



Refuge Egypt Update



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Refuge Egypt serves people from Sudan and other African countries who have fled their country of origin due to war or disaster. We seek to provide humanitarian assistance and development programs to prepare refugees for repatriation, resettlement or integration into Egyptian society.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Make a donation.

Pray for Refuge Egypt and refugees in Cairo.

Consider coming to Refuge Egypt and volunteering for a time.

TO DONATE

Refuge Egypt accepts cheques and bank transfers from all over the world.

To donate from the UK:

Gifts can be given through the Egypt Diocese Association. Contact Joseph Wasef: edasecretary@gmail.com

To donate from the USA:

Gifts can be given through Friends of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt (FADE). Contact Randi Wood: blessfade@gmail.com

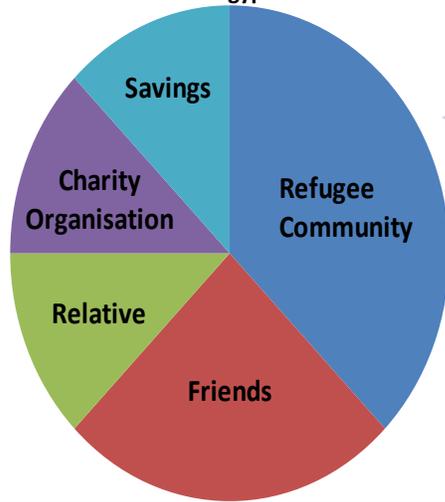
Get the Picture?

In 2013 our Humanitarian Assistance team registered 2,824 refugees from African origin. They were from Sudan (67%), Ethiopia (12%), South Sudan (9%), Eritrea (9%) and Somalia (2%).

A cross-section of those registering in March completed a brief questionnaire. Here are the results:

How many other people do you live with? **6.7** (average)

How Do You Intend to Support Yourself in Egypt?



How long does it typically take to get Egypt?

43 days
"But before that I stayed in a Refugee Camp in Darfur for 5 years"

Average number of refugees in one bedroom

4.7

people

100% cannot consider going back home

60%

Of refugees cannot afford rent during their first year here. They stay with friends, relatives or strangers.

"I don't pay rent. I sleep outside on the street. Sometimes in a garden"

0%

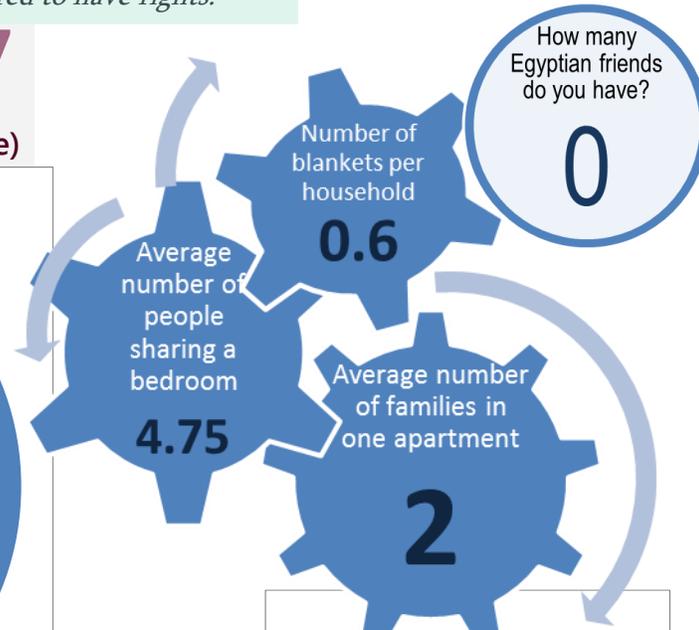
would report a crime to the police, "and even if I went to the police, they would not listen. As a

Refugee here, I am not considered to have rights."

"If I go home, I'll be killed"

How many Egyptian friends do you have?

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Please Note: All views, statements and statistics in this newsletter are from a sample size of refugees registered on one day in March by our Humanitarian Assistance Team. The answers to this questionnaire do not necessarily reflect the entirety of the refugee community.

Arriving in Egypt, what's your greatest fear?

"Being forced to go back home and living in a refugee camp as we were doing"

"The Ethiopian Secret Police coming to Egypt to find me"

"The deteriorating situation in Egypt"

As you can see, many African refugees have well-founded fears of return. Refuge Egypt offers support, encouragement and assistance to these refugees as they find their feet in Cairo.

Through our broad programming we can offer food, training, employment, education, clothing and medical care. We are in the process of preparing our 2013 Annual Report. When you receive it, we hope you are encouraged by the stories of those whom we assist on a day to day basis.

To find out more about how Refuge Egypt helps these specific refugees, check out our facebook page, where pictures, updates and answers to prayer are posted regularly.

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"I feel that you are my family"
Somalian mother

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Zamalek Clinic Opening



Bishop Mouneer opening the clinic

On Monday 24th March 2014, Refuge Egypt were pleased to celebrate the opening of a newly refurbished Medical Clinic in Zamalek with Bishop Mouneer.

Zamalek, a tiny island in the middle of the Nile, has been our "home base" for over 20 years and is the hub of our other programmes and projects.

The new clinic is situated just behind the Anglican Cathedral and has a storage unit for food distribution, accountants office, appointment rooms and an outside shaded waiting area with a children's play-

ground. There is also a terrace with mint, basil and other plants.

One of the things that makes the clinic unique is that it is a bustling yet peaceful area where all types of people are welcomed. Refugees from all walks of life are served regardless of their religious background.

Many Muslims would never dream of receiving medical services from Christians let alone enter a church premises. Yet, through our reputation amongst the refugee community as a trusted healthcare provider, many feel comfortable in the vicinity as a result of the clinic. Within the church walls one can see children, women and men from all different backgrounds waiting to receive care from the team.

We thank God for this clinic, this opportunity and these people.

A big "thank you" to our many partners and friends! Your support is invaluable to us and we thank the Lord for all He is doing through you.

"So you, too, must show love to foreigners! For you also were once foreigners in the land..."

Deut. 10:19