Introduction

Forced displacement crises have increased in scale and complexity in recent years and have become more protracted. Action is urgently needed to support hosting countries through joint initiatives for burden-sharing, to mitigate the plight of both forcibly displaced persons and hosting communities. There is a window of opportunity for improving the management of forced displacement crises, following the 2016 New York Declaration and Global Compact on Refugees.

To rapidly consolidate these efforts the Netherlands spearheaded a strategic multi-year partnership bringing together the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), UNICEF and the World Bank. This Prospects Partnership operationalizes the humanitarian-development nexus, creating strong partnerships between humanitarian and development actors to leverage comparative advantages, improve coordination and efficiency to boost their overall impact for forcibly displaced persons and host communities.

Improving prospects

The Prospects Partnership aims to help transform the way in which governments and other stakeholders, including the private sector, respond to forced displacement crises – and in particular:

- to enhance the enabling environment for the socio-economic inclusion of forcibly displaced persons, including youth on the move;
- to enhance access to education and child protection services for forcibly displaced persons and host communities; and
- to strengthen the resilience of host communities through inclusive socio-economic development that also benefits forcibly displaced persons.

These areas are critical for forcibly displaced persons to overcome their specific vulnerabilities and for host communities to pursue their own development agenda in a transformed environment. The Prospects Partnership ensures alignment with national strategies and priorities. It will provide a platform for mutual learning across all institutions, including to build bridges across thematic areas, to strengthen dialogues with host governments and other stakeholders, and to foster innovation.
Egypt Overview

Partners:
IFC – ILO – UNHCR – UNICEF

Duration:
2020 – 2023

Total budget:
€35 Million

Geographical scope:
Greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta

Egypt Focus Areas

Improved sustainable living conditions for women, men, girls and boys in forcibly displaced and host communities

**Education and Learning**
- Quality education and training
- Increased attendance
- School to Work support measures

**Employment with Dignity**
- Labour market governance
- Business support and financial inclusion
- Working conditions

**Protection and Inclusion**
- Legal framework and protection environment
- Social protection services
- Capacity building

**New Ways of Working (Partnership Model)**
- Effective and efficient governance
- Strategic learning
- Global influence
Pillar 1: Quality Education and Learning

48,400 people will complete their education programme (formal/non-formal education for primary and secondary levels).

Includes:
- 25,300 public and community school students will receive grants and benefit from improved learning environments.
- 18,700 young people will improve their employability skills.
- 1,500 people will be supported to develop their technical and vocational skills.
- 2,500 people will benefit from career guidance counselling and improved job search skills.
- 2,500 teachers and trainers will receive capacity building.

Pillar 2: Employment with Dignity

Enhanced livelihoods and/or employment will be provided for 26,740 forcibly displaced and host communities.

Includes:
- 22,240 people will be supported to develop their entrepreneurial skills and start their businesses.
- 4,000 people will enjoy enhanced livelihoods and/or employment opportunities.
- 500 people with increased awareness on safe and secure working conditions.
- Development of a social and behavioural change strategy on diversity and inclusion.
- Targets for provision of blended finance to forcibly displaced persons (FDP) and members of the host community (HC) will be established once investment activities commence.

Pillar 3: Protection and Inclusion

85,920 forcibly displaced and vulnerable host community members will benefit from national protection services.

73,000 refugees and asylum-seekers will benefit from protection services provided through humanitarian agencies.

Includes:
- 34,660 persons seeking asylum in Egypt will be newly registered.
- 42,600 forcibly displaced children will receive child protection services, including case management, alternative care arrangements and psychosocial support outside school.
- 1,000 refugees and asylum-seekers will receive protection counselling.
- 200 Family Clubs will be established in Primary Health Units, providing nutrition/health information and psychosocial first aid and referral to specialized services.
- 1,000 civil servants (including border control, police, child protection committee members, judges, prosecutors and social workers) will be trained on protocols relating to forcibly displaced children.
- 23 evidence-based knowledge products, intervention models, and toolkits that encompass refugees and host communities needs and local context will be available, and adopted by national partners.

Pillar 4: Partnership Model

The partnership also focuses on improving and increasing the collaboration between all the partners including IFC, ILO, UNICEF, UNHCR and the Netherlands’ and encourage joint planning and implementation. Working to enhance the results by building on each other’s capacities and strengths with the goal of better quality and more effective programming benefitting the target groups.
Pillar 1: Quality Education and Learning

Results so far include:

- **15,389** children (12,219 forcibly displaced persons, 3,170 from host communities) have completed formal and informal education programmes.
- **73,500** students are benefitting from psychosocial support in schools.
- **1,156** teachers (362 FDP, 795 HC) trained.
- **5,786** young people have completed employability skills training in collaboration with the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Pillar 2: Employment with Dignity

Results so far include:

- **5,834** young people have completed entrepreneurship skills training through the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- **793** people have been supported to start their own businesses (762 FDP, 31 HC).
- ILO is conducting a joint study in partnership with UNHCR and IFC, focusing on identifying value chains that are open to refugees and have the potential to increase employment and improve livelihoods for refugees. As of yet, two sectors have been identified: Woodwork and furniture sector in Damietta and Care Work sector in Greater Cairo and Alexandria.
- IFC in partnership with ILO are conducting a Market Study on Refugees’ Access to Finance in Egypt. The objective is to conduct an in-depth market study of FDPs access to finance in Egypt to identify potential opportunities for increasing financial inclusion. The purpose of the study is to size and map the population of FDPs in Egypt, quantify their demand for financial and non-financial services, and to identify the barriers of access to finance and non-financial services, and the possible implications for key stakeholders.

Pillar 3: Protection and Inclusion

Results so far include:

- **21,431** people seeking asylum in Egypt were newly registered.
- **16,011** refugees and asylum-seekers had their ID cards renewed.
- **30,699** children have received child protection services, including case management, alternative care arrangements and psychosocial support outside school.
- **54** Family Clubs have been established in the Egyptian Ministry of Health as primary health facilities to provide multi-sectoral support to children and their families.
- Ongoing monitoring of the needs of forcibly displaced persons and vulnerable host communities as a result of COVID and its secondary impacts. **1,600** households are interviewed every quarter to monitor emerging needs as they relate to each group.

**Achievements**

Highlighted results as of May 2021