

UNHCR EGYPT'S CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME

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Overview

Egypt is among the **top 10 UNHCR Global cash-based interventions (CBI) operations**. Multi-purpose cash has potential impacts on protection and all the sectors that make up humanitarian response and is the preferred modality by the people we serve.

CBI Programme

WHAT? UNHCR provides multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to the **most vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers**. In addition, sectoral cash grants are provided to unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), children enrolled in schools and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).

WHY? Anchored in a rights-based approach and delivered in partnership, UNHCR's cash-based interventions are **integral to protection and solutions**.

WHO? Extremely vulnerable cases below the national poverty line are eligible for the MPCA program, priority is given to **persons with specific needs and those at-heightened protection risks**.

HOW? Cash assistance is provided through Egypt Post Office, which has over 4,000 offices across Egypt. **Over 60 per cent of the beneficiaries collect their assistance via iris biometric authentication**.

MPCA



Budget: USD 4.8M
12,940 families assisted



Cash for UASC



Budget: USD 1.6M
4,172 children assisted



Cash for GBV survivors



Budget: USD 0.5M
325 survivors assisted



Cash for Education

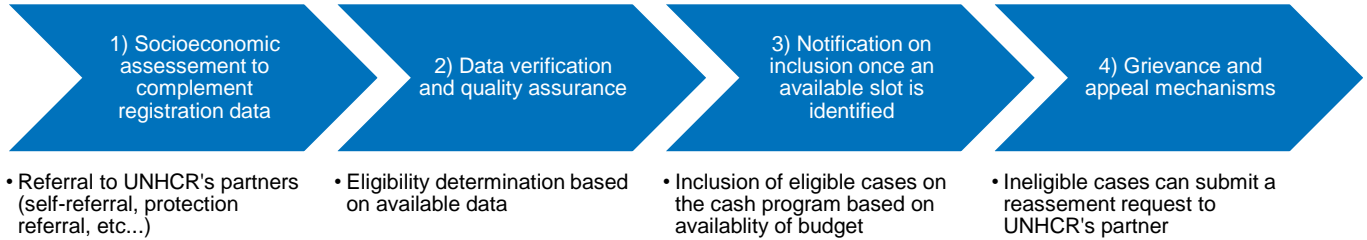


Budget: USD 4.1M
15,452 students assisted



Targeting

The targeting process aims to ensure that persons of concern are supported with the most appropriate interventions to address their needs, reinforce their capacities, and exercise their rights. Registration data provides an essential overview of the demographic, geographic, specific needs, and other characteristics of refugees and asylum-seekers and it is used in combination with other sources, including socio-economic assessments.



Cash Collection

Refugees and asylum-seekers who are added to the cash lists are notified via a text message (SMS) that their cash assistance is ready for collection. The cash assistance is disbursed through over 4,000 branches of the Egypt Post Office across the country. In selected highly transacting post offices, UNHCR Egypt has installed biometric scanners in 54 post offices in different governorates where refugees can scan their Iris to collect the transfer. This technology has helped mitigate fraud and ensure that those entitled are the ones collecting their assistance. Refugees in locations outside these biometric-enabled post offices receive their cash assistance after presenting their UNHCR identity documents to the post office tellers.

POST-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING (PDM)

Independently from the cash distribution, a post-distribution exercise is conducted to collect additional information that can inform UNHCR's programming for cash assistance. The results are fed into the program cycle to improve how CBI are designed and delivered, responsive to beneficiaries' preferences, and sensitive to potential protection risks.

