



MIGRATION AND PROTECTION

Switzerland supports the rights of migrants and refugees in Egypt to receive protection and services and has been playing a key role in supporting the efforts of Egypt in this domain, as a country of origin, transit and destination of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. During the period of 2011-2016, the Embassy of Switzerland's Office for International Cooperation provided protection services to approximately 20,000 vulnerable individuals in Egypt. Swiss-funded interventions helped improve the livelihoods of 45,000 refugees and migrants in the country during the same period, primarily through the provision of basic services such as psychological, health, social and legal support in addition to creation of work opportunities.

PRIORITIES OF THE DOMAIN



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BETTER ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

The Embassy of Switzerland's Office for International Cooperation improves access of vulnerable migrants to basic services through:

- + Provision of basic protection services such as psychological, social and legal support as key interventions to assist vulnerable migrants and refugees.
- + Supporting efforts of the Government of Egypt and civil society to provide sustainable and effective services to migrants.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

The Embassy of Switzerland's Office for International Cooperation:

- + Creates diverse activities that promote coexistence between refugees and their host communities in Egypt and among the refugees themselves.



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IMPROVING SELF-RELIANCE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

The Embassy of Switzerland's Office for International Cooperation improves self-reliance and socio-economic resilience of vulnerable groups through:

- + Creation of income-generating activities and micro-finance.
- + Entrepreneurship training and skills development for better access to livelihood opportunities for vulnerable groups at risk of irregular migration.

SUPPORTING EGYPT'S LEADING ROLE IN COMBATting IRREGULAR MIGRATION

The Embassy of Switzerland's Office for International Cooperation:

- + Assists Egypt in implementing its National Strategy 2016-2026 on combating smuggling and preventing irregular migration.
- + Supports the implementation of Law 82 for 2016 on Combating Illegal Migration & Smuggling of Migrants.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- + Protection services have been provided for over 20,000 individuals between 2011 and 2017.
- + Around 1,322 small grants have been disbursed to refugees to establish start-up businesses.
- + 60% of small grant beneficiaries were female.
- + 350 women received sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) protection services through the secondment of a Swiss expert at UNHCR.

A GLANCE AT OUR PROJECTS

StARS ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Since 2016, Switzerland has been funding a project by St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS). The StARS Organizational Development and Legal Support Initiative is a three-year project with an overall goal of improving protection services for the most vulnerable refugees and migrants in Cairo. In addition, the project aims at supporting StARS organizational and human resource development, which ultimately contributes to the strengthened position of StARS and improved legal protection for refugees in Cairo.

StARS aims to provide educational, legal and psychosocial services to a total of 15,300 refugees and migrants (5,100 per year). The Swiss-funded project so far has benefitted 5,838 migrants and refugees. Services include one-on-one legal advice, referrals from refugee service providers and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), cases referred to UNHCR for resettlement, and individuals provided with advice regarding refugee status determination.

In addition, 125 full and part-time StARS staff directly benefit from the strengthened organizational capacity. Indirectly, the project benefits 44,379 individuals (14,793 per year).



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REFUGEES TO REFUGEES (R2R): TOWARDS MORE SELF-RELIANCE AND RESILIENCE FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN EGYPT

This project is implemented by the Center for Development Services (Gozour Foundation), and aims at enabling 1,700 vulnerable refugees and migrants to adapt to living in Egypt, access psychosocial support, and acquire a set of skills for socio-economic integration. Targeted refugees and migrants will be able to gradually rebuild their lives, achieve their goals and contribute dynamically to the broader communities where they live. The project started at the end of 2016 and will last until mid-2018. It has two main objectives:

- + Provision of psychosocial support, counselling and referrals to enable 1,700 refugees and migrants to access support mechanisms, education, legal and health services and adjust to life in Cairo.
- + Increase the capacities of 500 refugees from the 1,700 refugees and migrants targeted by the project to integrate into the local socio-economic environment, through provision of career counselling and facilitation of access to the labor market.

The project aims at establishing a database called "The Employer Navigator Platform" that will be developed to serve as a recruitment tool to enable the targeted refugees to access the labor market and promote their skills and services.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- + CARITAS
- + Center for Development Services (Gozour)
- + El Mahroussa Center for Socio-economic Development
- + International Catholic Relief Services
- + International Labor Organization (ILO)
- + International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- + Plan International Egypt
- + Save the Children
- + St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS)
- + Terre des hommes (PSTIC)
- + United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)