WHO Response to the Syria crisis in Egypt 2014

Situation in Egypt
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt has estimated that there are between 250,000 and 300,000 Syrian refugees in Egypt. Approximately 131,000 of them are registered (85% of the registrations were done during the second half of 2013). The total number of registered Syrian refugees is estimated to increase up to 250,000 by the end of 2014.

WHO interventions and funding needs for RRP6 in Egypt for 2014
- Improve access to, quality and coverage of comprehensive primary health care services for Syrian refugees. **Funding needs: US$ 1,895,000**
- Improve access to, quality and coverage of comprehensive secondary and tertiary health care services for Syrian refugees. **Funding needs: US$ 1,380,000**
- Provide technical support to health care facilities in the governorates with most Syrian refugees. **Funding needs: US$ 1,195,000**
- Support Egypt Polio Supplementary Immunization Activities (including three rounds). **Funding needs: US$ 14,896,050**

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