

Side event:

Brussels VI Conference
on Supporting the future
of Syria and the region

Socio-economic inclusion in the national services and development programme: Best practice from Egypt and KRI

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Background and session objective

Host Countries in the Middle East region have shown incredible solidarity and generosity in supporting and protecting millions of refugees. Together, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey provide asylum and protection to approximately 6 million refugees and asylum seekers, largely originating from Syria and Iraq. The Arab Republic of Egypt (Egypt) and the Republic of Iraq (Iraq) have faced the challenge of addressing the needs of their own citizens while hosting refugees, migrants, and other populations, with limited resources. Each have found innovative ways to include refugees in national systems while strengthening those systems for their own citizens.

In Egypt, through the efforts of the Ministry of Education and Technical Education and Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, Syrian Refugees have been granted full access to all stages of the education and health services on equal footing to national citizens. Egypt, jointly with the United Nations, have established the Joint Platform for Migrants and Refugees, which aim to better identify and respond to the needs of migrants and refugees, mobilize additional resources, and enhance

coordination among development actors in Egypt.

In Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Ministry of Interior with the support of UNHCR, is developing Administrative Instructions to harmonize and codify the procedures for issuing Humanitarian Residency Permits to asylum seekers and refugees. Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have free access to health services equal to the national citizens and are making strides towards the integration of refugee children in the KRG education system.

For UNHCR, inclusion of refugees in national economic and social programmes both enables refugee to live in dignity in asylum, to prepare them for an eventual durable solution, and to contribute economically to their host countries, while also building the resilience of these national programmes and the institutions that support them. This Side Event will provide an update on regional efforts related to social inclusion of refugees, focusing on experiences and best practices from Egypt and Iraq. The event will also highlight the importance of responsibility sharing between the

international community and host countries. It will include reflections from stakeholders including the Government of Germany and UNHCR partners and an interactive questions and answer sessions with participants.

The event will be held via Zoom and simultaneous translation to English and Arabic will be provided.

We look forward to your participation in this event and kindly ask you to register ahead of the event by clicking on the link below:



Event Registration

Date:

28 April 2022

10:00 - 12:00

Central European Time

Co-chaired by:
**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
and the Federal Foreign Office of Germany**

Moderated by:
Rula Amin, UNHCR Senior Communications Advisor/
Spokesperson for Middle East and North Africa

The speakers will include:

- Kelly Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR
- Susanne Fries-Gaier, Humanitarian Director, German FFO
- Ambassador Ehab Badawy, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral and International Security Affairs, the Arab Republic of Egypt
- Pablo Mateu, UNHCR Representative to the Arab Republic of Egypt and the League of Arab States
- Dr Hemn Merany, General Director of Diwan, Ministry of Interior, Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq
- Jean Nicolas Beuse, UNHCR Representative to Iraq