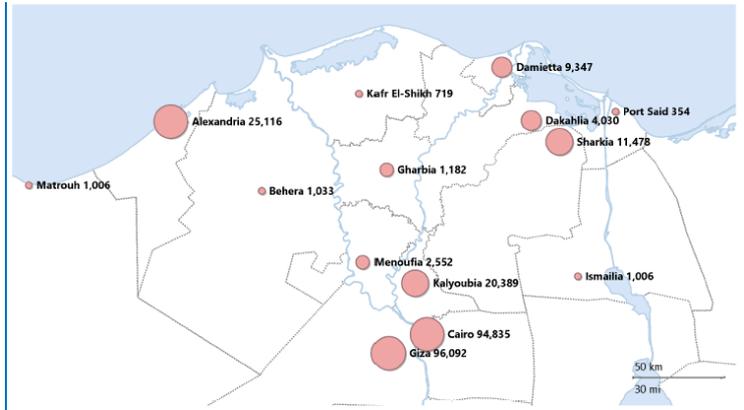
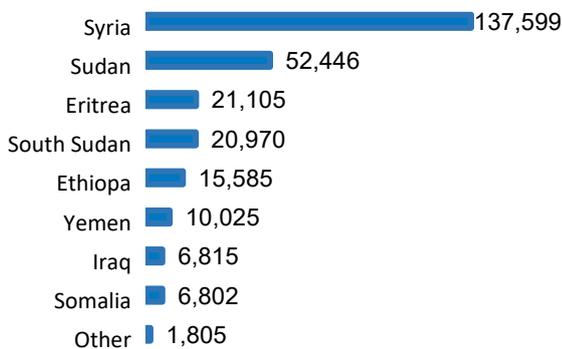
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Egypt hosts **273,152 refugees and asylum-seekers** from **65 countries of origin**. Most refugees and asylum-seekers are **located in urban areas** of Greater Cairo and on the North Coast.

UNHCR Egypt is the **largest refugee status determination (RSD) operation globally**. Around **37 per cent** of all refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt are children.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR Egypt adapted its activities to the **evolving situation**, continuing to provide critical assistance and protection support.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN



## Protect

- UNHCR Egypt **registers and documents asylum-seekers and refugees on behalf of the Government of Egypt (GoE)**.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers have **access to legal remedies and representation** through lawyers of NGO partners.
- UNHCR **advocates with local authorities for the release of those under administrative detention** for residency-related offences, and for access to persons in detention who may be in need of international protection.
- UNHCR and partners provide **tailored assistance and psychosocial support to survivors of gender-based violence**, and those who have experienced or witnessed conflict, violence or trauma.
- UNHCR conducts **Best Interest Assessments and prioritizes protection and assistance to unaccompanied and separated children and other children at-risk** across all programmes through prevention and response activities and specialized services.
- UNHCR and partners provide targeted support to **persons with specific needs** through individual case management and community-based psychosocial support and emergency response.

## Assist

- Refugees and asylum-seekers continue to have **access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care** on an equal level to Egyptian citizens.
- UNHCR **supports national efforts to improve the quality of health services** to refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as the host population in areas with high concentrations of refugees.
- The Office supports the delivery of healthcare assistance to patients with **chronic diseases, as well as psychosocial and mental health support**.
- UNHCR continues to provide awareness raising and information on **COVID-19**, including support with enrolment on the government vaccination online platform. Additionally, the Office has been providing refugees and asylum-seekers with one-off multipurpose cash grants under the COVID-19 response since the beginning of the pandemic.
- UNHCR delivers **monthly unconditional cash grants** to extremely vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers in order to provide protection and assistance, and to prevent refugees resorting to harmful coping mechanisms.

- As part of the 2021/2022 plan for **winter assistance**, UNHCR is supporting more than 114,000 people (70,000 families) with a one-off cash grant.

## Empower

- UNHCR continues to advocate for the **inclusion of refugees and asylum-seekers of all nationalities in public education**. Thanks to UNHCR advocacy, the Ministry of Education & Technical Education agreed to allow refugee and asylum-seeker children registered with UNHCR to enrol in the 2021/2022 academic school year while their documents are being renewed or obtained.
- For the 2021/2022 academic year, UNHCR is providing **education grants to more than 48,000 refugee students** in public, community and private schools. Additionally, enhanced education grants are provided to around 1,700 unaccompanied and separated children and 400 children with special needs.
- UNHCR maintains an **active outreach programme** for Communication with Communities. The Office provides refugees and asylum-seekers with information about services provided by UNHCR and partners.
- UNHCR provides eligible refugees and asylum-seekers with training, coaching, counselling and other support services to assist them in **sustainable livelihood activities**.

## Solve

- Due to its location, Egypt is part of both the Syrian and Central Mediterranean **resettlement initiatives**. The Office currently conducts remote and in-person resettlement interviews with the necessary safeguards in place.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR cooperates with GoE through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation as well as other ministries and national entities. In 2022, UNHCR Egypt is working through the following implementing partners: All Saints' Cathedral • CARE International • Caritas Egypt • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR) • Save the Children International (SCI) • Terre des Hommes (TdH) • United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) • United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians in the Near East (UNRWA).



Syrian refugees registers through UNHCR's partner Caritas to get vaccinated against Covid-19 in Alexandria, Egypt. UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes.

## UNHCR Presence in Egypt

### Staff:

42 International  
281 National

### Offices:

1 Country Office in Cairo  
1 Registration centre in Giza  
1 Field office in Alexandria

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