

# Egypt

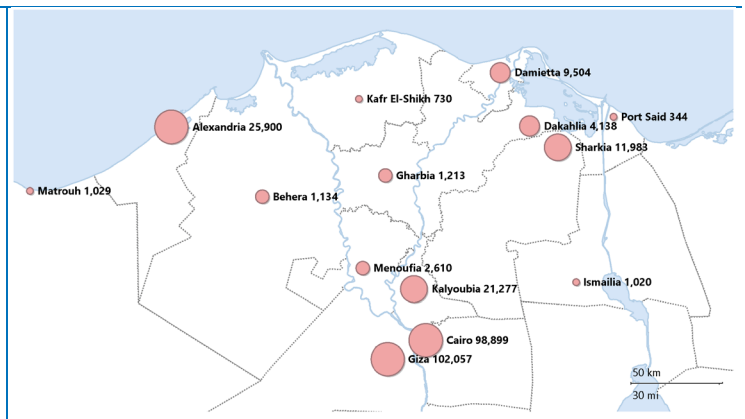
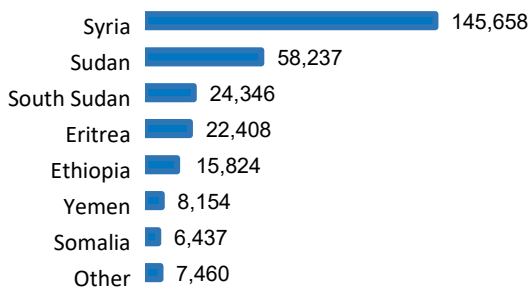
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Egypt hosts **288,524** refugees and asylum-seekers from 60 countries of origin. Most refugees and asylum-seekers are in urban areas of Greater Cairo and on the North Coast.

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.

UNHCR registers and documents refugees and asylum-seekers and facilitates their access to protection and essential services, such as health and education.

## 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 need 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, community-based psychosocial support and emergency response.

## Assist

- Refugees and asylum-seekers continue to have access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care equally to Egyptian citizens.
- UNHCR supports national efforts to improve the quality of health services to refugees and asylum-seekers, and 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 raise awareness and information on COVID-19, including support with enrolment on the government vaccination online platform.
- UNHCR delivers monthly unconditional cash grants to extremely vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers to provide protection and assistance and prevent refugees from resorting to harmful coping mechanisms. An average of 11,000 families are assisted every month with multipurpose cash grants.
- UNHCR is providing a one-off cash grant targeting over 13,000 families of refugees and asylum-seekers who are below the national poverty line and are not receiving the monthly cash assistance.

## Empower

- For the 2021/2022 academic year, UNHCR provided **education grants to more than 48,000 refugee and asylum-seeker 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 its 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 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 | Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights | Save the Children International | Terre des Hommes | United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians in the Near East (UNRWA).



Assistant High Commissioner for Protection during her visit to the main building in 6 October City ©UNHCR/Pedro Costa Gomes.

## UNHCR Presence in Egypt

Staff:	Offices:
46 International	1 Country office in Cairo
249 National	1 Registration center in Giza
	1 Field office in Alexandria

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