

1. Title, overall objectives and location of the action

Title: Strengthen protection and resilience of Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in vulnerable situation in Egypt

Overall objectives: Strengthening protection and resilience of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, in particular the most vulnerable, as well as that of host communities. Support of provision of basic service delivery and access to basic services, mainly health and education protection of unaccompanied minors and young adults via family reunification and child protection.

Location: Egypt

2. Context

Egypt remains both a transit and a destination country for refugees and asylum-seekers. The number of refugees and asylum seekers registered in Egypt has more than tripled since 2011, reaching a total of 300.000 in 2021 (78% refugees and 22% asylum seekers), according to UNHCR. Considering the evolution of the drivers of refugee and migration movements in the MENA region and Sub-Saharan Africa, Egypt is likely to experience intensified flows in the medium to long term.

The situation of refugees and asylum-seekers and migrants in Egypt is characterized by challenging socioeconomic conditions, which impact on their inclusion, especially regarding access to employment, public and quality education and adequate health services. The increase in the costs of living following economic reforms has also affected the most migrants in vulnerable situations and stretched their capacity to meet their basic needs. Many migrant families (including refugees and asylum-seekers) lack the necessary funds to allow their children to go to school or to cover health-related costs. There are also livelihood challenges and language barriers facing non-Arabic speakers; migrants and refugees from other African countries face recurrent discrimination, limiting their access to formal education and further contributing to their marginalisation. This Action would thus help bridge those gaps as well as providing a child protection dimension via family reunification measures.

Moreover, “Protection of those in need” is the third pillar within the “Prospect for Cooperation on Migration between Egypt and the European Union, 2021-2027”. The Action would thus come as the Commissions’ response to Egypt’s request to support vulnerable communities currently hosted within the country.

3. What kind of measure could finance the Action?

The Action is to be funded under the AAP 2022 under the multiannual indicative programme for a Multi-Country Migration Programme for the Southern Neighbourhood.

The budget is

4. Key results

Key activities/components: Enhance protection and assistance of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants in vulnerable situations and host communities.

Activities will complement those funded by other donors and instruments. They could include but may not be limited to :

- Ensure adequate provision of healthcare services provided: health care access, psycho-social support, mobile clinics
- Reduce risk of SGBV, improve quality of support and provide legal assistance: provision of emergency services, raising of awareness, info sessions on prevention/assistance
- Ensure education opportunities are provided, funding of community schools and/or infrastructure work
- Cash based interventions for most vulnerable households (for health and education)
- Provision of family reunification assistance for asylum-seeker and refugee children and youth-at-risk stranded in Egypt, legal advice

Key results:

Depending on priorities defined and activities included, key results could include improved access for migrants and forcibly displaced minors to family reunification programmes, case management and durable solutions for minors put in place, improved access to national services for migrants, forcibly displaced persons and host communities (leave no one behind), Supporting individuals entering, re-entering or be retained in education and access primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare systems and facilities. Identification and support of alternative or ad-hoc health or educational services outside of national system (e.g. community schools), improvement of quality of services. Support basic needs of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in a sustainable way, via cash assistance and/or livelihood programmes.

Stakeholders: International organisations, MS agencies, local institutions and non-governmental organisations active in these sectors.

Beneficiaries: refugees, asylum-seekers, migrants in vulnerable situation and host communities

Duration:

5. Possible/envisaged Implementing partner and other stakeholders involved:

Assessment still ongoing, selection of partners will be in line with the NDICI regulation and the Financial Regulation.