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**Egypt 2023**

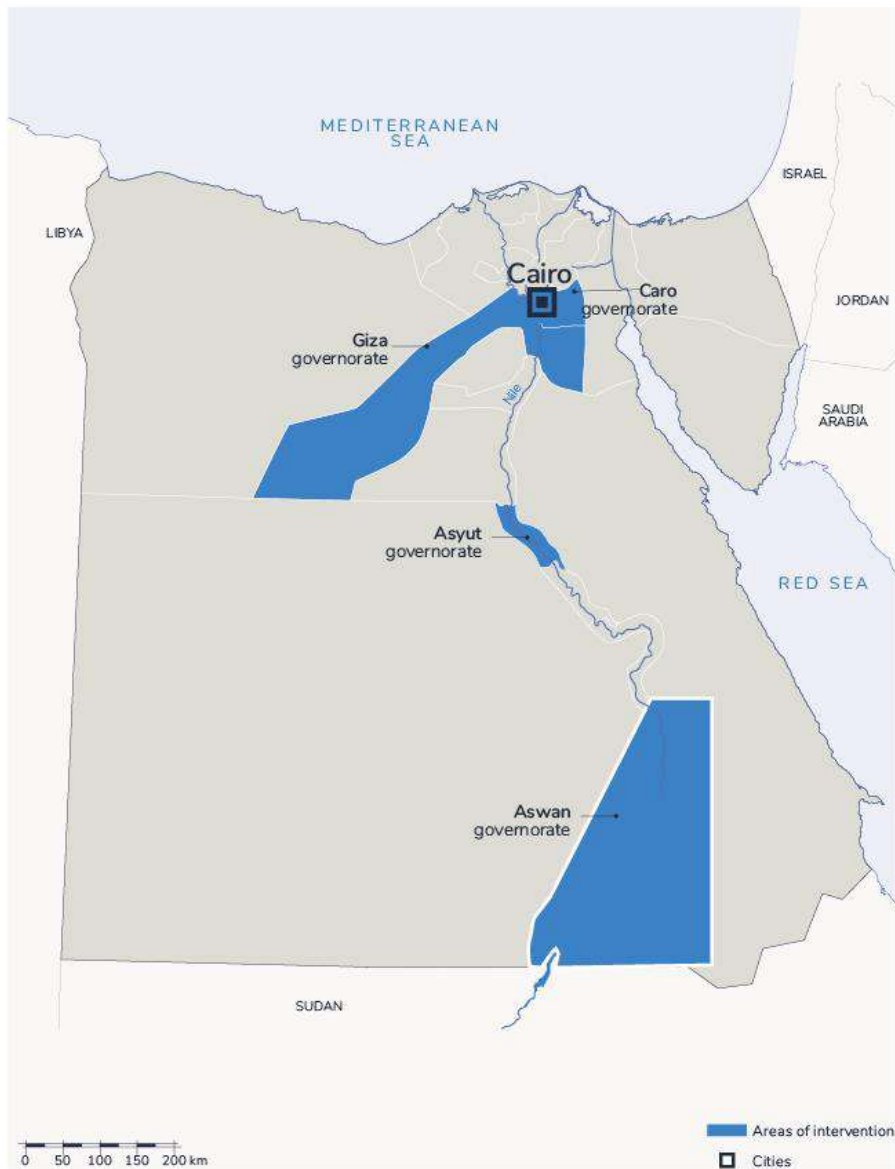




# HI Team and intervention areas

32 employees

Egypt





# General data of the country

## a. HI internal classifications of the country context

| Level of violence | Operations Director Focus | Health Focus | Positioning Focus | Emergency Focus |
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|                   | No focus                  | No           | No                | No              |

## b. General data

| DATA   | Egypt     | Neighbouring country (SUDAN) | France     |
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| Population   | 110990103 | 44 909 351                   | 67 499 343 |
| IHDI   | 0.519     | 0.333                        | 0.820      |
| Gender-related Development Index                     | 0.882     | 0.860                        | 0.987      |
| Maternal mortality (deaths per 100,000 live births)  | 17        | 237                          | 4          |
| GINI Index   | 31.9      | 34.2                         | 32.4       |
| Population within UNHCR mandate                      | 358523    | 4 170 987                    | 580 898    |
| INFORM index   | 4.7       | 6.4                          | 2.3        |
| Fragile State Index                                  | 81.6      | 107.1                        | 30.9       |
| Public social protection                             | 34,7      | 9.3                          | 100        |
| Net official development assistance received (M USD) | 8 240.0   | 1 624.7                      | /          |

## c. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

| Humanitarian law instruments    | Status     |
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| Mine Ban Treaty                 | Not signed |
| Convention on Cluster Munitions | Not signed |



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| UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Ratified in 2008, with 1 reservation <sup>1</sup> |
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#### **d. Geopolitical analysis**

98% of the population lives in 5% of the territory, along the Nile with 50% of the population being located in the Delta region including Cairo, the largest city in Africa. 90% of the Egyptian population is Muslim (in its quasi-totality Sunni) and 10% is Coptic.

Egypt is home of important gender disparities. In 2021, the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report rated Egypt 129 out of 145 countries in gender equality. Regarding economic participation and opportunity, the report indicates that women represent 26% of the labour force only with an estimated annual income of US\$5,218, compared to 79 % for men with an estimated \$17,353. OECD's social institutions and gender index 2014 classified Egypt among the countries with 'very high' gender discrimination. Reasons for inequalities mentioned are numerous including social norms and attitudes, economic pressures, religious beliefs, that all contribute to discriminate women and limit their participation on the socio-economic scene.

Egypt has experienced heightened political instability since the onset of the Arab Spring in 2011. Millions of protesters took to the streets nationwide to denounce the lack of democracy, police abuses, and to demand economic reforms. Egyptian military dissolved the parliament and organized rushed elections which saw The Muslim Brotherhood and an other Islamist group obtain majority. Following newly elected President Morsi's rise to power, highly contested measures were put in place, namely decrees immunizing his decisions from judicial challenge and review and a decree to criminally sanction demonstrations.

Chief of Army Al-Sisi suspended the Constitution and ousted president Morsi in a coup July 2013. In 2019, the general assembly proposed constitutional amendments, which aim to increase the length of presidential term from four to six years, appoint a vice president, amend regulations on the judiciary and recreate a second upper house by the name of the Senate. Currently, the political scene has been stagnant due to the very weak participation of opposition political groups. In 2022, the President announced 2022 as the year of civil society organizations. The same year, the government issued its first Human Rights strategy. This year also

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<sup>1</sup> Egypt declared its interpretation of article 12 of the CRPD, is that persons with disability enjoy the capacity to acquire rights and assume legal responsibility ('ahliyyat al-wujub) but not the capacity to perform ('ahliyyat al-'ada), under Egyptian law.





witness the completion of the reconciliation process with the new NGO law, followed by the establishment of a fund dedicated to support NGOs and of the national NGOs' coalition. A national dialogue with all actors and parties has been conducted to discuss the country's issues. These announcements and initiatives appeared promising but there have been few outcomes so far. Last, while next presidential election was planned mid-year of 2024, these are advanced to the end of 2023. While, several scenarios are possible (from continuity to political and social turmoil), it is safe to say that the current economic situation, with a direct impact on the living conditions of people, will be an essential factor.

### **Economic Highlights**

Guided by the President Al-Sisi, the government has been focusing on implementing mega infrastructure projects such as the widening of the Suez Canal, and the establishment of the new administrative capital city. In parallel, Egypt launched an economic reform program in 2016 that resulted in the devaluation of the Egyptian Pound, increasing tax revenues that are later proportionately allocated to loan payments, and finally cutting subsidies. Egypt's external debt has been increasing and reached USD145.529 billion at the end of the second quarter of the fiscal year 2021-2022, compared to USD125.939 billion in the previous quarter of the same year. However, an increased poverty rate is observed from 25.2% in 2011 to 32.5% in 2018.

According to Egypt's official Survey on Households Income, Expenditures and Consumption (HIECS 2017/2018), 55% of paid labour work without contracts, and hence, they are deprived from social and health insurance. For instance, between 2010 and 2018, the food prices estimated increase was 360%. The World Bank estimates that in 2021, the unemployment rate was 9.3%.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the economy on multiple levels. The national income decreased as a result of the ceased tourism sector, decreased revenues from the Suez Canal, as well as the sharply decreased direct foreign investment. However, due to the ongoing economic reform program, the pandemic shock has been mitigated thanks to a good international reserves and sizable remittances by the Egyptians living abroad.

Amid these difficulties, Egypt continues its economic liberalization policies. The last effort being the launching of the National Structural Reform Program 2021-2024 including a package of measures building on the pre-pandemic reforms. The program will focus on improving the standard of living



for and service delivery to all Egyptians without discrimination, through policies that address imbalances, strengthen social safety nets, and develop human capital.

The year 2022 witnessed a further deterioration of the country's economic situation. The country slightly recovered from Covid-19's economic consequences, with an increase of activities in tourism and of the Suez Canal. Yet, the war in Ukraine had a direct impact (decrease of tourism as 40% of tourists in Egypt are Russian and Ukrainian; 70% of the wheat in Egypt come from Russia and Ukraine). While the loans' conditions imposed by the IMF included the currency free floating and privatization of public companies, the Egyptian government sought Gulf countries' support also conditioned by use of the country's assets. As a result, an economic crisis, materialized by an average of 40% inflation, threatens the livelihoods of people (60% of the population is at risk of falling under the poverty line).

#### **Geopolitical Opportunities and Challenges**

Being located on the crossroads of several areas, Egypt remains a key diplomatic power in the region that plays an active role in issues such as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. An other opportunity is the human and social capital where adolescents and youth representing one-third of its 105 million population. Social capital also included the diasporas around the world, which may act as safety nets to Egyptian households through remittances, or may contribute to reinforcing Egypt's soft power in global business, media and academic spheres.

Furthermore, the Suez Canal is regarded as a significant contributor to global trade and a main source of income for Egypt. In relation to challenges, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is a direct threat to water security in Egypt. Since April 17th 2023 (beginning of the conflict in Sudan), Egypt has hosted about 310.000 refugees fleeing from Sudan to Egypt.

#### **Security**

Egypt is surrounded by post-conflict or fragile states: Libya on its Eastern border, Sudan in the South, the Palestinian territories and Israel on the West. The overall security context within Egypt remains globally quiet.

## **Summary of HI presence in the country**



HI has a long history in Egypt, with operations commencing in the late 1990s when HI provided ad-hoc technical assistance. From 2008 onwards, HI operated under the umbrella of Terre Des Hommes (TDH), successfully implementing projects in Community-Based Rehabilitation, capacity building of Community-Based Organizations, inclusive employment, and more. Since 2013, HI has been registered under the Ministry of Social Solidarity. Our permit to operate in Egypt was renewed in 2022 for three years.

HI currently operates in Greater Cairo, Asyut, and Aswan governorates, focusing on sectors such as early childhood development, BaNEREI (Basic Needs, Economic Recovery, and Economic Inclusion), inclusive education, and rehabilitation.



# Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

| Project title and main sector(s) of intervention  | Main activities  | Beneficiaries   | Final beneficiaries   | Partners   | Location                           | Dates of beginning and end of the project | Donors who finance the project |
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| <b>Inclusion</b><br><br><b>Economic Inclusion</b> | <p>A local multi-stakeholder working group, including public authorities, the private sector and civil society, jointly identify and support IGAs to enhance the participation of households with disabilities to local economic development and improve social cohesion.</p> <p>A local organisation for people with disabilities, El-Ber, is empowered to represent vulnerable households with disabilities in the working group and to facilitate enabling environment at community level for the households' participation to the IGA.</p> <p>In the target communities, thanks to tailored support from El-Ber, vulnerable households living with disabilities improve income generation capacity</p> | <p>6 partners' members trained</p> <p>200 households supported by El-Ber to develop and to implement their action plan</p>  | <p>6 partner members trained</p> <p>200 HHs accompanied by El Ber to develop and implement an action plan</p>                                     | <p>El-Ber association</p> <p>Ank association</p> | <p>Assiut governorate</p>          | <p>June 2019- April 2023</p>              | <p>EU</p>                      |
| <b>Covid-19 specific response (B-SAFE 2)</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of 2000 households displaying extreme vulnerability to the COVID19 crisis and assessment of their needs.</li> <li>• Referral of 500 extreme vulnerable households to existing social protection programs and supporting their application process.</li> <li>• Provision of direct food assistance to 1500 households unsupported by social safety nets.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2000 extremely vulnerable households economically affected by the Covid-19 crisis and in needs of basic needs assistance;</li> </ul> | <p>12500 family members of the households (average of 5 persons per household) who will benefit from one or multiple services of the project.</p> | <p>Caritas Egypt</p>                             | <p>Cairo and Giza Governorates</p> | <p>July 2022-June 2024</p>                | <p>EU</p>                      |





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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provision of psychoeducation to 2000 targeted households to address the stigma associated to mental health and psychosocial support services and identification of households displaying signs of psychosocial and mental distress.</li><li>• Direct provision individual psychosocial support for 1000 beneficiaries and referral of 200 beneficiaries to mental health services.</li><li>• Labour Market Assessment in target areas.</li><li>• Participatory definition of household's personalized support plan for 2000 households to adopt positive coping mechanisms with a focus on adapting their livelihoods strategies.</li><li>• As part of the plan, provision of financial literacy training, and coaching 2000 targeted households to prioritize expenses and control their cash flow, including access to social loans.</li><li>• As part of the plan, support to 700 unemployed household members to adapt their vocational goals to the market situation and referral to relevant employment services.</li><li>• Identification of 500 vulnerable households with potential for economic recovery, selection of households' member to support and definition of personalized action plans in line with market opportunities.</li><li>• Provision of training and coaching on business plan and business management, before and after the businesses' recovery or start up.</li><li>• Support investment in businesses' productive assets and working capital (425 business recovery and 75 start-ups).</li><li>• Adaptation of businesses premises and tools to meet the needs of women and men with disabilities.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 vulnerable households economically affected by the Covid-19 crisis and in need of business recovery.</li><li>• 150 inactive women, with and without disabilities</li></ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linkage between recovered/started businesses and local markets, including online ones.</li> <li>• Building inactive women's consciousness of their potential and promote their economic participation as strategy to diversify target vulnerable households' livelihoods. (150 women)</li> <li>• Provision of vocational counselling and life skills training in link with market opportunities.</li> <li>• Facilitation of apprenticeships with local small and medium enterprises to strengthen technical skills and/or connection with job opportunities. (120 women)</li> <li>• Within target households, support to men and women to change their own gender and disability biases and stereotypes in relation to division of labour, use/control of assets.</li> <li>• Provision to men and women in targeted households and targeted employers with awareness on local good practices to protect against sexual harassment in public spaces.</li> <li>• Support to peer-to-peer support among targeted women and connect them to existing women groups to address gender norms and support solutions to women's practical needs.</li> <li>• Facilitation of dialogue between employers and targeted women to find ways to conciliate business needs with their needs.</li> </ul> |  |   |  |                           |  |   |
| <p><b>Promoting Inclusive Empowerment for Women, Girls and Boys in Upper Egypt ("Ro'ya")</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a market assessment with a specific focus on potential job opportunities for young people with disabilities;</li> <li>• Strengthen and build capacity of a local multi-stakeholder (private sector, government and civil society) working group (MSWG) to identify and support productive and inclusive initiatives, including business clusters and value chain development;</li> </ul>  |  | <p>Direct beneficiaries: 824<br/>300 children (150 girls and 150 boys), aged between 6 months and 6 years, will be able to benefit from early child care and development (ECCD) services.</p> | <p>Two organisations of people with disabilities: Ebtessam Friends</p> | <p>Assiut governorate</p> | <p>36 months (July 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2025)</p> | <p>Consortium with SCI (in lead) funded by the Italian Agency of International Cooperation (AICS)</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide access to quality and inclusive early childhood care and development facilities run by local partners, for children aged 6 months-6 years, to reduce childcare barriers for women</li> <li>• Using platforms that have acceptance in the community, such as "Arab Women Speak Out" and "Dawar" sessions, mobilise communities to challenge discriminatory norms based on gender, age and disability and promote attitudinal change with respect to women and youth's economic and social participation;</li> <li>• Establish and build capacity to run women-managed and inclusive village saving and lending associations</li> <li>• Provide inclusive life skills and livelihoods training program for women living in poverty, including those living with disabilities, including: basic literacy and numeracy; entrepreneurial skills; and vocational skills;</li> <li>• In cooperation with the MSWG, provide start-up support, including business planning and coaching and facilitate access to financing opportunities (including micro-finance and seed funding);</li> <li>• Facilitate the establishment of business clusters and participation in value-chain production activities, as identified by the MSWG, and mobilise local actors to offer business development, mentoring and technical support;</li> <li>• Deliver an integrated training package for youth, including those with disabilities, to build foundational life skills, financial literacy and basic business skills. (Lead: SC; technical advice from HI)</li> <li>• Establish inclusive production units, run by local partners, to support the entrepreneurial projects of youth, including those living with disabilities;</li> </ul> |  | <p>24 women, aged between 20 and 45, will be involved in early child care and development centres.</p> <p>250 men, aged between 20 and 50, and 250 women, aged between 20 and 45, will benefit from the "Dawar" and "Arab Women Speak Out" awareness sessions.</p> |  |  |  |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.3 Provide seed funding to support micro-enterprises among youth trainees;</li> </ul>   |  |   |   |  |                                |   |
| <p><b>Empowerment of Civil Society Organizations to Contribute to Gender Equality in Migrant and hosting Communities in Greater Cairo.</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of a working group on early child development (ECD).</li> <li>• Capacity building of the group on disability, inclusion, gender, inclusive local development, and early childhood development concepts and frameworks.</li> <li>• Participatory Quality assessment of mainstream ECD services</li> <li>• Definition of a Roadmap for promoting migrant women's access to mainstream ECD services</li> <li>• Organizing MSWG dialogue and coordination meetings to implement the roadmap on ECD services.</li> <li>• Provision to CSOs to implement low-cost initiatives to support the implementation of the road map on ECD.</li> <li>▪ Mapping and selection of active CSOs in the field of ECD</li> <li>▪ Definition and support to ECD CSO Organizational Development (OD) action plan to implement innovative and sustainable solutions for the provision of ECD services.</li> <li>▪ Provision of technical and financial support to the selected CSO to establish/ equip local ECD units</li> <li>▪ Provision of technical and financial support to the selected CSO to provide family case management and referral to ECD services.</li> <li>▪ Provision of technical and financial support to the ECD CSO to provide ECD services and rehabilitation sessions.</li> <li>▪ Provision of technical and financial support to the ECD CSO to implement community awareness sessions about the importance of ECD, and responsive caregiving, and inclusive education.</li> <li>▪ Formation of the MSWG on economic empowerments.</li> <li>▪ Capacity building of the MSWG on disability, inclusion, gender, inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 CSOs (5 CSOs specialized in ECD and 5 CSOs specialized in ECD and Economic Empowerment).</li> <li>• 40 staff (technical and administrative ) of 2 to 4 CSOs (20 staff from each beneficiary CSO)</li> <li>• 20 MSWG members from CSOs, local authorities, service providers and activist informal groups.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1,200 vulnerable women (60% migrants and host communities, 40% Egyptians from the host communities, with at least 10% women with disabilities).</li> <li>▪ 720 children with developmental delay and/or with disability (60% migrants and host communities, 40% Egyptians from the host communities).</li> <li>▪ 100 male caregivers.</li> <li>▪ 5,000 members of migrants and host communities members who will receive awareness sessions</li> </ul> | <p>A transparent process of call for proposals will allow local civil society organizations to apply to partner with HI within the described project.</p> | <p>Greater Cairo (Giza and Cairo governorates)</p> | <p>36 months (from May 1st</p> | <p>European Union delegation in Egypt</p> |



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|  | <p>local development, and economic empowerment concepts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market study on the socio-economic profile of migrant women and the factors constraining their capacity to generate income, as well as resilient market opportunities in the creative industry</li> <li>▪ Definition of a Roadmap for promoting migrant, and Egyptian women's access to income-generating opportunities</li> <li>▪ Organizing MSWG dialogue and coordination meetings to implement the roadmap.</li> <li>▪ Mapping and selection of active CSOs in the field of women's economic empowerment.</li> <li>▪ Definition and support to CSOs' organizational development action plan to implement innovative and sustainable solutions for the provision of entrepreneurship services to women.</li> <li>▪ Technical and financial support to the CSO to provide personalized support to women to access income-generation activities</li> <li>▪ Technical and financial support to support women's access to productive assets</li> <li>▪ Technical and financial support to organize a community awareness campaign about social cohesion, gender justice, and safe public spaces, targeting men and women, migrants and Egyptians from host communities</li> </ul> |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p><b>Response to the chronic needs of refugees and host communities children in Greater Cairo and urgent needs of refugees and host communities</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study on the barriers and facilitators affecting refugees and asylum seekers' access to early detection, early intervention and rehabilitation services;</li> <li>• Capacity building of targeted healthcare centres on early detection and early intervention of disability</li> <li>• Provision of equipment, tools and materials to healthcare centres to deliver quality early detection, early intervention and rehabilitation services;</li> </ul>  | <p>Response to chronic needs: 2,120 direct beneficiaries</p> <p>Response to urgent needs: 5,185 direct beneficiaries.</p> | <p>Response to the chronic needs: 11.770 indirect beneficiaries.</p> <p>Response to the urgent needs: 25.925 indirect beneficiaries.</p> | <p>Caritas-Egypt Om Habibeh Foundation</p> | <p>Greater Cairo (Cairo and Giza governorates) and Aswan governorate</p> | <p>24 months (from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025)</p> | <p>US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration</p> <p>Luxembourg Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> |





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| <p><b>in Aswan governorate</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment and reinforcement of child and caregiver case management and referral system for early detection and early intervention in the targeted communities;</li><li>• Capacity building of community facilitators (refugees and Egyptians) to offer basic psychosocial support and psychological first aid.</li><li>• Awareness sessions on social inclusion and the needs of refugees and asylum seekers for mainstream MHPSS services</li><li>• Psychosocial support for caregivers as per their intervention plan and caregiver's case management</li><li>• Community awareness sessions and events on disability, early detection and intervention, mental health.</li><li>• Screening of children aged 0-8 (who are refugee, asylum seeker and Egyptian from refugee host communities) for early detection of disability and developmental delays.</li><li>• Children and caregivers case management.</li><li>• Based on children's intervention plans, referring children to early intervention and physical and functional rehabilitation services;</li><li>• Training of caregivers of children with disabilities and supporting their peer activities for positive parenting, and the creation of self-help groups;</li><li>• Provision of technical and financial support, and equipment to local partner and CBOs to provide MHPSS support to refugees, migrants and host communities including those with disabilities</li><li>• Mapping, quality assessment of specialized MH services;</li><li>• Assessment and identification of disability related barriers and support to remove identified barriers;</li><li>• Identification and assessment of persons in need of MHPSS, through MHPSS awareness in groups sessions and individual interviews and definition of personalized support plan;</li></ul> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provision of MHPSS through local partners and/or referral to specialized MH services;</li><li>• Provision of emergency cash to extremely vulnerable beneficiaries receiving MHPSS in coordination with relevant actors;</li><li>• Identification of persons with disabilities with physical rehabilitation and other specific needs among refugees and hosting populations;</li><li>• Provision of equipment, training and coaching to local physical rehabilitation services to improve quality of services and capacity to support refugees provide services to refugees and host communities;</li><li>• Provision of physical rehabilitation services, assistive technologies and hygiene items to identified the beneficiaries persons in need, through local services</li><li>• Provision of emergency cash to extremely vulnerable beneficiaries receiving MHPSS rehabilitation, in coordination with relevant actors</li><li>• Provision of technical assistance to NGOs and CBOs relevant local and international humanitarian assistance's actors to remove the barriers that hinder refugees with disabilities' access to mainstream humanitarian assistance in the target areas barriers faced by refugees with disability.</li></ul> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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