Protect

- 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 (GBV) 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 (PWSN) through individual case management, community-based psychosocial support and emergency response.
- In 2019, the GOE announced its commitment to create a domestic asylum legal framework and UNHCR is providing capacity building to support advancement of a draft asylum law.

Assist

- 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.
- Refugees and asylum seekers continue to have access to public primary, secondary and emergency health care equal to Egyptian citizens.
- The Office supports the delivery of healthcare assistance to patients with chronic diseases, as well as psychosocial and mental health support.
- 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. In 2023, UNHCR Egypt decided to increase the number of families (over 13,200 families in 2022) assisted with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance by 29% in order to mitigate the negative effects of the rising inflation on beneficiaries. This decision is in line with the findings of the year-end 2022 post-distribution monitoring exercise, which shows that the cash assistance enabled almost all beneficiaries (97%) to afford items/services that they had been unable to afford before receiving the cash.
Empower

- For the 2022/2023 academic year, UNHCR provides education grants to more than 56,000 refugees and asylum seeker students (50% female) in public, community and private schools. Additionally, enhanced education grants are provided to around 1,800 unaccompanied and separated children and some 600 children with disability.
- UNHCR maintains an active outreach programme for Communication with Communities (CwC). The Office provides refugees and asylum seekers with information about services UNHCR and its partners provide.
- 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. In 2022, 2,834 refugees were submitted for resettlement consideration to Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US, while 4,101 refugee departed for resettlement countries.

Top-5 nationalities of refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt

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UNHCR Presence in Egypt

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

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